

SSCAB Meeting Summary – April 14, 2014

1. *Welcome & Introductions:* Co-Chair Bernice North called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.
2. *Acceptance of last meeting summary:* vote delayed as quorum was not yet present on this first night of Passover
3. *Updates on Transportation projects:* Rapid Transit System (RTS) with Tom Street, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer
 - George Mason University's Center for Regional Analysis (CRA) forecasts 163,000 new jobs in Montgomery County over the next 20 years. 80% of those jobs will be located within 270 Corridor- While Flint, Shady Grove, Great Seneca and Germantown
 - RTS costs estimated at \$25-30Million/mile, typical Light Rail is approximately \$80M/mile, and subways run \$200M+/mile
 - 90-mile Rapid Transit System was proposed. County Council approved 81 miles of RTS, by not immediately approving the east/west route along Randolph Road
 - "Funding will be challenging" Hope is that MDOT will fund
 - County expects to pick consultants (to promote outreach?) by the end of the summer
 - Woodmoor Shopping Center at 4-Corners- the 'thin part of 29' - represents major challenge and flashpoint for neighborhood opposition
4. *Update on Silver Spring Town Center, Inc.* with Lisa Martin, Executive Director
 - SSTCI is a community based non-profit organization in Silver Spring, providing innovative arts, entertainment and educational programming for the community in the Silver Spring Civic Building and on Veterans Plaza.
 - 80+ free arts and entertainment festivals and events
5. *Acceptance of March meeting summary:* Quorum present and March notes approved
6. *SSCAB Committee Reports:*
 - *TREE:* Continues to focus on the pedestrian sphere and how to make Downtown Silver Spring 'more of a town rather an intersection'
 - *CED:* Focus on TTWFV – May 4. Board members encouraged to sign up to volunteer
 - *Neighborhoods:* meeting with neighbors and civics on impacts of projects like RTS and Purple Line
7. *Councilmember(s) Updates:*
 - Representative from Nancy Floreen's office- Council voting on budget on 5/22
 - Representative from Cherri Branson's -encourages use of 'analysis packet' on various topics
8. *Director's Report:* with Reemberto Rodriguez
 - Recognizes the uniqueness of TTWFV- a resident-run promotion of local, small business.
 - Requests that board support request for Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) program to ensure that business and residents have say in development around transportation projects. Board requests to see copy of RFP, but votes to support an upcoming request.
9. *Adjourn:* 9:00 pm