

## SSCAB November 2011 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 by board chairwoman, Kathy Stevens

### 1. **Community comments:**

- a. Bob Colvin of ESSCA voiced concerns regarding the 814 Thayer Avenue development, tree disease in the parks and the trash pile at Ellsworth
- b. Jonathan Bernstein, the new Seven-Oaks representative shared that his neighborhood association was happy to have Reemberto at their most recent meeting.
- c. Brian Ditzler, president of the Woodside Park Civic Association, voiced concerns over the recent purchases of United Therapeutics along Spring Street

### 2. **Guest speaker: David Dise, Director of the Montgomery Department of General Services** offered information about current development plans, specifically in Silver Spring

- a. FY 13-18 CIP includes no major changes for Silver Spring
- b. David offered the details of the disposition of public property process (**SEE ATTACHMENT**)
- c. Update on redevelopment of the **old library on Colesville Road**
  - Site work is done
  - Construction to begin in the spring
  - Completion planned for Sept 2014 (includes a 24-30 month construction schedule)
  - Now is the time for non-profits, community-interest groups to send "letters of interest" regarding use of space
  - And now is the time to offer what NOT to use the space for
  - Potential uses: could be used as "swing space" or possibly an HHS facility
  - The SSCAB expressed interest in using the old library as a youth center.
- d. Update on redevelopment of the **3<sup>rd</sup> District police station**
  - Site plan approved
  - To solicit bids
  - Construction to start in the Winter-Spring of 2011-2012 (to last 18 months)
  - Karen Roper stated that ESSCA has been fully involved for the past 2 years regarding use of old police station; Karen encouraged members of the CAB to attend ESSCA meeting to clearly understand their position on the police station
- e. Renovations for **8818 Georgia Avenue**, including Woodside Urban Park are still being planned. This site may be a great location for a possible youth center

- f. **Fenton Street Market:** Currently advertising for RFPs and depending of the number of submissions, the analysis period could be short so that by Jan 2012, the successful candidate should know so they can begin lining up vendors for the market
- g. **Progress Place:** Proposals due in early January regarding moving/development of Progress Place to county property behind the fire station
- h. **Garage Four:** status is still unclear; David asked Dept of Transportation to delay final determination of use until after a solid review of the impact of the Filmore on parking needs.
- i. **Transit Center:**
  - Completion this winter is the goal or by early January
  - Goes to WMATA for review
  - Ribbon cutting: goal for March 2012

Kathy thanked David for sharing all information and she encouraged him to please keep the lines of communication open regarding all the development plans ; keeping people abreast of the process details is the easiest way to alleviate frustrations.

3. **Committee Reports:** Kathy congratulated all committees for successful October meetings.
  - a. **CED:** Mary Murphy reported that Jessica Fusillo has been in touch with the Department of Economic Development to assist in advertising the second annual Small Business Saturday, November 26, and to start application process for grant money to support the Taste of Fenton Village  
Mary reminded the board and guests of the Silver Spring Green environmental workshop to be held on Thursday, Nov 17, the first in a series of educational workshops ranging from clean energy to rain garden installation. Spanish translation will be available.

Next meeting is November 28, 2011

- b. **Neighborhoods Committee:** Sue Decker reported a great turn-out to the October committee meeting. She highlighted specific concerns raised at that meeting, especially regarding zoning at the Langley Park Crossroads, traffic calming efforts and future plans for Washington Adventist Hospital. Overall, attendees learned a lot about their community and the SSCAB (and signed up for the e-blasts).

Next meeting on November 28, 2011 will focus on youth issues, including principals from area middle and high schools (Blair, Eastern, Silver Spring International and others)

- c. **Transportation and Pedestrian Committee**: Darien Unger discussed the successful joint meeting with the county-wide pedestrian safety committee in November. Presentations included information about accessibility to the new library, sidewalks, and overall pedestrian safety

The November 28 meeting will follow up to discussions started at the October meeting as the committee continues to put pressure on the county to bring about safe changes. The meeting may also included a discussion of commuter services/shared cars.