

SILVER SPRING CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD
Monday, January 8th, 7 PM
Silver Spring Civic Center, Veterans Plaza
Meeting Minutes

Agenda:

1. Introductions
 - a. Katherine brought meeting to order and summarized change in agenda order to prioritize speakers' schedules
 - b. SSCAB members and members of the public introduced selves
2. County council members 2024 priorities
 - a. CM Laurie-Anne Sayles
 - i. Priorities include crime in DTSS. Discussion with community members focused on hookah bars, late-night businesses.
 - b. CM Will Jawando
 - i. Priorities include MCPS.
3. Public safety/D3 update
 - a. D3 leads MoCo police department in illegal gun seizures.
 - b. Traffic enforcement initiative at DC/SS border, along Eastern Ave and Georgia Ave
 - c. Drone first-responder program announcement - it responded to a call about theft from Safeway. Drone arrived within minutes. Pilot was able to see the suspects and direct officers to them without disrupting the neighborhood. They were stealing diapers and food. Another example of a 911 call about a person with a gun - drone investigated along with officers on the way; that the drone cam could tell wasn't real, so officers did not have to get involved.
4. Vote to accept December 2023 meeting minutes
 - a. Motion made and seconded to accept December 2023 meeting minutes. Vote passed unanimously.
5. Committee reports
 - a. No previous reports as no committee meetings in November or December
 - b. TREE: January meeting with MTA is canceled. Hopefully we will reschedule.
 - c. Workforce, community, and economic development committee and Neighborhoods committee are jointly hosting February meeting on commercial vacancies in Silver Spring.
 - d. Neighborhoods committee is also hosting the March committee meeting on renters and resources for renters.
6. Councilmember staff reports
 - a. Staff for CM Stewart: Stewart will be submitting a public safety funding request to address issues with late-night in DTSS. Hopes to get SSCAB support for that request.
7. Regional area director's report
 - a. n/a

8. New Business

- a. Katherine shared February main topics: presentation from CM Kate Stewart re her 2024 priorities; discussion of Department of Health and Human Services' community health needs assessment.
- b. Katherine requested volunteers to draft a comment letter on the County Executive's budget, noting that it should be submitted in February/March.

9. Adjourn