

SILVER SPRING CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD
Monday, May 13th, 7 p.m.
Silver Spring Civic Center, Veterans Plaza
Meeting Minutes

AGENDA

- 7:03 p.m. – Welcome and Introductions
 - Katherine intro and call to order

- 7:04 p.m. – District 3 Police and Public Safety Update
 - Capt. Reed update – new Chief, lower in all safety areas they track, very pleased w results of newer initiatives

 - Ken Lemberg – q on assaults – Capt. Reed – simple assaults, domestic violence, teen fights – those are the only ones we are seeing a little higher than normal, working w MCPS and other orgs to work on those

- 7:08 p.m. – Welcoming back to Jacob, brief remarks, idea of tonight is to provide regular updates to network, share practices, and inform out to community leaders, public officials about the work the nonprofits are doing, visioned as a working group, thank you to Nahom!

- 7:09 p.m. – Nahom overview of grant application process, more to follow after presentations

- 7:11 p.m. – Nonprofit Providers Spotlight Presenters
 - A Wider Circle, Laura
 - Multiple programs – most known for essential support, complete house to about 15-20 families a day – couches, bed, plates, art, etc. – new initiative last Thursday – Home Reimagine – working with interior designers to transform the home in one day – designer, moving company and volunteers – started working w decommissioning companies (i.e. 40 rooms from a Hyatt) – able to really increase our services esp for things like mattresses – CTA there’s one item we always request new is PILLOWS and always need pots and pans, twin XL sheets
 - Action Youth Media, Lynn Hughes
 - Formerly Gandhi Youth Media Brigade – located in SS Library, next event is this Saturday, May 18 11-1
 - C2C, Gabriel Martinez
 - Carpe Diem Arts, Inc., Busy Graham
 - Nonprofit serving mostly MoCo, we believe in the transformational power of the arts, signature programs including Ukes on the Move, Jumpstart for the Arts, Youth ArtBeat, Arts Alive; Friendraiser next Sunday, May 19, 2:00 p.m., CarpeDiemArts.org
 - CCI Health Services, Marisol Euceda

- Community Bridges, Inc., Shannon Babe-Thomas
 - Just down the street on Georgia Ave., support young women from low-income families, 4th grade through high school, Our True Colors event (all schools can participate) and also open to the public, May 30 – get QR code
- CREATE Arts Center, Clayton Evans
 - In its 38th year, support better mental health through the arts, ages 5-105, art education programs, this summer is second year of Camp CREATE (for young people with some kind of mental health challenge), here to spotlight Tamar Hendel Gallery, 914 Silver Spring Ave, shared a few exhibits on slide, current exhibit MCPS educators, and previewed upcoming exhibit – come to the opening and to the website for more info
- Docs in Progress, Inc., Barbara Valentino
 - Almost 20, we believe everyone has a story to tell, to share, we work with emerging and established artists, through workshops and screenings, Village Reels – this program gets kids to work as teams - in this community there are so many hidden stories hiding in plain sight, if you're in a PTA, if you're parents, have your children sign up for this program – go to the Docs in Progress YouTube/Village Reels
- Easterseals DC MD VA, Larry Bram
 - Mission is to expand life and opps for all youth and adults, inclusive community where all reach their potential and live meaningful lives, Weinberg Center, hub opened in 2008 – first purpose built generational center built in the United States, child care center (w disabilities and w/out, low-income students, etc.), adult day services, daily activities and field trips, health management, intentional intergenerational activities, veteran employment program, homeless veterans, military family center, weekend respite – if someone could use help, childcare, caregiver, veteran, mil family, send them to us – or VOLUNTEER for respite event one Saturday a month
- Everyday Canvassing, Tino Fragale / Mady Nadjé
 - What does democracy look like? Canvassing, participation, and influence on officials, in events like this, relationships, etc., everydaycanvassing.com (bitly link)
- Hungry 4 Change, Giovanni Marchand
 - Based in MoCo, help w wraparound services, guide through application processes, connect to resources, started as a UMD Capstone project, took to the next level (w Everyday Canvassing!) during the pandemic, outside of MoCo starting to do projects in Kenya - food, water, etc. CTA - get to know all of you and make sure you're on our Community Resources list, ask you to share it, too
- Interfaith Works, Liz Krueger
 - All over MoCo, four emergency shelters, essential needs center, robust vocational center, tonight talking about Progress Place – four programs in there – everyone knows number of people experiencing homelessness is growing, acute crisis is real – want to have good working relationships

with all of you – having a number that they will be able to share soon to help connect people w mental health professionals – asking community to look at not as a problem but a symptom, we need people to come run groups – art, etc. need volunteers and vice versa. Come get tours. Volunteer Resource Fair this Sat., May 18 10 a.m. at Montgomery College for engagement opportunities. May 29, bimonthly community conversation w a focus on mental health/isolation, Where is Teri? Film premiere at the AFI

- Montgomery Community Media, Danielle Ricks (could not make it)
- Passion for Learning, Inc., Matthew Ratz
 - Started in Long Branch 20 years ago, now serve 150K students STEM, filmmaking, financial readiness and literacy – get them engaged in their self-efficacy – one caring adult can change the trajectory of a student’s life – take groups to UMD so they can see themselves there – find a youth because kids today are lost - instill in them hope you can change their life. passionforlearning.org
- Rockville Housing Enterprises, Kurt Turnier
 - Mission is to provide self sufficiency housing for low income families, veterans, foster youth, YouthBuild has been around for 45 years – originally under HUD, moved to Labor – workforce development for youth 16-24 who did not complete high school – provide vocational training in the construction trade while they earn their GED, career training and certification, GED component, supportive resources (taxes, financial literacy, fees and assistance, dental, mental health, substance use)
- Shepherd’s Table, Daniella Burgos
 - Celebrated 40th anniversary in 2023, provides daily meals and a host of resources – resource center, have a meal delivery program to provide prepared meals to students in programs – Beyond the Table, new Culinary Skills program to learn knife skills and life skills – 12 week program and partner w Silver Spring restaurants, other resources include eye clinic, clothing closet, urban garden, annual fundraiser is Oct. 5 – second TableFest – neighborhood block party and community votes on “Best of the Fest” dish in the park behind Thayer Spring Apartments (CREATE was there last time!), tix are \$25; always need volunteers for serving, help in resource center, clothing closet, etc.
- Silver Spring Town Center, Inc., Lisa Martin
 - Celebrating its 20th anniversary – formed out of a group of area residents who were concerned about accessibility when it was being created // diverse ongoing events – culinary traditions, art, music, programming is very reflective of our diverse community – intended to keep our community engaged and connected – we are celebrating 15th annual blues festival – something for everyone, intergenerational and reflective of our community
- Silver Spring Village, Sue
 - Caring community, mission is to sustain a robust volunteer network to support older adults – stay in homes as long as they can – rides, medical

notes, small household jobs. Provide technology training. Many are seniors helping seniors. Recreational, social, cultural activities – exercise, books, writing, chess, every kind of interest – we know that social isolation is a real issue w seniors. Welcome Wagon for seniors of Silver Spring. Vision is to be a partner with all of you and others in the community to build an age-friendly community. Have partnered with DocsinProgress. Member brochures to share and volunteer.

- Greater Silver Spring Chamber of Commerce, Stephanie Helsing
 - SS Chamber represents businesses, which includes nonprofits. Our job is to keep your doors open. For those not familiar, give her a call to talk about the nonprofit team.
- Small Things Matter, Roxanne Yamashita (could not attend)
- Spirit Club Foundation, Kim Schofield
 - Builds healthy communities by providing wellness and exercise activities to people with disabilities, scholarships at any value to support desired activities (exercise, healthy cooking, etc.) Partner grant program – designed to start a fitness program in your facility – trainers, etc. Oct 13 1-4 pm at Temple Emmanuel in Kensington – spiritclubfoundation.org for newsletter and more info.
- The Civic Circle, **Eliza Newlin Carney (was this Karla Silvestre?)**
 - Use music and the arts to inspire students to participate in democracy, close the equity gap, seven civic skills to democracy, after school activities i.e. mock elections, also have community civic events (CREATE Arts partnership), school assembly events, most of the students they've reached have been in grades 3-5 but expanding to middle and high school - vote for civics event June 2, honoring Busy Graham, civiccircle.org
- The Distant Relative's Project, Jason akyea (unable to attend)
- YMCA Silver Spring, David Rodriguez
 - Our cause is strengthening community – child care, enriching youth – day camp, after school, etc. – healthy living – social responsibility – make sure everyone has access. Right now focusing on eliminating silent killer – drowning, offering opportunity for 100 kids to learn to swim

- 8:47 p.m.
 - Nahom/marketing update – want to put everything on website, newsletter, Insta
 - Acceptance of April 2024 meeting minutes (Michelle moved, Jacob seconded, unanimously approved)
 - Adopting and sending budget letter (**XX** moved, Jacob seconded, unanimously approved)

- 8:50
 - SSCAB Elections & Vacancies Announcement
 - No Committee hearing in May
 - Meet at Civic Center on June 10 – finalize/approve letters, elections, nearby celebration
 - Adjourn

