

SSUDAC Meeting Summary
February 21st, 2019

Members Present: Mussie Betre, Diana Brown, Carmen Camacho, Jay Elvove, Michael Larson, Jane Redicker, Mel Tull

Members Absent: David Fogel, Gus LeGrand, Thomas Kaufmann, Juanita Stewart

Call to Order and Introductions:

- The meeting was called to order at 3:41 p.m.

Police Briefing & Crime Report

Lt. Eric Bunting, Montgomery County Police, Third District

- Officers from the Third District team reported 33 thefts from vehicles, with two arrests made in the case.
- Multiple home invasions were reported at both the Marriot (January 29) and the Doubletree (February 3) hotels. The suspect in the Doubletree incident was apprehended.
- Two burglaries occurred in the CBD in early February - one at the Sprint store and one attempt at Atlantic Guns.
- The County Executive will hold a town hall on racial equity on March 13th.

Conversation with David Kunes, Chief of Staff for Councilmember Tom Hucker

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- Mr. Kunes primarily discussed items related to the Urban District budget, including repairing potholes on roads and sidewalks, maintaining street and traffic lights, as well as improving traffic light timing in coordination with the recently added bike lanes.
- The committee also discussed requesting additional budgetary funds for increased police and garage security in the CBD.

Silver Spring Urban District Report

Richard Bingham, Silver Spring Urban District

- Mr. Bingham gave a thorough Operations update, discussing upcoming concrete work and curb repairs, selecting a new contractor for brick pavers and paint maintenance for the CSX tunnel.

- Urban District staff attended presentations on FMLA leave, the County's Employee Assistance Program and received information about fitness for duty, determined by the Occupational Medical Services office.
- Mr. Bingham continues to work on expanding the OMD billing process and working with OMB on a variety of items, including a new vehicle for the division and position exemptions and reclassifications.

Regional Area Director's Report

Reemberto Rodriguez, Director, Silver Spring Regional Center

- Mr. Rodriguez discussed the possibility of rebranding the downtown circulator VanGo RideOn route.
- Arts on the Block is opening a studio and gallery on the first floor of the Silver Spring Library.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:18 p.m.