

## SSCAB Meeting Summary – November 19, 2018- v02

### Attendance

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

Present: ■ Absent: X Resigned: R

1. *7:10 Welcome and Introductions:* Chair **Matt Losak** led self-introductions of attendees. Three of five newly nominated board members in attendance. They are waiting for confirmation by council.
2. *Acceptance of Last Meeting Minutes:* October meeting had been recorded but audio was not sufficient to draft minutes. **Matt Losak** offered to write a brief summary paragraph for Civic Center staff to post.
3. *Public Safety/Fire & Rescue:* with Division Chief of Operations **John Kinsley** of MCFRS.
  - The department was looking forward to working with new County Executive Elrich
  - No major fire incidents to report, but Mr. Kinsley reinforced the call for pedestrians and drivers to be especially vigilant with recent clock changes and dark evening commutes.
  - Safety Tip- dispose of hot ashes in metal container away from the house.
4. *Neighborhood Spotlight:* No neighborhood spotlight this month
5. *Managing Our Public Right-of-Way (ROW) During Our Life and Times of Construction:* **Stan Edwards** of MoCo EPA, and Department of Permitting Services staff **Christina Contreras** , **Steve Thomas** and **Lee Hutcherson** offered insights into the process, challenges and plans for DPS.
  - Variety of projects -Bethesda has lots of vertical building while Silver Spring is undergoing infrastructure and utility projects
  - Subcontractors may not post signs on the nature of a project. WSSC and Pepco do a good job of communicating the nature and reason for disruption.
  - DPS is focusing on HOW developers will do the work- for example, asking how and where trucks will come in/out and to coordinate with MCDOT Maintenance of Traffic Plans (MOT)
  - The county MOTs are not mapped yet, but county working with GIS tools to provide public information on projects.
  - Watch for a user-friendly construction activity website to launch by January 1.
  - County Council approved ‘zero lot lines’ instead of significant setbacks. This allows developers to fully use land but also pushes safety fences and equipment into the public ROW during construction. This is a Zoning matter.
  - SSCAB asked for greater outreach to impacted stakeholders- residential and commercial

- In the county's 'union environment', DPS is unable to hire temporary workers (or term-limited union employees) to meet need during peak times.
  - DPS noted the challenge of hiring experienced inspectors and foresees a pressing need. Many of today's DPS inspectors were hired during 1980s boom and will be of retirement age soon.
  - DPS does investigate complaints about property conditions. Unlike DHCA, DPS looks at mechanical and electrical work to ensure it meets building codes.
  - DPS and EPA encourage residents to contact county council asking for better signage and not to hesitate to make suggestions
6. *Committee Meetings Report:* A look back and ahead at upcoming topics.
- Neighborhoods led a discussion on reporting and preventing hate crimes at October meeting. As part of an ongoing series, they will hold a conversation with school principals in November.
  - In October, TREE met with local activists for pedestrian safety efforts in the Dale and Wayne neighborhoods. This month the focus will be on SHA's plans to widen 495 and 270.
  - CED did not meet in October.
7. *SSCAB Board Members:* **Jonathan Bernstein** announced his resignation from the board at the end of the month. Jonathan was recognized for his service, especially as longtime TREE committee chair. Jonathan noted that incoming member **Michelle Foster** was looking forward to offering direction for the TREE. The names of the nominated board members had been made public this week and the county council is scheduled to vote on approval of new members on 11/27.
8. *Chair Report:* **Matt Losak** thanked members for feedback and input into the board's FY20 Operating Budget letter sent to County Executive Leggett. Matt reviewed the boards' letter writing process for the benefit of new members and reminded committee members that committee meetings are to be developed and proactively implemented by the members, in consultation with their chairs and Reemberto Rodriguez. In lieu of December committee meetings, the chair suggested the board continue the tradition of a social evening at a local establishment. After some discussion, the board picked **Astro Lab Brewing** (8216 Georgia Ave, Silver Spring, MD 20910) as the meeting place at 6 PM on Friday, December 14.
9. *Regional Director's Report:* **Reemberto Rodriguez** encouraged all members to attend a committee meeting on 11/26. He thanked the board for the timely discussion with DPS on ROW noting that in 2019 Purple Line construction will create challenges throughout the service area. And finally, County Executive Elect Marc Elrich has gathered a 180-member transition team and scheduled four public listening meetings. Mr Elrich will announce more than thirty directors on December 4.
10. *Adjourn:* 8:50 PM

*Upcoming meetings:* Committee Meetings to be held November 26. The next full board meeting on Monday, December 10 will feature District 18 and District 20 representing Silver Spring in Annapolis.