

SSUDAC Meeting Summary
May 21st, 2015

Members Present:

Members Absent:

Call to Order and Introductions:

- Mr. Don Hague, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.
- The committee unanimously voted to approve the April 2015 meeting summary for the record.

Reports:

Police Briefing & Crime Report

Montgomery County Police 3rd Precinct

- Since April 1st, there have been 9 robberies, 5 commercial burglaries, 5 residential burglaries, 19 thefts from automobiles and 3 stolen automobiles in the CBD.
- The Cops in Shops police detail is a joint project with the Urban District's Red Shirt team. Central Business District officers have made stops in various shops and apartment complexes to introduce themselves to managers and business owners, as well as provide contact information and emergency and non-emergency phone numbers.

Silver Spring Arts & Entertainment District

Elizabeth Gallauresi, Consultant, The Modern Muse

- Ms. Gallauresi provided an overview of and in-depth look at some of the Arts & Entertainment District programs, as well as basic information and website statistics for the new Silver Spring Downtown website (www.silverspringdowntown.com).
- The Arts & Entertainment District provides a number of tax modifications and abatements for artists and art institutions. These include income tax modifications for artists and property tax credits.
- The A&E District also benefits from the Public Art Amenity program which allows optional method developers to install public art works in exchange for development density.
- Information about additional programs and credits for artists and art institutions in the A&E District is available at <http://www.silverspringdowntown.com/arts-and-entertainment-district/businesses-and-arts-enterprises-incentives>

Silver Spring Town Center Inc.

Lisa Martin, Executive Director, Silver Spring Town Center Inc.

- Ms. Martin provided an overview of Silver Spring Town Center Inc's (SSTCi) programs and events.
- SSTCi is a small nonprofit that produces a number of events at the Silver Spring Civic Building and Veterans Plaza. Some of these include arts salons, the SPARKLE senior programs, monthly film and lecture series events, the Silver Spring Blues Festival and the weekly spring/summer Twilight Tuesday and Wednesday Night Starz performances on Veterans Plaza.

Silver Spring Urban District Report

Richard Bingham, Chief of Operations, Silver Spring Urban District

- Mr. Bingham provided an overview of data related to the Urban District's Red Shirt staff and their daily activities in the Central Business District.
- Urban District staff continue to work with the Office of Human Resources to move forward with the hiring process for the vacant Program Specialist II position.

Regional Area Director's Report

Reemberto Rodriguez, Director, Silver Spring Regional Center

- Mr. Rodriguez reported the recent ruling against certain Maryland counties, including Montgomery County in the matter of state income taxes. This ruling will have a serious long-term effect on the County's budget.
- The County Council has voted to fund the County Executive's budget - which includes an additional \$150,000 for each Urban District and no required 3% budget cut as mandated for other departments.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:24 p.m.