

SSCAB Meeting Summary – April 9, 2018- v01

Attendance

■	Matthew Losak–Chair/ Nbrhd	■	Jay Elvove	X	Barbara Darko
■	Edward Levy –Vice-Chair	■	Abdurahman Mohammed	■	Delia Aguilar
■	Mark Mendez -Secretary	X	Uri Pasternak	■	Patricia Germann
■	Jonathan Bernstein - TREE	■	Mulegeta Habteselassie- CED	■	Lysette House
X	Stacey Brown - CED	■	Donald Coffey	■	Mandisa Berry
X	Daniel Morales - SSUDAC	X	Mary Anderson		
X	Mary Ann Zimmerman	X	Vineda Myers		

Present: ■ Absent: X Resigned: R

1. *7:15 Welcome and Introductions:* Chair led self-introductions of attendees.
2. *Public Safety/Fire and Rescue Report:* with MCFRS Operations Chief **John Kinsley**
 - TK PK Station #2 and Cedar Lane Station #20 are adding a fourth fire fighter paramedic- these are the last two stations to have a paramedic on every truck
 - Reminder of the January 2018 county law requiring all battery operated smoke detectors to be replaced with ‘sealed, 10-year’ units. Residents can call 311 for help replacing older detectors.
 - **Darien Unger**, former MCFRS volunteer at meeting, says that in his experience residents can call their local fire station and MCFRS will supply and install a new detector.
3. Previous Meeting Summary: March 12, 2018 meeting minutes were approved by the board.
4. *Neighborhood Highlight- Park Hills:* with **Chris Richardson**. Mr Richardson reported on the Park Hills’ history going back to the 1940s. He noted that the Park Hills civic went dormant in the 1980s, but was re-activated by **Alan Bowser** in 2006. They have been active participants in Purple Line Planning and have had several ‘wins’ in the area of pedestrian safety. His advice to other civics is to look common ground to gain ‘buy-in’ from other groups.
5. *Community Dialogue with Citizens’ Advisory Board Members for Regional Areas. Upcounty and Bethesda representatives could not attend, but participants included:*
 - **Mike Mizarus** – Represents the Chamber of Commerce on the Silver Spring Transportation Management District Advisory Committee. Mike sees a lack of coordination between agencies. Described the ‘floating bus stops’ as an idea that was not well planned as it stopped traffic flow by blocking lanes.
 - **Curtis Watkins** –Vice Chair of the East County Advisory Board (ECAB) described their priorities as 1) Transportation (BRT), 2) Economic Development and 3) Workforce Housing- promoting opportunities beyond the 12% Affordable Housing requirements. ECAB has encouraged ‘Listening Sessions’ by attending meetings held by local organizations to get the pulse of the community. They have created an online survey to understand what is important to the average citizen. ECAB is 1/3 the size of MoCo, extending all the way to Howard County line.
 - **Ron Franks** – Vice Chair of Mid County Advisory Board (MCAB) and Candidate for D18 State Delegate. Mid County has similar priorities - Transportation, the redevelopment of Wheaton (especially the Parks and Planning headquarters) and increasing the stock

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- of affordable housing. They have been reaching out to local civics as engagement and promotion for MCAB. The board represents an area 4-5 times the size of the SSCAB.
- In discussion, it was asked if the various Advisory Boards have the same By-Laws. In fact, the boards have guidelines that are not true By-laws.

6. *Committee Meetings Report:*

- The combined March committee meeting featured the Dept. of Permitting Services. DPS is seeking better coordination and transparency. They are developing an ambitious online portal that would offer residents a one-stop source for information on construction projects and related permits.

7. Vice Chair Report: **Ed Levy** reported on attending County Executive Leggett's 'Listening Session' with various advisory boards. The CE recognized the need for better coordination around development and construction, but also reminded attendees that the current rush to build in Silver Spring was better than when the area was not seen as desirable. But improvements can be made. The SSCAB insists that if DPS had additional or better resources, the potential upside for everyone is considerable.

8. *Chair Report:* **Matt Losak** noted May's full-board meeting would feature a conversation with State Senator **Will Smith** (District 20) and representatives from **Rich Madaleno** (District 18) regarding the outcomes of this year's general session in Annapolis. The SSCAB's annual retreat would be held in August (date TBD) and would feature a review of rules and expectations as well as a session to outline priorities for the 2018-2019 session and target dates for topics. The board has greatly benefitted from early planning for this year's meetings.

9. *Regional Director Report:* Regional Director **Reemberto Rodriguez** pointed to a map of the regional areas noting that boundaries were not clear cut. Many priorities, like transportation, overlapped and he encouraged the advisory boards to continue talking and to look for ways to collaborate.

10. *New Business:* No new business.

11. *Adjourn:* 8:55 PM

Upcoming meetings: This month's joint committee meeting is scheduled for the fourth Monday, April 23. The Full Board meeting in May will be May 14.