

Silver Spring Citizens Advisory Board meeting
September 12 , 2022
Minutes

Attendees:

1. SSCAB members:
 - a. Lysette House, Chair of Board
 - b. Sofia Bushen, Vice Chair
 - c. Melanie Fonder Kaye, Parliamentarian
 - d. Katherine Lucas McKay, Secretary
 - e. Jay Elvove
 - f. Michelle Foster
 - g. Patricia Germann
 - h. Kenneth Lemberg
 - i. Daniel Moijueh
 - j. John Seelke
 - k. Don Slater
 - l. Lene Tsegaye
 - m. Debra Wylie
 - n. Not present: Vanessa Pinto

2. RSC staff:
 - a. Shawn Morris, Silver Spring Regional Services Center
 - b. Jacob Newman, Silver Spring Regional Services Center

3. Speakers:
 - a. Commander David McBain, MCPD
 - b. Eli Glazer, Parks and Planning

4. Additional attendees:
 - a. Damon Luciano
 - b. Deborah Mack
 - c. Elizabeth Samuels
 - d. John Slettebak
 - e. Jonathan Bernstein
 - f. Kendra Stewart
 - g. Mirian Dirda
 - h. Koraleen Stavish
 - i. Lynn Rose
 - j. Richard Hoye

Agenda:

1. Introductions
 - a. Lysette opened meeting
 - b. Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) members introduced selves and the evening's speakers
 - c. Attendees introduced selves in the comments

2. Minutes from previous meeting
 - a. Minutes from SSCAB meeting in **JUNE** approved

3. Public Safety Report (Commander McBain)
 - a. Homicides still at 0 for 3rd district
 - b. Car thefts down about 12%
 - c. Thefts from autos, larceny and other small property crimes down a little bit
 - d. Hot spots: Woodside, Piney Branch, along New Hampshire Ave, Hillandale, along PG and DC borders
 - e. Firearms taken away from individuals is up 70% - he is happy about this bc it means they are getting guns away from people who should not have them - firing of firearms are down 40%
 - f. District 3 Community Action Team re-launched in May (5 officers) focused in DTSS
 - g. Traffic stops: a team has been focusing on speeding and DUI in DTSS area along Georgia Ave, NH, Colesville. Several hundred citations and a few arrests

4. Topic One: Montgomery County Pedestrian Master Plan (Eli Glazier)
 - a. Eli described multi-year preparation for the current draft plan
 - b. Total of 34 recommended priorities grouped into 6 themes:
 - i. Build, Maintain, Protect, Expand Access, Monitor progress/performance, Fund it appropriately
 - c. Please review the [draft](#) recommendations and then use the [pedestrian prioritization tool](#) - this will help make sure Silver Spring becomes more walkable and safe in the future
 - d. Goal is for the County Council to enact the plan by end of 2023. Timeline:
 - i. Community engagement ongoing to end of year
 - ii. Present the draft recommendations to the Planning Board 9/21; Planning Board responds/approves/requests changes; revisions happen
 - iii. In mid-2023 present the draft plan to County Council; public hearings, committee markups during fall
 - e. Questions for Eli
 - i. How will funding be prioritized for removal of infrastructure from sidewalks? ANS: equity impact analysis, safety, accessibility of nearby area, in central biz districts

- ii. How will this all work with MCDOT, MDOT, School System and others?
ANS: summary of how it works now and what they are trying to change. School system has been tough.
- iii. Who should complete the pedestrian prioritization tool? ANS: everyone!
It's a new tool for transparency, participatory government, etc
- iv. You have not used the term "placemaking" in this discussion. How does promoting the interaction of mode users in a low speed environment with designs that promote recognition of others figure into the plan and its language? ANS: Shared streets, crosswalk improvements, various things
- v. Questions from the chat we did not get to:
 1. How strong and accepted is the data that heavier bigger vehicles have increased the danger to pedestrians?
 2. Can you identify clear expectations for a sidewalk that is meeting maintenance standards? ie: what is the shy distance needed for a sidewalk clear of obstructions like vegetation overgrowth? And sight angles for street corners? Have you identified the conflicting regulations, unclear standards in use and mix of authorities that have responsibility today?
 3. How would the "culture" of walking affect designs of public and private building entrances that even today are made to face parking and not the front address and sidewalk? You had community meetings on the Ped plan at Wheaton and Olney libraries-brand new facilities-that give pedestrians the back door treatment.
 4. The planning board only has mandatory referral ability on school designs. How can school walking issues be made to respond to the plan and the public better? You recommend gaining County control over state roads. Do we need something similar over school transportation and facility design?
 5. Can you expand on "intelligent speed assistance"-aka, speed controls for county vehicles? What is the European experience on these standards and how might this approach be expanded from County to private fleet vehicles and cars driven by newly licensed drivers and at risk drivers?

5. Topic Two: SSCAB elections (led by Jay)

- a. Two nominees for chair (each spoke briefly)
- b. Two nominees for vice-chair (each spoke briefly)
- c. One nominee for SSUDAC and one for Parliamentarian
- d. No nominations for Secretary
- e. Shawn has shared the voting form. CAB members should vote by Tuesday at noon.

6. Committee meeting updates:

- a. September committee meetings:
 - i. n/a no meetings since June

- 7. Councilmembers' reports
 - a. None tonight

- 8. Delegates' reports
 - a. None tonight

- 9. Chair's report
 - a. Lysette's last meeting as board chair!

- 10. Regional Area Director's report:
 - a. Thank you Lysette!
 - b. Rundown of upcoming events in the community

- 11. New Business
 - a. n/a