



SILVER SPRING CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

Regularly Scheduled Monthly Meeting

Monday October 8, 2012 7pm

Silver Spring Civic Building

SUMMARY of LAST MEETING



1. *Welcome & Introductions:* Chair Evan Glass called the meeting to order at 7:05pm. Introduction of SSCAB members and community attendees. Community attendee noted need to better publicize SSCAB meetings.
2. *Acceptance of summary of prior meeting:* July 9, 2012 meeting minutes accepted (SSCAB did not meet in August).
3. *Presentation of Board Members and Officers:* Chair Evan Glass announced resignation of Board Member Bethany Wright, opening position of Secretary on Executive Committee. Board Members may express interest in role to Evan directly.
4. *Silver Spring Transportation Management District Appointee:* Chair Evan Glass and Reemberto Rodriguez (Director, Silver Spring Regional Services Center) met with **Jim Bunch**, appointee to Silver Spring Transportation Management District. Recommended Board approval of appointee, passed with no objections (Board member requested forwarding of appointee's resume for reference).
5. *Conversation with David Dise, Director County's DGS (moved to final meeting item):*
 - Silver Spring Library: Have permits, bid documents issued to 7 or 8 pre-qualified bidders. Due on October 4th. Contract to be awarded early November, break ground in late November and anticipate 24 months for construction (approx. completion end 2014).
 - Progress Place: Issued RFPs to developers (land swap for construction of new Progress Place), forwarded recommendation to proceed in negotiations to County Executive. New Progress Place to be behind firestation #1 (no impact to train station property), ~20K SF, ground level parking, 2-3 stories above. Housing is desired but can't commit at this time. No cost to County. Estimated timeframe: 4-6 months negotiations, 1yr design and 1.5yr construction. New building to be completed before old site is redevelopment. Proposals included residential towers and open space, compatible with Ripley District. Space for bike trail to be under building.
 - Third District Police Station is under construction.
 - Discussed re-use of existing library site in Silver Spring and existing 3rd district police station building. Memo to County agencies to be issued shortly, 30 day comment period on potential use. Disposition of buildings is possible if County Agencies don't express interest. Board reiterated previous request for intergenerational center use at library site and artist community use at old police station. Community can express re-use preferences to David Dise.

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- Transit Center: Provided history of project concern regarding slab thickness. County hired KCE as expert consultant to review entire structure, public report anticipated in approx. two months. Likely resolution will involve 2" additional concrete and some form of bonding. Potential time-frame includes analysis and design of modifications over winter months, repairs implemented Spring/Summer 2013. Can't commit to actual opening date at this time. Goal is a structure that WMATA accepts for use, having been certified by structural engineer. Costs to correct error to be covered by contractor; additional overages (use of temporary location, hiring of KCE, etc) likely to be part of negotiations.

6. *Councilmember(s) Comments/Reports:*

- Debbie Spielberg (office of Marc Elrich): Two items of possible Board interest – **Council discussion on use of \$200k funding appropriated for Civic Building Access & Community use of the Fillmore.** Rapid Transit Vehicle (RTV) later this month.
- Rich Romer (office of Valerie Ervin): Noted an upcoming ZTA seeking to incentivize bike sharing, review of pedestrian safety initiative in November and encouraged attendance at 'Audacity of Hoops' event on Saturday, September 15.

7. *Committee and Chair Reports:*

- TREE Committee: meeting on Monday, 9/24 (7pm) for a Q&A discussion on RTV, focusing in particular on financing and time-frame for Silver Spring and Takoma Park. Scheduled attendees are **Tom Street (Exec. Office) & Marc Elrich (Councilmember)**
- CED Committee: Joint meeting with neighborhood committee on Monday, 9/24 (7:30pm) regarding development projects impacting Silver Spring. Scheduled attendees are **Anne Mead (Attorney, 8001 Newell Street Development Project) & Casey Anderson (Planning Board Member)**
- Neighborhood Committee: 9/24 Joint meeting with CED. Seeking to focus on neighborhood impact of Downtown Silver Spring development
- Chair Report: Currently, there are three Board vacancies.

8. *Director's Report:* Encouraged people to sign up to receive E-Blasts. Multiple opportunities for involvement in September, including a **public hearing in Rockville on September 11 regarding accessory apartments, September 13th Faith Dialogue (7pm) and many others.**

9. *New Business:* N/A

10. *Adjourn:* 8:50pm