

Silver Spring Citizens Advisory Board meeting
April 11, 2022
Minutes

Attendees:

1. SSCAB members:
 - a. Lysette House, Chair of Board
 - b. Sofia Bushen, Vice Chair
 - c. Melanie Fonder Kaye, Parliamentarian
 - d. Jay Elvove
 - e. Michelle Foster
 - f. Patricia Germann
 - g. Kenneth Lemberg
 - h. Ed Levy
 - i. Daniel Moijueh
 - j. Vanessa Pinto
 - k. John Seelke
 - l. Don Slater
 - m. Lene Tsegaye
 - n. Debra Wiley

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

3. Speakers:
 - a. Lt. David Reed (MPD)
 - b. Matt Losak (Executive Director, Montgomery County Renter Alliance)
 - c. Adriana Hochberg (Montgomery County Climate Change Officer)

1. Introductions
 - a. Lysette opened meeting
 - b. Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) members introduced selves and the evening's speakers
 - c. Attendees introduced selves in the comments
 1. This meeting is recorded (the chat is saved)
 2. Minutes from previous meeting
 - a. Minutes from SSCAB meeting in **March** were accepted

2. Topic 1: Public Safety Report (Lt. Reed)

3. Topic 2: Climate Action Plan (Adriana Hocheberg)
 - A. Climate Change in Montgomery County
 - a. There's been an increase in the number of hours or more than one inch of rain has fallen in an hour period, and we've also seen an increased number of significant flood reports here.

- b. It's also been getting hotter in Montgomery County. The Daily High in the daily low temperatures have been increasing by point. 2°f, or one degree Celsius Per decade. The average temperature has already gone up by 2.6°F, or 1.4°C.
- c. Since the beginning of the twentieth century. These trends are going to continue to worsen in the coming decades
- d. In the coming decades we can expect to experience a higher risk of moderate, severe, and extreme drought.
- e. In December, of 2017 Montgomery County Council issued and passed the unanimous resolution to eliminate greenhouse gas emissions in Montgomery county by 2,000
- f. As a climate emergency resolution became one of the very first jurisdictions in the country to declare a climate emergency, and at that time County Council decided to strengthen our climate reduction goals.
- g. The goals are by 2,035 to achieve an 80% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2,027, and by 2,035 achieve a 100% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2027 by 70% by 2,035 complete elimination of greenhouse gasses in 14 years from now less than 14 years.
- h. Other actions in the climate Action plan related to clean energy include requirements for private building, solar energy installations for new buildings as well as incentivizing solar panels as well as requiring and working at the state level
- i. to require electricity suppliers to produce and sell electricity from more renewable source

4. Topic 2: Montgomery County Rent Relief Programs Update (Matt Losak Executive Director)

1. MC Update

- a. The MC county has given out about 70 plus \$1,000,000 in rent relief, and that has helped thousands of renters stay in their homes.
- b. From the last program there are 750 applicants who are still awaiting rent relief. Some of them have been waiting since last August, and the program is designed to prioritize those who are closest to eviction, whereas the renters alliance point of view was wide.
- c. That program closed temporarily on December the 30 first, and they were receiving no more new applications.
- d. After that, with the intent of updating the application portal so that people so that they could expedite things and get it ready for the next tranche of money which was going to be between 30 and \$35,000,000
- e.

8. Committee meeting updates:

a. March committee meetings

- i. CED had a discussion with Doris Baker, President of Women of MC Business Owners in regards to unique challenges facing women business owners in MC and how Covid changes the dynamics of these businesses.
- ii. Neighborhoods: was joined by Robin Riley, Montgomery County Director of Recreation, Michael Coppersmith, Montgomery County

Director of Parks Activation, and Bryson Evans from the Maryland-National Capital Park Police. Updates on the Long Branch Community Center, summer opportunities for families were provided.

iii. TREE: had a presenter from MC DOT, explaining the process for getting a new street tree or replacing one that has been removed and from Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection on how the county goes about planting new trees in homeowners' yards.

b. March committee meetings will be 5/23

i. Neighborhoods -Joint meeting with CED on CEDC Report

ii. TREE - Purple Line

9. Councilmembers' reports

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10. Delegates' reports

a.

11. Chair's report

a.

12. Regional Area Director's report:

13. New Business

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