

## SSCAB Meeting Summary – September 10, 2018- v02

### Attendance

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

Present: ■ Absent: X Resigned: R

1. *7:00 Welcome and Introductions:* Chair **Matt Losak** led self-introductions of attendees.
2. *7:05 June minutes* submitted by **Uri Pasternak** were approved. No regular meetings in July/August
3. *7:05 Public Safety/Police Report:* with **Sgt. Ian Clark** and **Lt. Eric Bunting** of the Third District (3D)
  - Noted recent tragic pedestrian fatalities, saying we must talk to our own communities about need for awareness.
  - Theft from Autos is still the most common crime. Do not leave items in front seat and lock your car doors. Even gym bags will be tempting theft.
  - Since April, ‘Flash Mobs’- usually groups of 4-8 young men – have been storming stores, stealing valuables and running. Pay attention. Trust your instinct. OK to call 911
4. *Neighborhood Spotlight:* Board member **Barbara Darko** gave a firsthand report on The Bonifant, an 11-floor, senior housing building in downtown. Barbara, a former resident of NYC and ATL, had been living in Bethesda but was priced out of that community. She loves urban living and spoke of the many conveniences of living in The Bonifant. She is near shopping, restaurants, transportation and the library. The Bonifant has three resident committees- similar to the SSCAB.
5. *Budget Process Discussion:* This year, with new County Executive coming in, the board cannot be certain when community input on the budget will be expected. The board has come to realize that it should be proactive and offer input sooner. **Deborah Lambert**, Management and Budget Specialist at Montgomery County, presented on the anatomy and process of the Operating Budget (services) and Capitol Budget (facilities).
  - Funding- where the dollars come from-the Big 3 are Property Taxes 28%, Income Tax 25% and intergovernmental (state and Federal funds)- 18%
  - Where the Dollars are spent: 44% MCPS and 38% County govt.
  - The Wynne case ruled that MoCo has double taxed some income taxes collected 2006-2014 from those who earned money outside of the county. This decision plays significant role in county budgeting and could result in an income tax revenue loss for fiscal years 2020-2024
  - Debt Service- monies paid on loans - is growing from \$413M in FY19 to \$468 in FY24
  - Recent, sharp increases in school enrollment have led to increased financial needs from MCPS

District 5 Councilmember **Tom Hucker** has state and county experience with budgets. He sees a multitude of assets here but also unmet needs as well. The council passes a balanced budget every year which has helped the county maintain a AAA rating from three major agencies – the only county in the country to do so. This allows Montgomery to borrow monies at attractive rates. He had advice for the board and community organizations when requesting funding for projects:

- Lobby the Council- especially members in other districts who are not as familiar with the issues in Silver Spring. We are the subject matter experts of life in Silver Spring. Support will be required from multiple council members.
- Testify at hearing and make personal visits to the council offices. ‘Emails are easy; Face time can make a difference
- Simplify, Prioritize and keep messaging Consistent

6. *Committee Meetings Report:* Upcoming CED meeting will feature Worksource Montgomery; Neighborhoods will look at the elements of Just Cause Eviction: TREE will look at the State of Solar Energy in Montgomery County.
7. *Applications for the Silver Spring Transportation Management District (TMD) Advisory Committee;* The Board approved **Harriet Quinn** of Four Corners and **James (Chris) Perry** of Downtown Silver Spring.
8. *SSCAB Elections:* Members have until the end of September to submit their name or nominations for officers of Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Parliamentarian to **Jonathan Bernstein**. Elections will be held at the October meeting.
9. *Regional Director’s Report:* **Reemberto Rodriguez** appreciated the budget presentations. He recommended the electronic newsletter *Next Door* as an effective communication tool. He also noted the importance of *Source of the Spring* and *Montgomery County Media* as valuable sources of local news and information. MCM will be opening a studio in Silver Spring.
10. *Chair Report:* Matt Losak reminded the evening’s attendees that there were three spots on the SSCAB to be filled. Interviews with applicants are being held September 26. **Matt Losak, Abdurahman Mohammed, Lysette House** and **Mandisa Berry** were on the interviewing committee.
11. *Adjourn:* 8:55 PM

*Upcoming meetings:* Committee Meetings to be held September 24. The next full board meeting will be Monday, October 8