

Silver Spring Citizens Advisory Board meeting
Jan. 9, 2023
Minutes

Attendees:

1. SSCAB members:
 - a. Katherine Lucas McKay, Chair
 - b. Melanie Fonder Kaye, Vice Chair
 - c. Debra Wylie, Parliamentarian
 - d. Jay Elvove
 - e. Michelle Foster
 - f. Patricia Germann
 - g. Lysette House
 - h. Kenneth Lemberg
 - i. Vanessa Pinto
 - j. John Seelke
 - k. Lene Tsegaye
 - l. Not present: Sofia Bushen
 - m. Not present: Daniel Moijueh
2. RSC staff:
 - a. Shawn Morris, Silver Spring Regional Services Center
 - b. Jacob Newman, Silver Spring Regional Services Center
3. Speakers:
 - a. Montgomery Council Council President Evan Glass
 - b. Vision Zero Coordinator Wade Holland
4. Topic One: Vision Zero
 - a. Evan Glass: In last year, we had 534 injuries, 16 deaths. Adding hundreds of millions from Cap Improvement Program (\$433 million), watch for Vision Zero Summit in February
 - b. Q&A: Katherine Lucas McKay asked about accessibility: one of the challenges in DTSS is around sidewalks not being sidewalk accessible – how is accessibility playing into the conversations about what is coming next? Evan Glass: We are going to need your help; We have some work to do to change perceptions. Jay Elvove: What is your view on more cameras, specifically Sligo Creek Parkway. Evan Glass: fully in support of more automated means, red light cameras and speed cameras – we know that they work. We also need state legislation in high traffic areas. Katherine Lucas McKay: HAWK beacons are not working out well. Michelle Foster: CM Glass – hope you know how much we appreciate how much you have done on this issue. University Blvd and bike lanes and now Old

Georgetown Road – genuine confusion – People are confused and unsure what to do. Evan Glass: Outreach and acclimation period. There’s a lot that we have to do. Agrees on beacon comments. Patricia Germann: HAWK beacons, there is some confusion about what to do at those intersections – some drivers simply ignore them, even when red. Evan Glass closing comments: We can do all the implementation, but what we in government cannot change are people. Slow down, be aware, put devices down – all of us – and share that to family, neighbors, etc.

- c. Vision Zero Coordinator Wade Holland – [PPT HERE](#)
 - i. Michelle Foster: Do we know if VMT are up significantly during non-rush hours as people who WFH run errands?
 - ii. Jonathan Bernstein: What about the size and weight of vehicles, impact on pedestrians? Is there data on that, and if so what can we do at the county level? What road techniques cause drivers to slow when turning? This is a problem all around the county and I notice it at the intersection near my house (Dale & Colesville).
 - iii. Jacob Feit: What about crosswalk coverage? There isn't a cross at Lyttonsville and 16th Street, which is a problem for the Ride On 5 Bus station.
 - iv. Katherine McKay: There is also no plan to put an appropriate sidewalk on 16th St right there, in front of a Purple Line station
- 5. Topic Two – District 3 Police Update – Lt. Reed
 - a. Crime does continue to be up but we are out there – out of 17 PRAs (police reporting areas), four account for the majority of crimes against persons and property. We had more fatality accidents in 2022 in years, need more red light and speed cameras.
- 6. Committee Reports/Upcoming Meetings
 - a. Commercial Economic Development / Neighborhoods: joint on commercial joint office space, letters on budget, Purple Line update, Urban District and graffiti
 - b. Transportation, Energy, and & Environment: joint on commercial joint office space, letters on budget, Purple Line update, Urban District and graffiti
 - c. SSUDAC – NA
- 7. Regional Area Director's Report – Jacob Newman
 - a. Long Branch Coat Drive – distributed more than 1K coats; MLK Day of Service next Monday; place-based management grant out today; upcoming meetings

8. New Business

9. Adjourn