

SSCAB Meeting Summary
November 12, 2012

1. *Welcome, Introductions & Announcements:* Chair Evan Glass called the meeting to order at 7:10pm. Introduction of SSCAB members and community attendees.
2. *Acceptance of summary of prior meeting:* October 8, 2012 meeting minutes accepted. Suggestion from the community to provide draft minutes to Board members prior to meetings.
3. *Dialogue with Uma Ahluwalia, HHS Director for Montgomery County, on the presence of health and human services in the Silver Spring Regional Area:*
 - HHS is County-wide, approximately 1600 employees, staff in 27 different locations.
 - Discussed the multitude of services the agency provides: including aging, homeless, children and public health.
 - Several clinics are located in our area; 8818 Georgia Avenue needs renovations. County is looking at options but action is at least 6-7 years down the road.
 - Agency Goal: More user-friendly system, improved technology (kiosks). 2016 time-frame.
 - Applying to State program (Health Enterprise Zone) that could bring in up to \$1Million/year for four years; due November 15th decision by December 21st.
 - If agency had more funding, they would prioritize access and capacity of existing key programs.
4. *Dialogue with Jewru Bandeh, Manager for the Silver Spring Civic Building and Veterans Plaza:*
 - Provided follow-up data on current facility usage: presentation handout identifying typical hours of high use and list of frequent users. Most frequently used Saturdays.
 - Pilot program opened October 9th; first meeting to be November 14th – about 9 proposals for use/funding, all qualified for some consideration.
 - Primarily the same groups they've seen the last 3 years. Board noted the need to continue getting the word out.
 - Outreach occurring through e-blast, website, etc.
 - **Expected follow-up at December Board Meeting: Provide Data on Pilot Program Usage.**
5. *Councilmember(s) Comments/Reports:*
 - Debbie Spielberg (office of Marc Elrich): Subdivision staging (APFO) to be discussed in November. Upcoming hearings on housing policy and accessory apartments. Housing Policy discussion to occur in January.
6. *Board Committees Report & Discussion:*
 - Neighborhoods Committee: Recap of October 22nd joint meeting with Commercial & Economic Development Committee. Included handout on accessory apartments.
 - Commercial & Economic Development Committee: October 22nd Joint meeting per above. November 26th meeting to include Jerry Godwin (Wheaton Business Innovation Center). Reminder to participate in shop small on Saturday, November 24th – support local merchants.
 - TREE Committee: Previously scheduled meeting on Public Utility has been rescheduled for December 3rd. November 26th meeting to be joint meeting with Neighborhoods Committee, presentation on green space and urban parks.
7. *Chair's Report:* Board Members will be marching in County Thanksgiving Parade on Saturday, November 17th. Recommended shop small event, see website for list of participating merchants. Requested update from Board Member Susan Zusy – DPS Liaison. Meeting Tuesday night (13th) will report at next meeting. Big push now is streamlining development process.
8. *Director's Report:* Promoted small business Saturday and E-Blasts. Our community continues to come into its own.
9. *New Business:* Discussed yearly Board retreat. Per bylaws this is done in the spring, will discuss over next few months.
10. *Adjourn:* 8:50pm