

SSCAB Meeting Summary: December 9, 2013

1. *Welcome, Introductions & Announcements:* Chair Evan Glass called the meeting to order at 7:05pm. Introductions of SSCAB members and community attendees. Promoted vote, Best of Fenton Village.
2. *Acceptance of Previous Meeting Summary:* November 12, 2013 meeting minutes accepted.
3. *Dialogue with Councilmember Nancy Floreen:*
 - Discussed Zoning Ordinance rewrite (FAQ handout provided); full Council in January.
 - Attempt to modernize the ordinance, more rational approach.
 - Noteworthy change: add potential for residential uses in commercial zones; same density.
 - Actual mapping will occur next fall – time to address site specific map issues.
 - Discussion items: affordable housing (PHED is seeking new incentives for MPDUs); potential loss of shopping centers/amenities near residential (could already happen, but ideally mixed uses win out); community concerns of zoning impacts in four corners; zoning of ‘edge properties’ & infrastructure capacity/APFO.
4. *Dialogue with Greg Ossont, County’s DGS Deputy Director:*
 - Summarized County’s disposition process.
 - Provided updates on **new library** (delivery end of 2014); **police station** (police moving in 1-2 months, multiple County agencies expressed interest in old building); **progress place** (land swap with developer, who will first build the new facility). Chair noted Board supports intergenerational center at existing library site, artist community at police station.
 - Dialogue regarding Silver Spring Black Box Theater (new management 7/1/14; RFP early 2014; is exempt from disposition process), police station/interested County agencies, how the process works and consideration of money, community desires and other criteria.
 - Noted new DGS Chief - Office of Energy and Sustainability: Eric Coffman
5. *Councilmember(s) Announcement(s):* Rich Romer (Councilmember Ervin) – Long Branch Plan passed in November, upcoming budget discussions; minimum wage passed; pushing at State level too.
6. *Committees Reports:*
 - Neighborhoods Committee: new chairs Adam Vicks & Jessica Simon; getting oriented, January meeting to be open forum with leaders of Silver Spring civic associations.
 - Commercial & Economic Development Committee: Free marketing seminar recently held, 12-15 businesses attended; next meeting to focus on TTWFV.
 - Tree Committee: new chairs meeting to coordinate topics; focus on traffic lights & BRT.
7. *Chair’s Report:*
 - Board Member Dan Lautman resigned; process to replace will begin shortly.
 - Attended Pepco meeting, debrief on rate making/request for increase. Of consumer’s Pepco bills: 57% -> generating fee (not Pepco), 27.9% -> distribution (Pepco), 4.6% -> Transmission & 10.5% -> surcharges/taxes. Rate increase covers maintenance/upgrades.
 - Parking garage in SSSNA area: Rick Siebert was very responsive to community concerns, particularly work occurring outside allowed hours. DEP is reviewing as well.
8. *Director’s Report:* See packet. Key meeting in January: Budget Forum, January 29th.
9. *New Business:* Community inquiry regarding potential discussion of White Oak Master Plan. Chair noted that a conversation with the plan area’s advisory board hasn’t really taken off.
10. *Adjourn:* 9:05pm