

SSCAB Meeting Summary – June 8, 2015

1. *Welcome/Introductions:* Chair Bernice North called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.
2. *Acceptance of last meeting summary:* May 11, 2015 meeting minutes accepted.
3. *Public Safety Report (Glenda Joseph, 3rd Police Precinct):*
 - Provided statistics on strong arm robberies; (4 in the last month, arrests made for all), residential burglaries (3 in last month, no arrests yet); and thefts from auto (20 in last month)
 - Adding 2 permanent positions to the CBD soon; re-starting OT over weekends
 - Many Board members expressed interest in participating in a ride-along, will follow-up with Glenda to coordinate (likely Monday/Tuesday/Friday)
4. *Dialogue with Kelly Caplan, Washington Gas:*
 - Provided background info on Washington Gas; over 1million customers in MD/DC/VA, community outreach division provides notification in advance of replacement/repair work
 - Call 703-750-1400 24/7 to report gas odors.
 - Engineering: company is undergoing accelerated pipeline replacement program (Maryland STRIDE); \$200M over 5 years, replaced 24miles and 5000 service connections in 2014 – 50% in Silver Spring; software modeling helps prioritize replacements.
 - Other items: meters are shifting outdoors (easier valve access); 1 week turnaround for ‘soft’ restoration, 1 month for longer impacts (paving); they have a common database of proposed projects and meet quarterly with other utilities to try and coordinate impacts.
5. *Dialogue with Robin Riley, Dep’t of Recreation (Re: Active.net)*
 - ActiveNet to replace current system ‘CLASS’, will combine Rec/CUPF/Parks into a single registration system; cloud based, better streamlined, with improved customer service.
 - Rec will be charged a 3% transaction fee; anticipates small increase in use fees, not finalized. New system should be easier for users to identify fees to be charged.
 - New system to be used for fall registration; will be able to create user accounts over next few weeks (new system requires new account creations), go-live in mid-August.
6. *Councilmember(s) Updates:* none present; Chair requested Board authorization to reach out to Councilmembers and re-request they send representatives, Board approved.
7. *Elections:* Board unanimously elected Bernice North as Chair, Ed Levy as Vice Chair, Jay Wilson as Parliamentary Vice Chair and Mark Mendez as Secretary. Dan Morales stepped down as co-chair of the TREE committee, Sara Sheppard to replace him in that role.
8. *Committee Reports/Upcoming Meetings:* New chairs for all committees to discuss agenda for post-summer meetings. Board member Matt Losak (Neighborhoods Chair) attended recent meeting, conversation on getting education onto SSCAB agenda without overstepping bounds. Anticipates series of conversations at committee level in the fall, full Board meeting on education to follow.
9. *Board Chair’s Report:* Discussed whether the Board could receive a monthly or quarterly economic report, similar to public safety; what data points would we want? (CED to identify desired data) AG Kitchen to open around June 20th. Silver Spring library opening June 20th.
10. *Director’s Report:* Highlighted CIP Forum on June 29. July 13 meeting to include Board debrief, anticipate writing a letter re: budget priorities. Continue to see E-Blasts to stay updated.
11. *New Business:*
 - Discussed need for Board to reach out to communities within service area, hold meeting(s) there. Board will look into opportunities.
 - Request for diversity information on MCFRS & Police; Reemberto to discuss offline.
 - Request to expand the police report beyond just Downtown Silver Spring; Chair to follow-up
 - Need to better promote VanGo within community; potential coordination with Peterson Co?
 - Board member Matt Losak noted the County’s legislation intended to protect renters. June 18 hearing @ 7pm.
12. *Adjourn:* 8:50pm