

SSCAB Meeting Summary – May 13, 2019- v02

Attendance

■	Matthew Losak–Chair	X	Mulegeta Habteselassie- CED	■	Katherine McKay
■	Edward Levy –Vice-Chair	■	Uri Pasternak	X	John Seelke
■	Mark Mendez -Secretary	■	Jay Elvove	X	Daniel Morales - SSUDAC
■	Stacey Brown	X	Patricia Germann		
■	Lysette House Parliamentarian	X	Delia Aguilar		
X	Abdurahman Mohammed- Nbrhd	■	Don Slater		
■	Michelle Foster- TREE	■	Melanie Fonder Kaye		

Present: ■ Absent: X Resigned: R

1. 7:00 Welcome and Introductions: Chair **Matt Losak** led self-introductions of attendees.
2. 7:00 *Acceptance of previous meeting summary*: April minutes were approved.
3. *Public Safety/Fire & Rescue*: No report this month.
4. *Neighborhood Highlight*: **David Cox**, president of the the North Woodside Montgomery Hills civic presented on his neighborhood, describing its location as the confluence of the Metro Red Line and the planned Purple Line. ‘North Woodside’ has 1700 residents in 300 homes. 78% of its residents are home owners and 40% of homes have school-aged children. The neighborhood is highly walkable with a variety of stores, services and restaurants but the size and traffic of Georgia Avenue (MD97) poses a problem for pedestrians. The neighborhood is eager for SHA to make progress on the long anticipated and favored Alternative 5B plan to improve the busy thoroughfare.
5. Report from **Chris Perry**, is SSCAB’s representative to the Central Business District’s Transportation Management District (TMD), one of 84 advisory boards in the county. The TMDs encourage the use of transit and other commuting options, with events like ‘Bike to Work Day’ on May 17. Chris noted the county is updating its Master Plan for bike and scooter use. Discussion focused on an apparent lack of enforcement for scooters and the number of cars parking next to curbs in what are now bicycle lanes. The TMD is also working to promote greater coordination of utilities construction in the CBD.
6. *Conversation on Disability Services, Transportation and Access Issues*
 - **Sam Oji**, Chief of MC DOT’s Dept of Enhanced Mobility and Senior Programs, says their focus is to raise awareness of their services like Call and Ride, Same Day Access and Abilities Ride
 - **Odile Brunetto** , Director of Aging and Disability Services within the county’s Dept. of HHS, noted that 87,000 residents self-declared as disabled at last census with 6500 under the age of 18. Primary services include Employment Assistance, Transportation and Housing.
 - **Emily Singer Lucio**, ADA Title II Compliance Manager for the county, is collaborating with DOT to ensure accessibility around construction projects, especially at Purple Line stations
 - **Shawn Brennan** is Mobility Manager with HHS’ Aging and Disability services for adults 50+. She promoted the advocacy group “Getting All around the County”, Silver Spring Village, Age-Friendly Montgomery and the Mid-Atlantic ADA Center, a federally funded program in Rockville. Ms. Brennan noted the state has collected 25-cents from each Uber and Lyft fare to support a transportation

services fund for senior programs. Montgomery County's share is now \$5M. It was uncertain if this money had been designated for specific uses.

- **Michael Paylor**, MC DOT, directs the installation of accessible traffic signals with audible or tactile features for the disabled. He would like to see all crossings protected by High intensity Activated crosswalk (HAWK) beacons. County is taking a county-wide inventory of sidewalks. Mr Paylor promoted the travel training offered by non-profit Independence Now.
7. Budget Process Update: **Reemberto Rodriguez** has summaries of the recent CIP budget hearing. He reminded the board that notes from the five regional area meetings will inform county department priorities. **Katherine McKay** recommended requesting our area parks receive a 'refresh' as they are some of the oldest in the county.
 8. *Committee Meetings Report*: No committee meetings this month due to Memorial Day holiday.
 - **Neighborhoods** –is considering a topic on immigrant issues for upcoming June meeting
 - **TREE** –is planning a June meeting with Purple Line on construction progress, especially pedestrian safety around stations. *(PL has since agreed to update TREE on 9/23)*
 - **CED** - No report, but had planned earlier to invite Small Business Administration in June
 9. New Business: Local resident, **Jamel Daugherty**, noted a dearth of safe spaces in the regional area for crawlers, toddlers and babies. Board members offered a variety of options to consider for spaces, programs and possible mini-grant opportunities. **Melanie Fonder Kaye** offered to follow up with Ms Daugherty after meeting. Another resident expressed concern over visibility of mid-block crossing on East-West highway near NOAA headquarters. **Don Slater** was familiar with location and promised to follow up with resident.
 10. *Chair Report*: **Matt Losak** reminded the board of the Regional Area Bus Tour, planned for mid-July and the annual SSCAB retreat to be held on two dates in August.
 11. Regional Director's Report: **Reemberto Rodriguez** called the board's attention to the Neighborhood Analytics report in that evening's packet. He also reported on possible changes for Silver Spring Jazz Festival. It was started years ago to bring visitors to the CBD when that was a challenge. Now that the crowds are here, the event seems like a luxury given its large budget. The county is considering if funds would be better served to support a variety of smaller events.
 12. *Adjourn*: 9 PM

Upcoming meetings: The next full board meeting will be held on Monday, June 10, 2019. No committee meetings in May.