

**SSUDAC Meeting Summary**  
**October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**Members Present:** Mussie Betre, Diana Brown, Carmen Camacho, Jay Elvove, David Fogel, Michael Larson, Jane Redicker, Mel Tull

**Members Absent:** Juanita Stewart, Thomas Kaufmann

**Call to Order and Introductions:**

- The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m.

**Police Briefing & Crime Report**

Montgomery County Police, Third District

- Officers gave updates on late officer Thomas J. Bomba and related information regarding a fundraiser for the Bomba family.
- Two incidents were reported: an aggravated assault at Ellsworth Place - one arrest has been made, and a robbery at 8484 Georgia Ave. - the suspect was caught shortly afterward.
- Crime trends reported included an increase in aggravated assaults and residential burglary.

**Conversation with Non-Profit Provider at Progress Place**

Multiple Staff, Progress Place

- Multiple members of Progress Place staff gave information about the services available to the homeless community, including vocational and residential services, meals, healthcare and prescription assistance along with psychiatric services.
- Members of the community and committee discussed the safety and security arrangements at Progress Place; a separate meeting will be held to discuss security improvements to the building and surrounding areas.

**Update on Purple Line**

Carla Julian, Public Affairs & Community Outreach Manager, Purple Line

- Ms. Julian gave a brief update on upcoming work zone areas for the Purple Line. Colesville Rd. work will begin on December 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Additional areas of upcoming work include Bonifant St. West, Georgia Ave., Bonifant St. East and Wayne Ave.

## **Silver Spring Urban District Report**

Crystal Ruiz, Silver Spring Urban District

- Ms. Ruiz discussed planning and operations for the Thanksgiving Parade, including planned increased police presence.
- The Urban District will need alternative funding sources to maintain staff positions that were paid for by DOT-PLD funding. A motion was passed to write a letter of support to the County Executive and Council for additional funding.
- Ms. Ruiz gave updates on recent tree and landscaping improvements, including mum installation and additional landscaping by the Silver Spring Library.
- All inquiries for the Silver Spring Urban District may be directed to [silverspring@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:silverspring@montgomerycountymd.gov).

## **New Business**

- The November agenda will include the Montgomery County Chief Administrative Officer, Andrew Kleine, and a representative from Councilmember Tom Hucker's office.
- The December meeting date has been changed to 12/17.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:12 p.m.