

SSUDAC Meeting Summary
November 20th, 2014

Members Present: Brian Abramson, Mussie Betre, Don Hague, Suzy Zusy

Members Absent: Carmen Camacho, Dan Figueroa, Mel Tull, United Therapeutics

Call to Order and Introductions:

- Mr. Don Hague, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:38 p.m.

Reports:

Police Briefing & Crime Report

Sgt. Brian Tupa, Montgomery County 3rd Police Precinct

- The northbound side of Georgia Ave. will be shut down on November 22nd, beginning at 9 a.m. for the County's Thanksgiving Parade.
- There were an estimated 500 people at the Zombie Walk on October 25th.
- Sgt. Tupa reported a series of daytime break-ins to homes in the White Oak area.
- Officer staffing has increased at Ellsworth Dr. and the Silver Spring Metro Station in response to the colder weather and potential increases in crime.
- The police are working to address various issues related to homelessness that may increase due to the colder weather.

Placemaking With Park & Planning

Park & Planning Staff Members

- Park & Planning staff members gave an overview of a series of workshops held at the Civic Building that allowed members of the community to generate ideas for improvements to the central business district for eventual presentation to the Planning Board.
- The three areas covered at the workshops were the Silver Spring Transit Center, the Ripley St. district and Metro Plaza.
- The discussions centered around green and urban space balance within the Central Business District.
- A booklet consolidating ideas produced at the workshops will be prepared in order to be presented to Park & Planning.

Placemaking Discussion with Hans Riemer

Hans Riemer, Montgomery County Council

- Mr. Riemer followed up the remarks from Park & Planning and had an open dialogue with committee members regarding details of all 3 spaces.
- Mr. Riemer discussed the possibility of a joint request for proposals (RFP) with WMATA to move building and park spaces in the area of the Transit Center.
- Ideas were discussed for interim use of green space at the Transit Center site.

Urban District Report

Mr. Richard Bingham, Operations Manager, Silver Spring Urban District

- Mr. Bingham gave an overview of current operations and goals for the Urban District.
- Job descriptions for staff members are being updated, and the balance of work between Public Service Aides and Public Service Workers will be addressed.
- Mr. Bingham noted that he would be working to increase the number of staff trainings for the division.
- The Urban District is preparing their FY15 budget information and recently worked with other members of the Community Engagement Cluster to provide requested internal audit materials.
- Other items being addressed include cleaning out of departmental storage facilities and equipment evaluations.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:41 p.m.