

Silver Spring Library Advisory Committee (LAC)

Special Meeting Minutes

July 15, 2019

SSLAC Members present: Dana M. Anderson, Judy Boggess, Jill Brantley, Jessica Deibert, Paulette Dickerson (Chair), Rodney Elin, Saa Fillie, Regina Germain, Melvyn Greberman, Mary Ann Nyamweya (Secretary), Scott Shoreman.

Members absent: Lisa Thomas, Robyn Watts.

Others present: Laura Briskin-Limehouse (Board Liaison), Uzo Onyemaechi (Silver Spring Library Branch Manager), Kate Sweeney (Silver Spring Senior Librarian) (for short time near end); Pat Lengermann (visitor).

Meeting called to order by Chair at 7:35 p.m.

ROUNDTABLE INTRODUCTIONS took place.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 2019 minutes: Elin motioned to approve minutes as submitted, Brantley seconded. Minutes unanimously approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (by Chair): This special meeting was called to allow a presentation on the Purple Line, as it pertains to the Silver Spring Library.

PURPLE LINE, SILVER SPRING PUBLIC LIBRARY update

Presented by Mike Madden, MDOT MTA Purple Line Deputy Project Director; Carla Julian, PLTC Sr. Manager.

Madden involved since 2002. Julian's team is concessionaire. State of Maryland owns the project, Maryland Transit Administration owns the right of way, design, planning. The Purple Line is a public-private partnership. Artwork at the Silver Spring Library Station will be installed in 2021. There won't be any turnstiles at the station, but an honor system. During peak hours, trains will come every 6-7 minutes, non-peak it will be about 10 minutes. In the near-term, detrimental traffic impacts will be significant while construction is happening, including an almost-two-years-long closure of West Bonifant Street and partial closure of East Bonifant Street. Silver Spring Transit Center Station work will force new traffic patterns, including between Second Avenue and East-West Highway, on Colesville Road, and on Georgia Avenue and Bonifant Street. Utility relocations at the Silver Spring Library Station will be occurring from Sept.-Dec. 2019. It's expected that grading and track work will begin in Spring 2021. Work will take place both day and night, weekdays and weekends, as needed.

For updates: people can sign up on purplelinemd.com, to get text and email notifications.

For construction-related questions and concerns, contact Purple Line Transit Constructors at outreach@pltcllc.com

For general project questions and comments, contact MTA public outreach at outreach@purplelinemd.com

A printout of the presentation points was shared, and will be sent to the group via email.

SILVER SPRING LIBRARY MANAGER REPORT

Presented by Uzo Onyemaechi, Library Manager.

LIBRARY BOARD LIAISON REPORT

Presented by Laura Briskin-Limehouse, MCPL Board.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Next meeting, September 16, 2019.

For agenda items, send to Chair – two weeks' notice is needed.

Minutes submitted by Secretary, Mary Ann Nyamweya.

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