

Silver Spring Library Advisory Committee (SSLAC) Meeting Minutes, October 21, 2019

Meeting at Silver Spring Library, 3rd Floor Conference Room, called to order at 7:38 p.m. by Chair Paulette Dickerson. Those present introduced themselves.

SSLAC Members Present:

Present: Paulette Dickerson (Chair), Scott Shoreman (secretary), Ella Hu, Rebecca Calcagno, Jessica Deibert, Regina Germain, Dana Anderson, Melvyn Greberman

Absent: Judy Boggess, Rodney Elin, Mary Ann Nyamweya, Saa Fillie, Jill Brantley

Others Present:

Laura Briskin-Limehouse, MCPL Board Liaison; Uzo Onyemaechi, Silver Spring Library Manager; Jan Hochman, guest

July 2019 minutes: Approved as amended. Ms. Calcagno motioned to approve, seconded by Mr. Greberman.

CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS

- There is a public budget forum with County Executive Elrich on October 30, 2019 at 7:00 pm at the Silver Spring Civic Building.
- There is a joint meeting with the library advisory committees and friends of the library groups on November 6, 2019 at 6:00 pm., at the library in Gaithersburg.
- The Thanksgiving parade is on November 23, 2019. The library has a group that will be in the parade.
- The Silver Spring Library is due for a refresh in around two years. The buildings are on seven year refresh cycles. The library will be closed for around six months during the refresh, during which there will be major maintenance work.
- Suggested edits to the LAC handbook should be submitted to the chair, who will combine and submit them to Ms. Briskin-Limehouse for the library Board.

SILVER SPRING LIBRARY MANAGER REPORT

Presented by Uzo Onyemaechi, Library Manager

- There is a new full time employee in the circulation department, who replaces an employee who left.
- Foot traffic was 27,951 in September 2019. It was lower than normal due to the Labor Day holiday and a now repaired broken door at the entrance by the circulation desk. The arcade event was highly attended, but it was in the conference room that is outside the security gates, so those who attended but did go further into the library are not included in the foot traffic count.
- There was a gardening event at the library attended by 282 people.

- The Census Bureau is holding an employment recruiting event at the library on October 23, 2019.
- A ten-foot long Purple Line model train is in the library.
- Historical materials submitted by a member of the public related to the Silver Spring Library were shown to the group.
- There were suggestions of a photography contest related to the library with a public display and social media being used more effectively to promote the library. Mr. Onyemaechi noted that social media posts from any county office have a formal approval process.

LIBRARY BOARD LIAISON REPORT

Presented by Laura Briskin-Limehouse, MCPL Library Board.

- There was not a Board meeting since the September SSLAC meeting.
- The next Board meeting is on October 23, 2019.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY SILVER SPRING (FOLSS)

Joe House, SSFOL President, submitted a report to the Chair

- The SSFOL book sale is on December 7, 2019.
- There will be a drive through book donation drop on Sunday November 3, 2019 from 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm and on Saturday November 16 from 10:30 am to 1:00 pm.

PURPLE LINE

- The Chair reported that the recent Purple Line meeting was mostly about the Silver Spring Transit Center and Wayne Avenue.
- Bonifant Street is not likely to have any closures before January 2019.
- SSLAC can make suggestions to the project managers about signage and access. It was suggested at the meeting that there be signs on Bonifant Street regarding the alley to the book drop being open to vehicular traffic.
- The Purple Line group is willing to come back to a SSLAC meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- There was a question regarding whether computers for adults who are at the library with children could be placed in the children's section. Mr. Onyemaechi noted that there are laptops that can be checked out by library patrons age 14 and up that can be used anywhere in the library. The checkout time for the laptops is three hours, which is an hour longer than the regular computers, and users can print from the laptops.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Scott Shoreman, Secretary

Next meeting: November 18, 2019