

**Silver Spring Citizens Advisory Board meeting
December 13th, 2021
Minutes**

Attendees:

1. SSCAB members:
 - a. Lysette House, Chair of Board
 - b. Sofia Bushen, Vice Chair
 - d. Melanie Fonder Kaye, Parliamentarian
 - e. Patricia Germann
 - f. Ken Lemberg
 - g. Ed Levy
 - h. Daniel Mojueh
 - i. Vanessa Pinto
 - j. John Seelke
 - k. Don Slater
 - l. Lene Tsegaye
 - m. Michelle Foster
 - N. Jeff JJ- Urban District Advisory Board representative
 - O. Jay Elvove
 - n. *Not present: Debra Wiley , Katherine*
2. RSC staff:
 - a. Jacob Newman, Silver Spring Regional Service Center
 - b. Shawn Morris, Silver Spring Regional Service Center
3. Speakers:
 - a. Division Chief Charles Bailey (First Rescue Service)
 - b. District 3 Commander David McBain (MC Police Department)
 - c. Evan Glass : County Council Vice President

Agenda:

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
2. This meeting is recorded (the chat is saved)
3. Minutes from previous meeting
 - a. Minutes from SSCAB meeting in **November** were accepted
4. Public Safety Report
 - a. Commander David McBain.

Commander David reported burglaries are down by 10%, theft is down by almost 13%. However, the police department saw an increase in homicides by 125%, robberies are slightly up by 5% and aggravated assaults are up by 64%. . Most notably, the third district (Silver spring district) has seen three very notable homicides in the last month. An interesting crime uptake shown in silver spring downtown. The Commander emphasizes the uptake of violent crime is not only a local issue but also a state and national problem followed by the covid-19 pandemic. Other crime hot spots as we move up from the third district are White Oak, Piney Branch and Burtonsville. The commander reported his team has successfully arrested most of the individuals who were involved in the aforementioned crimes. Also he briefly discussed proactive action his team is taking to prevent crime such as increasing police visibility.

5. Topic 1: Discussion on the Fire Rescue Service

a. Division Chief Charles Bailey

I. EMF System

- A. The EMF (Emergency and Fire) system starts with a call to 911. (also called agnostic gateway). It is managed by County Police
 - 1. Every caller gets asked the exact same question. Based on how each person answered those questions, they are triaged into one to three broad categories. These are police, fire and EMS. This system distinguishes time and not time sensitive calls. The more time critical the call is, the less time a person spends on the phone with 911.
- B. EMS is the primary emergency medical service with two subcategories. These are advanced life support (time sensitive) and basic life support (not time sensitive).
 - 1. There are three components of the EMS system. The person has to have the right equipment, and that person has to have some mode of transportation to the scene and transportation also includes transportation from the scene to the hospital.
 - 2. Christmas Safety Announcement: The Division Chief cautioned to spend as little time as possible in the presence of a hazard. Turn the Christmas tree lights off at night time right.

6. Topic 1: County Council Update and coming legislation

a. Evan Glass, County Council Vice President

I. **Public Safety**

- A. Public safety is on the top of Glass's radar. He has been speaking with business owners, chambers and property owners.
- B. Next week there will be conversation with these stakeholders to discuss how to maintain public safety in Silver Spring downtown.
- C. Public safety issues are a national trend. MC and Silver Spring are not immune to these trends. In contrast to the national trend, MC and SS are in a much better position.
- D. There is no root cause for the crime spike in SS downtown. The job loss, the house insecurity and the loss of people's lives caused by the unprecedented pandemic has altered the society which may be contributes to the crime spike
- E. There's been a 45% increase in opioid overdose.

II. **Pedestrian Safety**

- a. The pedant streets cycle project will be extending from Cameron Street to the north end of Fenton.

III. **Legislative Update**

- a. Based on the new redistricting plan, there will be two new council districts.
- b. The council overrode the county executive's veto and voted to support the creation of the bid. The only Council Members who did not co-sponsor this bid are Evan Glass and Jawando. Glass stated the reason he did not cosponsor the BID is because he had a lot of questions and wanted to understand how it is going to work in Silver Spring
- c. The MC County Council are going to approve a funding appropriation that Council Member Glass introduced at the Council for about a quarter of a million dollars that are going to go to helping small businesses here in Montgomery county who've been adversely affected by the Purple Line. For this effort Glass has acknowledged the entire district 20 delegation specifically Janelle Wilkins for making this happen.

7. Committee meeting updates:

- a. Nov and upcoming **Neighborhood Committee Agenda**
 - i. November 2021.: An open discussion on the Long Branch community in regards to the recreation center as well as parking. Letter translation services came out of the meeting
 - ii. January: Story of silver spring and racial equity
- b. Nov and upcoming **CED Committee Agenda**
 - i. November 2021: procurement with Montgomery County Govt.
 - ii. January: TBD
- c. Nov and upcoming **TREE Committee Agenda**
 - i. November 2021: discussion with Casey Anderson from the Montgomery County Planning Board on myths and facts about Thrive 2050.
 - ii. January : Pedestrian Safety
- d. Urban district
 - i. Parking enforcement has resumed. Off street parking hours changed from 7-7 to 7-10 in January. On-street parking hours will change in April.
 - ii. The Urban district advisory is concerned about alleyway enforcement. This is for deliveries. Businesses are having issues with getting deliveries along the alleys.

8. Council Member Report: Representative from Council Memeber Tom Hacker

A. BID

- a. The BID bill was passed a few months ago. From the date of the BID bill passage, the BID has to be reviewed every three years. County executive and possibly also County Council must conduct review of the BID in order for the BID to continue to be functional. If new regulations are passed at the state level.
- b. The second way is if the new state legislation explicitly says that all bids

established prior to these changes must comply with the new regulations. Under the state legislation, only one or two including silver spring BID have been established

9. Chair's Report

- A. Invited board members to meet for holiday gathering on Saturday at Long Branch

Regional Director's report:

- A. The Thanksgiving Parade that took place in November was a success.
- B. Celebrated Veterans Day
- C. Route 29 is almost 100% complete. There is one section that has not been finished up. It is expected to be completed by the end of 2021
- D. Did nonprofit organization tour in silver spring

13. New Business

- a. n/a