

SSCAB Meeting Summary – May 14, 2018- v02

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
X	Jonathan Bernstein - TREE	■	Mulegeta Habteselassie- CED	■	Lysette House
■	Stacey Brown - CED	X	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. The evening’s scheduled speakers, State Senator **Will Smith** (D20), and **Rich Madaleno’s** Chief of Staff (D18) were both unable to attend.
2. *Public Safety/Fire and Rescue Report:* with Third District Commander **William Montgomery**
 - 25 years in the force, says that he is ‘Marcus Jones’ Trained, referring to former 3D Cmdr.
 - YTD robberies are up, but arrests have been made in most cases.
 - 3D is actively working on pedestrian safety initiatives and in full communication with MTA and MCDOT to anticipate any challenges with Purple Line construction
3. Chair Report: **Matt Losak** noted the June 11 full-board meeting will feature the Montgomery County Economic Development Corporation (MCEDC), the public-private organization tasked with accelerating business growth. The June 25 committee meetings will be used to plan the upcoming year. The SSCAB’s annual retreat will be held August 13 and perhaps a second date if needed. The retreat will review board member obligations, offer an opportunity to get to know each other and continue planning for the coming year. It was noted that with a new County Executive and significant turnover within the council, the board may have new opportunities.
4. Board conversation noted that Silver Spring has 3 State Senators and 9 Delegates. District 20 comprises 80% of the area, with D18 at 15% and D19 5%. Silver Spring represents approx. 10% of the county population. In conversation on business development and the work of our state delegations in Annapolis, **Stacey Brown** noted that legislation proposed by D20 to create a fund to mitigate loss of income for businesses along the Purple Line construction did not pass. The county, on the other hand, was able to provide financial support to businesses in the CBD hurt by the Studio Plaza project, because the building will include a county parking lot. Montgomery County felt responsible and is offering grants of approx. \$12K to those who can show loss. Stacey noted that creating a proper Profit and Loss statement was difficult and that many small businesses could benefit from Technical Assistance training. The county has set aside grants for small business owners in Wheaton. The board voted to write a letter recognizing that supporting our commercial neighbors along the PL was important and it will be incumbent upon the County to help. Stacey will create an initial draft and **Matt Losak** and **Mulegeta Habteselassie** offered to review.

5. Previous Meeting Summary: April 9, 2018 meeting minutes (v02) were approved by the board.
6. Committee Meetings Report: The first part of the combined April committee meeting featured Blair High School representatives to continue our conversation with principals. As a large school Blair is an extremely active entity but not well connected to the surrounding community. The second part of the meeting featured an overview of the BRT project and construction timeline.
7. *Neighborhood Highlight*- PREZCO member **Jay Elvove** will recruit a representative to present at the June 11 board meeting
8. *Regional Director Report*: Regional Director **Reemberto Rodriguez** highlighted the calendar of community events in the regional area. He reminded the board of the June 9 bus trip scheduled to tour the Silver Spring neighborhoods represented by the SSCAB. The bus holds 45 people and is scheduled from 2-5 PM.
9. *New Business*: No new business.
10. *Adjourn*: 8:45 PM

Upcoming meetings: May's committee meetings will not be held on account of the Memorial Day Holiday on May 28. The next full board meeting will be June 11