

Silver Spring Citizens Advisory Board meeting
October 12, 2020
Minutes

Attendees:

1. SSCAB members:
 - a. Lysette House, Chair of Board
 - b. Sofia Bushen, Vice Chair
 - c. Katherine Lucas McKay, Secretary
 - d. Melanie Fonder Kaye, Parliamentarian
 - e. Jay Elvove
 - f. Michelle Foster
 - g. Patricia Germann
 - h. Mulugeta Habteselassie
 - i. Ed Levy
 - j. Matt Losak
 - k. Daniel Moijueh
 - l. John Seelke
 - m. Don Slater
 - n. Debra Wylie
2. Silver Spring Regional Services Center
 - a. Reemberto Rodriguez, Director
 - b. Shawn Morris, executive assistant
3. Speakers:
 - a. Commander Darren Francke, MoCo Police Department
 - b. Frank Demarais, MoCo Department of Housing and Community Affairs
 - c. Maryland Delegate Vaughn Stewart (D19)
 - d. Debbie Spielberg, Special Assistant to County Exec Elrich
 - e. Katherine Lucas McKay, SSCAB
4. Other attendees:
 - a. Jonathan Bernstein; Nina Bronk Kellner; Barbara Burnham; Charlotte Coffield; Jeremy Dickey; Stephanie Edelstein; Joyce Ettingoff; Joe House; Kim Levone; S. Maynor; Taman Morris; Megan Pratz; Joe Reinhard; Katie Stauss; Clay Teunis; Lena Tsegave; Patricia Tyson; Jill (no last name given)

Agenda:

1. Introductions
 - a. Board Chair Lysette House opened meeting; CAB introduced selves; others did so in chat
2. Minutes from previous meeting
 - a. We technically had no Secretary during the meeting; minutes available next month
3. Public safety update, Commander Darren Francke
 - a. Overall crime down in DTSS but theft from cars continues to be an issue

- b. Question about challenges with unhoused folks in DTSS and at Progress Place
- 4. Evictions in MoCo
 - a. Presentations from Frank Demarais, MoCo Department of Housing and Community Affairs; Maryland Delegate Vaughn Stewart (D19); Debbie Spielberg, Special Assistant to County Exec Elrich; Katherine Lucas McKay, SSCAB
 - b. Questions focused on current levels of evictions and changes since courts reopened in September; unspent rental assistance funds, how to help people access them; how to help those who don't qualify; what CE and Council can do about these problems; what residents can do to help those in need; what Statehouse might do next term; downstream effects of evictions on people and our community
- 5. Election 2020 reminders
 - a. Early voting and mail-in procedures
 - b. MoCo ballots: A: aha! B: bad. C: cool. D: don't. (recommendations from Council and Exec)
 - c. State questions: yes on 1 (legislative control over budget) (recommendations from Council and Exec)
- 6. SSCAB Budget letters
 - a. Overview of revenue reductions so far and projected
 - b. Operating Budget FY 2022 forums were in September
 - c. [Capital Improvements Program budget forum October 28](#): all SSCAB should be there
 - d. Board is discussing priorities for our budget letters, which need to be submitted earlier than last year's