

**Silver Spring Citizens Advisory Board meeting
November 14, 2022
Minutes**

Attendees:

1. SSCAB members:
 - a. Katherine Lucas McKay, Chair
 - b. Melanie Fonder Kaye, Vice Chair
 - c. Don Slater, Secretary
 - d. Debra Wiley, Parliamentarian
 - e. Sofia Bushen
 - f. Michelle Foster
 - g. Patricia Germann
 - h. Kenneth Lemberg
 - i. Daniel Moijueh
 - j. John Seelke
 - k. Lene Tsegaye
 - l. Not present: Jay Elvove
 - m. Not present: Lysette House
 - n. Not present: Vanessa Pinto

2. RSC staff:
 - a. Shawn Morris, Silver Spring Regional Services Center
 - b. Jacob Newman, Silver Spring Regional Services Center

3. Speakers:
 - a. Lieutenant David Reed, MCPD
 - b. Gus Bauman, Former SSCAB Member

4. Additional attendees:
 - a. Eric Carzon, Silver Spring Regional Mgr, MCPL
 - b. Scott Pomeroy

Agenda:

1. Introductions
 - a. Katherine opened meeting at 7:03 pm
 - b. Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) members introduced selves
 - c. Attendees introduced selves in the comments

2. Minutes from previous meeting
 - a. October minutes were approved

3. Public Safety Report (Lieutenant Reed)

- a. Commander McBain sends his apologies as he is attending another meeting
- b. County Rundown – Ida Sector (US 29 corridor northern part of 3rd district) – Seeing a lot of thefts from vehicles and from outbuildings.
- c. Henry Sector (NH Ave corridor southern part of 3rd district) – homicide in the area being worked by detectives, first homicide of the year in 3rd district, bike units being moved from DTSS to Henry Sector
- d. George Sector (DTSS) working with Maryland State Police, adding 6 new mobile security platforms, working with businesses that are using off-duty officers for security
- e. Trying to move more officers into neighborhoods, but concentrating on active areas – “if you don’t see a police car in your neighborhood, that is because we don’t see it as a problem area.”
- f. Met with Woodside community, asked about night safety, responded that more light is better, light will deter criminal activity
- g. Duty reports show good arrest rates
- h. Katherine asked about the Holiday DUI Program: It started last week, is a partnership with the Sheriff’s office and Maryland State Police, and will continue through the beginning of January
- i. Daniel asked about vehicle break-ins in DTSS garages: MCP sees opportunistic youths as a large part of the problem, also valuables left in sight in vehicles, MCP is trying to get the Parking Lot District to hire security guards to augment police presence
- j. MCP looking ahead to possible impact of Purple Line opening

4. Topic One: What is Silver Spring (Gus Bauman)

- a. Gus provided SSCAB with background information
 - i. Lived in SS since 1974
 - ii. Former SSCAB member
 - iii. Former Chair of Planning Board
 - iv. Extensive history with county executives and county councils
- b. What is Silver Spring
 - i. Described as more like DC and different from the rest of the county
 - ii. Highest population density in the county
 - iii. Wide range of housing opportunities
- c. What does Silver Spring need resources for...
 - i. Public safety
 - ii. Schools
 - iii. Parks
 - iv. Libraries
 - v. Roads
 - vi. Transit
- d. Gus suggested that the new County Council need to be educated about Silver Spring. John suggested we actively invite members to our meetings

5. Topic Two: Budget Priorities Discussion (Board members)
 - a. Some of the ideas put forth:
 - i. workforce housing (esp for police, teachers)
 - ii. safety and security, street lighting, more presence in parking garages?
 - iii. Silver Spring urban district
 - iv. Affordable housing portfolio
 - v. AHCMC/Public art trust funds for maintaining public art
 - vi. Libraries - appreciation for increased investment in ebooks
 - vii. Response & resources for homelessness - embedded social workers in libraries (like some other area systems have)? mobile crisis response units?
 - viii. Library (comment from Eric C.) - happy to see our refresh on the schedule; hope this will remain as a priorityDiscussion of county staffing
 - b. Motion made and passed to write advice letter on budget priorities
6. Committee meeting updates:
 - a. October committee meetings:
 - i. Commercial and Economic Development and Neighborhoods looked at the impact of the Purple Line construction on the small businesses on Bonifant Street
 - ii. Transportation, Energy, & Environment discussed Electric Home / EV development in SS with Brian Booher from DEP
 - iii. SSUDAC discussed budget updates and DTSS public safety issues, moved to write 2 advice letters to CE/CC.
 - b. November committee meetings
 - i. No meetings due to Thanksgiving
7. Councilmembers' reports
 - a. None tonight
8. Delegates' reports
 - a. None tonight
9. Regional Area Director's report:
 - a. County Budget Forum for SS on Monday November 21, 7 pm at the Coffield Center, other budget forums mentioned
 - b. Thanksgiving Day Parade 11/19 at 10 am
10. New Business
 - a. Melanie brought up the topic of in person or hybrid meetings in the future. Will be discussed further by ExComm.
 - b. What will we do for an end of year / holiday celebration?
 - c. Next SSCAB meeting to cover education and Parking Lot District

11. Adjourn:

- a. Meeting adjourned at 8:53 pm