

SSUDAC Meeting Summary April 21st, 2022

Members Present: Jay Elvove, Juanita Stewart, Diana Brown, Mel Tull, Maggie Gessner, Jane Redicker,

Members Absent: Mussie Betre, Thomas Kaufmann, Carmen Camacho, Michael Larson, David Fogel, Diana Brown, Maggie Gessner

Presenters: Lt. David Reed, MCPD

Call to Order and Introductions:

Juanita Stewart

- The meeting was called to order at 3:32 p.m.

MCPD Public Safety Update:

Lieutenant David Reed, MCPD

- Crime Suppression Task Force -
 - Reformed District Community Action Team (DCAT)
 - Made up of 7 officers from around the county
 - Up and running and taken over for the Crime Suppression Task Force
 - 7 guns off the road
- 71 Ghost Guns seized this quarter county wide, 79 all of last year
- Staffing issues continue
 - Involuntary Holdovers
 - If shifts are short they ask for volunteers county wide
 - If there are not enough, they move to involuntary holdovers based on seniority.
 - Described as doing more with less
- More license plate readers enroute.
 - Often people committing crimes are using stolen vehicles from other areas and coming into Silver Spring
 - (Jay) Will they be able to detect obscured tags?
 - No but will say not-readable, and that is citation
- CBD Alcohol compliance checks in the early hours of the morning.
 - Easter Sunday fight at 6am that was moved into the street.
 - General compliance at 10, 11, midnight
- Cars with suspended tags
- Automated Traffic Enforcement Unit moved camera from near the dog park on Colesville. Moved to try and catch people out.

Silver Spring Developments

Stephanie Dickel, Montgomery County Planning

- Approved and Unbuilt Projects 2020-2022
 - Quality Time Learning Center Annex - Approved April 2020
 - 809 Easley Street - Approved October 2020

- Urby Silver Spring - Approved February 2021
- United Therapeutics Project 242T - Approved April 2021
- HOC Headquarters - Approved May 2021
- Guardian Building (Amendments) - Approved June 2021
- Projects Under Construction
 - Ripley II
 - Elizabeth Square
 - 8787 Georgia Avenue
 - Downtown Silver Spring
 - Quality Time Learning Center Annex
 - United Therapeutics 1000 Spring Street
- Projects Under Review
 - Projects under review (Sketch Plan, Preliminary Plan and/or Site Plan):
 - Easleys
 - Sligo Apartments
 - Projects submitted for Concept Plan:
 - 8040 13th Street

Silver Spring Parking Lot District

Jose Thommana, MCDOT

- Major Capital needs:
 - Elevator Modernization & Repairs
 - 5 Garages - G9, G5, G55, G60, G61
 - LED Lighting Upgrades
 - Facility Painting
 - Solar Rooftops
 - Payment System Upgrades (2g/3g Sunset)
 - EV Charging Stations
- Actions During Pandemic to Preserve PLD Fiscal Health
 - Hiring Freeze
 - Operating Expenditure Savings Plan (26% Reduction)
 - Maintained pre-pandemic UD Transfers
 - Capital Improvements Freeze (Emergencies only - 72% Reduction)
- Fiscal Challenges Moving Forward
 - Labor/Service Contract Costs
 - Construction/Materials/Parts Costs
 - Inflationary Environment
 - Supply-Chain Concerns
- Garage Occupancy still down 10-15% but on an upward trajectory affected by new variants
- Even if occupancy is coming up, Demand is different
 - Peak time is spread out
 - More on nights and weekends (When they don't charge)
 - Revenues have not recovered as much as occupancy
- Security schedule rotates but they're contract security. They aren't armed
- If they do not add Saturday rates in 2024 they will not be able to

- maintain a balanced budget
- Return to Office will help with revenue
- Silver Spring Garages do not have any debt in them
- Once third shift of enforcement is in place, there will be enforcement of no parking areas outside of garages as well (IE: Mayor's Lane)
- PLD does not do towing. Towing is centrally done through the MCPD

SSUD Program Manager Report

Carson Henry, Silver Spring Urban District Program Manager

- Presents the February report
- March and April Reports to be shared at next month's meeting
- Maintained operations every day despite COVID scheduling changes stemming from Omicron
- Pepco has a very large portfolio, efforts to engage them are slow

Meeting Update

- May meeting is currently planned to be in person subject to COVID levels.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:13 p.m.