

Silver Spring Citizens Advisory Board meeting
May 8, 2023
Minutes

Attendees:

1. SSCAB members:

- Katherine Lucas McKay, Chair
- Melanie Fonder Kaye, Vice Chair
- Debra Wylie, Parliamentarian
- Don Slater, Secretary
- Jay Elvove
- Brandi Hill
- Greg Holmes
- Lysette House
- Kenneth Lemberg
- Daniel Moijueh
- Lene Tsegaye
- Not present: Sofia Bushen
- Not present: Jacob Feit
- Not present: Michelle Foster
- Not present: Patricia Germann
- Not present: Michael McCarn
- Not present: Vanessa Pinto

2. RSC Staff

- a. Shawn Morris, Silver Spring Regional Services Center
- b. Jacob Newman, Silver Spring Regional Services Center
- c. Carson Henry, Silver Spring Urban District

3. Speakers

- Lt. Victor "Tony" Galladora, MCPD 3rd District
- State Senator Jeff Waldstreicher (D 18)
- State Delegate Emily Shetty (D 18)
- State Delegate Jared Solomon (D 18)
- State Delegate David Moon (D 20)
- State Delegate Lorig Charkoudian (D 20)
- State Delegate Jheanelle Wilkins (D 20)

4. Additional attendees:

- Eric Carzon, Silver Spring Regional Mgr, MCPL
- Mike English
- Pamela Lockett, office of Council President Evan Glass
- David Kunes, office of State Delegate Emily Shetty (D 18)

Agenda:

1. Introductions
 - a. Katherine opened meeting at 7:01 pm
 - b. Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) members introduced selves
 - c. Attendees introduced selves in the comments

2. Approvals
 - a. Minutes were approved from the March meeting.
 - b. It was noted that the SSCAB did not meet in April, instead supporting the Silver Spring Budget Forum on April 17, 2023

3. Topic One – Public Safety Report (Lt. Galladora)
 - a. Noted that there were not a lot of updates since March
 - b. 5 new officers added in DTSS from academy class & working out well.
 - c. Continuing to get more officers into neighborhoods around DTSS under an “Adopt a Neighborhood” program.
 - d. Continuing to work on the December homicide in Wayne Garage, asking the public for help
 - e. Number of carjackings per month down across the county, high closure on cases under investigation.
 - f. Talked about working with Progress Place and other stakeholders on reducing the “tent cities” in DTSS.
 - g. Q/A: Ken: Location of tent cities? Lt. Galladora: Near Metro Station, Marc Station and near Progress Place.
 - h. Q/A: Jay: Can we use automated enforcement for speed and traffic lights? Lt. Galladora and Delegate Charkoudian talked a while about the issues of coordination between the county and the state over this area and control of the roads in general. Lorig and Jay agreed to further discussion.

4. Topic Two – Legislative Report from D 18 and D 20 Delegations
 - a. Members of the two delegations talked about the session, about how productive it was, and how nice it was to have a cooperative administration. Among the topics they discussed:
 - i. Over 800 bills passed
 - ii. Eviction protection
 - iii. Additional renters’ rights
 - iv. Rental assistance funding
 - v. State housing vouchers
 - vi. Rules for legalized Adult Use Cannabis
 - vii. Restrictions on carrying handguns
 - viii. Funding for Long Branch Library

- ix. Funding for homeless programs at Progress Place and Clifton Park Baptist Church.
- x. Support for energy efficiency in low to moderate income housing
- xi. Support for offshore wind power programs
- xii. Expanded Medicaid coverage
- xiii. Support for food security funding
- xiv. Pedestrian Safety
- xv. Protecting reproductive rights and protection for patients and providers at reproductive health facilities.
- xvi. Support for migrants being bussed here from FL and TX.
- xvii. Education funding
- xviii. Funding for BRT
- xix. MC funding for all campuses
- xx. Funding for expanding the county's composting facilities
- b. Discussion of pedestrian safety and cannabis law changes

5. Councilmembers' Reports

- a. Pam Lockett indicated that Council President Glass was focused on the Planning Board interviews and the budget process.

6. Committee meeting updates:

- a. June committee meetings
 - i. TREE Committee meeting on Transportation Priorities Letter
 - ii. Neighborhoods / Economic Development on future planning

7. Delegates' reports

- a. See topic Two

8. Regional Area Director's report:

- a. Thanked all of our panelists.

9. New Business

- a. Next SSCAB meeting (4/10) to cover public safety and possible deep dive into policing data
- b. Upcoming meetings:
 - i. July - Planning Meetings
 - ii. August - Retreat

2. Adjourn:

- a. Meeting adjourned at 8:46 pm