

SILVER SPRING CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD
Monday, November 18th, 7pm
Silver Spring Civic Center, Veterans Plaza
Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

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| • Don Slater | • Tania Layden |
| • Melanie Fonder Kayes | • Jacob Feit |
| • Nahom Tekle | • Jacob Newman |
| • Shawn Morris | • Tony Galladora 2288 |
| • Katherine McKay | • Jason Cokinos 2346 |
| • Ken Lemberg | • Debra Wylie |
| • Michelle Foster | • Karl Pitt |
| • Jeff Le | • Larissa Jonson |
| • Paul B Ellis | • Tanihsia Bailey |
| • Jason Cokinos | |

1. Introductions

- a. Melanie brought the meeting to order at 7:15 PM, seconded by Katherine and Sarah
- b. SSCAB members and members of the public introduced selves

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2. District 3 Police and Public Safety Update

- a. Cokinos, Jason took over for Dave McBain
- b. Has worked every part of SS from Burtonsville to downtown here
- c. Shoplifting has been up, doing a bunch of details to address that with the retailers
- d. Auto thefts are down generally but we're still not where we want to be with that
- e. Weekends, still hear issues with bars, nightlife, noise
- f. Did some complaints checks this weekend, addressed at least four of the businesses serving alcohol without permits
- g. Used video in a stabbing trial, cameras working
- h. Another case, guy from Virginia ended up being wanted for felonies, drone saw guy breaking into tools for Purple Line projects
- i. Drone has been tremendous for DTSS
- j. No safety issues with election or Thanksgiving Day Parade
- k. Officer Franco out on an injury
- l. Jason Cokinos: [MPCD3D Commander X Profile](#)
- m. Officer Brandon McCloud a high-energy community officer excited to engage his real passion with youth
- n. Website has information on the drone program
- o. DFR blue button flight maps [here](#)
- p. Over 500 officers freed up by this program, around 15-16% of the drone calls end up not needing police officers having to go

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3. Department of Environmental Protection – County Energy Goals Presentation (Larissa Johnson)

- a. <https://montgomeryenergyconnection.org/> launched in 2019 to ensure all energy information in one place; used to have to go to 30 different websites to get this information.

4. Councilmember(s) Report

- a. Council Member Stewart's Office (Paul Ellis)
 - i. Noise cameras to enforce existing law about modified exhaust
 - ii. Meeting with various nonprofits to focus on their needs following the 2024 election results; many have state and federal components to their funding

- iii. Talbot Ave bridge lantern walk (more information [here](#))
 - iv. 13th street bike lanes project
 - v. Fenton streets improvements, bikeway upcoming
 - vi. Minimize effects of Purple Line construction on residents
 - vii. Spring St bridge a little delayed from original timeline; seeking further information on that from the Purple Line
 - viii. Trimming back park vegetation
 - b. Councilmember Glass (Valeria Carranza)
 - i. Make office vacancy extinct grant program has passed and is now accepting applications for moving or expanding into Montgomery County; applications first come first serve
 - ii. Uplifting Victims and Immigrant Safety Act will align state with federal standards (more information [here](#))
 - iii. Direct Purple Line grants (more information [here](#))
- 5. Regional Director's Report (Jacob Newman)
 - a. Reminder of open position on transportation
 - b. Wed night 6-7:30 PM the State Highway Administration (SHA) is having a public meeting to discuss results of the study of the Georgia Ave bus lanes' function and listen to community feedback [here](#)
 - c. Spike in fentanyl use especially in Wheaton urban district and extending to Kennedy high school; quarterly regional-wide meetings with interim smaller community meetings
 - d. Silver Spring one of the fastest growing cities in the country (read more [here](#))
 - e. Upcoming meeting on the future of dedicated bus lanes
- 6. October 2024 Meeting Minutes Approval
 - a. Motion to approve October Committee Meeting Minutes as amended made by Don, seconded by Katherine
- 7. Open discussion
 - a. We might want to get a start on outlining a budget letter so that we can have it solid by February; Katherine and Ken can start drafting a letter
 - b. State transportation budget coming out in January
 - c. It's a great time to ask our electeds about pet projects that don't cost money
- 8. Adjourn
 - a. Motion to adjourn made by Ken, seconded by Katherine

Sarah Ruth Hoffman, Secretary