

Silver Spring Library Advisory Committee (SSLAC) Meeting Minutes, July 20, 2020

Meeting online via Zoom

SSLAC Members:

Present: Paulette Dickerson (Chair), Scott Shoreman (secretary), Regina Germain, Dana Anderson, Mary Ann Nyamweya, Rebecca Calcagno, Melvyn Greberman

Absent: Saa Fillie, Jessica Deibert, Ella Hu, Rodney Elin, Jill Brantley

Others Present:

Uzoma Onyemaechi, Silver Spring Library Manager

Laura Briskin-Limehouse, Library Board liaison

Meeting called to order: Approximately 7:35 p.m.

Approval of minutes for June 2020: Regina Germain moved to accept, Mary Ann Nyamweya seconded, approved without opposition

CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS: See Purple Line and New Business sections below.

SILVER SPRING LIBRARY MANAGER REPORT

Uzoma Onyemaechi, Silver Spring Library Manager

- Contactless service has begun.
- The hold lockers are shut down until further notice.
- The security guard is back on duty Monday through Friday and is concentrating on the area around the entrance where the material pick-up is located.
- Avis Matthews resigned from staff. There is a new library desk assistant for 20 hours a week, Camille Robinson. Yasmin Fuller has joined the Silver Spring Library from Long Branch due to their refresh.
- Library programs have moved to a Zoom account paid for by the library administration.
- The library administration is working on reopening plans for the system. Staff concerns regarding safety are getting addressed.
- Paulette Dickerson asked why the library administration is working on getting people back in the building given the situation with the pandemic. Reply: The library administration trying work on safety with reopening.
- Mary Ann Nyamweya asked if there been a survey of patrons and the staff regarding reopening? Reply: Does not know regarding patrons, and the opinions of the staff is internal and cannot be discussed at this meeting.
- Scott Shoreman: Has the staff gotten through the backlog of holds from when the library was completely closed during the pandemic? Reply: Yes.

LIBRARY BOARD LIAISON REPORT

Laura Briskin-Limehouse

- Renovations continuing at other branches.
- The Board discussed reopening plans at the July 2020 meeting.

PURPLE LINE:

- Dispute between Purple Line Transit Partners buildings and the state continues, and there may be litigation.
- The construction will stop August 22 if there is not some sort of resolution or agreement by then.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY SILVER SPRING (FOLSS) – Joe House submitted report to the Chair:

- Virtual vinyl day will be on July 25
- FOLSS has been having a good year

NEW BUSINESS

- Paulette Dickerson said that when the Silver Spring library reopened, Melvyn Greberman helped set up some workshops on caregivers and asked if this could be done now due to Covid-19? There were three sessions that were about an hour each
 - Dr. Greberman said he can ask the Montgomery County Health Department and asked for Ms. Dickerson to send him an email with suggestions.
 - Uzoma Onyemaechi asked Dr. Greberman to contact him when there is information regarding a possible program.
- Ms. Dickerson discussed how it may be a long time before we can get back to the old normal. We have to think of others ways to have a library, schools, and social interactions.
- The group discussed that a secretary is still needed for next year. Regina Germain suggested it be included with the next meeting announcement. It will be on the agenda for September.
- Ms. Dickerson was thanked for her service as Chair.

Adjournment: Approximately 8:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Scott Shoreman, Secretary

Next meeting: September 21, 2020