

SSUDAC Meeting Summary
January 15th, 2015

Members Present: Brian Abramson, Mussie Betre, Diana Brown, Carmen Camacho, Dan Figueroa, Don Hague, Sheldon Johnson, Mel Tull, United Therapeutics, Suzy Zusy

Members Absent: Curtis Johnson

Call to Order and Introductions:

- Mr. Don Hague, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:34 p.m.
- The committee unanimously voted to approve the December 2014 meeting minutes for the record.

Reports:

Police Briefing & Crime Report

Sgt. Brian Tupa, Montgomery County Police 3rd Precinct

- All police personnel have transferred to the new 3rd District station on Milestone Dr., with the exception of the Downtown Silver Spring bike patrol team.
- The 3rd District will continue to have a police presence Friday - Sunday at the Fillmore in 2015. Officers have also increased police presence during weekend B&O Railroad Station events.
- Sgt. Tupa gave a report of assorted crime statistics for the 2014 calendar year. These included 306 thefts from vehicles, 59 robberies, 72 residential burglaries and 33 commercial or school burglaries.

New Members' Welcome

- Mr. Reemberto Rodriguez introduced two of three new Advisory Committee members; Ms. Diana Brown and Mr. Sheldon Johnson.

Dialogue with Ride On RE: Downtown Silver Spring & VanGo Extended Hours

Will Kenlaw, MCG Dep't of Transportation - Ride On

- Mr. Will Kenlaw and Ms. Deanna Archey presented an overview of the VanGo's increased service hours.
- The VanGo now runs Monday - Thursday from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. and Friday - Saturday from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. Buses now run every 12 minutes.
- VanGo ridership averages approximately 28 riders/hour.

- Committee members asked about the process to request more bus stops, more buses and additional routes. Mr. Kenlaw advised the committee to note these requests in the Silver Spring Urban District budget for Council approval. The Passenger Facilities division of Transit conducts surveys of bus stop location areas and these requests may be conveyed via 311.

Dialogue on Budget Letter and Funding Priorities for the Urban District

Reemberto Rodriguez, Director, Silver Spring Regional Center

- Mr. Reemberto Rodriguez oversaw a dialogue with committee members regarding the Urban District FY16 budget.
- The Urban District's budget meeting with the County Executive is scheduled for January 14th, 2015.
- Committee members and Ms. Jane Redicker discussed aspects of the Parking Lot District's budgetary funds. The committee made the decision to extend an invitation to Mr. Rick Siebert for the February committee meeting to further discuss these details.
- Ms. Redicker also noted that the County's Office of Legislative Oversight prepares PLD studies to be presented to the Council and could thus also provide insight on Parking Lot District budgetary funds.
- The committee voted unanimously to approve the final draft of their letter to the County Executive regarding the FY16 Urban District budget.
- Councilmember Hucker was rescheduled for the February Advisory Committee meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:52 p.m.