

SILVER SPRING CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD
Monday, October 28th, 7pm
Silver Spring Civic Center, Veterans Plaza
Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

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| • Don Slater | • Kenneth Lemberg |
| • Michelle Foster | • Melanie Fonder Kaye |
| • Tania Laden | • Lene Tsegaye |
| • Stephanie (Chamber) | • Delegate Lorig Charkoudian |
| • Cecily Thorne (K Stewart CoS) | • Delegate Jared Solomon |
| • Nahom Tekle | • Senator Jeff Waldstreicher |
| • Jacob Newman | • Delegate David Moon |
| • Sarah Hoffman | • Delegate Jheanelle Wilkins |
| • Debra Wylie | • Deb R. |
| • Jacob Feit | • Sonji Foy |

1. Introductions
 - a. Melanie brought the meeting to order at 7:13pm
 - b. SSCAB members and members of the public introduced selves
2. Sen. Jeff Waldstreicher
 - a. On Oct. 1st, new juvenile justice reform measure went into effect
 - b. Fentanyl issue, which is “uniquely dangerous” even in small amounts
 - c. Increase use of drone program and license plate readers and people on the ground
 - d. Previous reforms need time to go into effect and so not much leg. Activity less this year because much legislation happened last year which is this year being implemented.
 - e. Pedestrian access/walkability is a priority.
3. Del. Jheanelle Wilkins
 - a. January 8th convening
 - b. Increased time for early voting hours, 10am to 8pm now 7am to 8pm
 - c. Increase number of polling places, issues related to mail voting
 - d. Automatic voter registration for re-entering from state correctional facilities
4. Del. Lorig Charkoudian
 - a. Resource adequacy/energy – how do we do this so we don’t have blackouts, plus growth on ratepayers, should we build more gas plants in MD?
 - i. Piedmont Reliability Project
 - b. Mental health and public safety, lack of beds in hospitals. Where people can go once they are out of the hospital, with a criminal conviction.
 - c. Discussed Purple line: it’s way worse than any of us thought it would be and businesses/residents along the line are paying the price for the entire region. Looking into free ridership for people along the line, free advertising for businesses – looking for ideas.
5. Del. David Moon
 - a. Ink is barely dry on juvenile justice reform measure, discussed gun violence-related penalties
 - b. Inflation on everyone’s minds: housing, childcare, and healthcare costs
 - c. Revenue questions loom – we continue to have no money for the big stuff and are in a world of serious financial constraints

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6. Del. Jared Solomon
 - a. Billion-dollar shortfall on transportation ledger, sig. progress filling it
 - b. Less structural deficit (taking in less money than we have obligations to spend)
 - c. Transportation trust fund (gas tax and vehicle reg. fees)
 - d. We are not going to dig ourselves out of a \$4billion revenue hole – more to follow in January with the Governor’s budget
7. Councilmember(s) Report
 - a. Plastic bag ban
 - b. Dec. 3rd and 10th public hearing
 - c. Attainable housing, transit accessible housing
 - d. Minority female disabled preference program extension bill
8. Thanksgiving Parade SSCAB traditionally had walked in the parade but have not in recent years; need to decide: Saturday 11/16 (<https://silverspringdowntown.com/montgomery-county-thanksgiving-parade>)
9. Don motioned and Michelle seconded motion to approve September minutes.
10. Discussion of CERB questionnaire
11. Ken motioned and Don seconded motion to adjourn at 8:47pm.

Sarah Ruth Hoffman, Secretary