

**Silver Spring Citizens Advisory Board meeting**  
**June 13, 2022**  
**Minutes**

**Attendees:**

1. SSCAB members:
  - a. Lysette House, Chair of Board
  - b. Katherine Lucas McKay, Secretary
  - c. Melanie Fonder Kaye, Parliamentarian
  - d. Jay Elvove
  - e. Michelle Foster
  - f. Patricia Germann
  - g. Kenneth Lemberg
  - h. Ed Levy
  - i. Daniel Moijueh
  - j. John Seelke
  - k. Debra Wiley
  - l. Not present: Sofia Bushen, Vanessa Pinto, Don Slater, Lene Tsegaye
  
2. RSC staff:
  - a. Shawn Morris, Silver Spring Regional Services Center
  - b. Jacob Newman, Silver Spring Regional Services Center
  
3. Speakers:
  - a. Commander David McBain, MCPD
  - b. Lt. Reed, MCPD
  
4. Additional attendees:
  - a. Angie Coulson
  - b. Burney Simpson
  - c. Colin Cloherty
  - d. Dominique Smith
  - e. Ian Parks
  - f. Laura Forman
  - g. Maria Carmona
  - h. Mirian Dirda
  - i. Roy Lykes
  - j. Noah Karn (CM Glass)
  - k. Upneed Atwal (CM Hucker)

**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. Minutes from previous meeting
- a. Acceptance of minutes from SSCAB meeting in **APRIL**
3. Tonight's only topic: Public Safety Report (Commander McBain and Lt. Reed)
- a. Emergency responses are taking longer and that is a problem they're working on. They don't have enough staff at Emergency Comms Center. Can't hire enough people or fast enough.
  - b. Crime trending down in several areas in the SS CBD:
    - i. Car theft
    - ii. Property crimes
  - c. Focus on illegal parking in Burtonsville and other areas (Quebec \_\_\_\_\_, up New Hampshire). Issues are with commercial motor vehicles
    - i. Upneet from CM Hucker's office noted this makes a difference and their constituents have noticed
  - d. No homicides this year
  - e. We will get you info on the entire 3rd District after this - report will be sent to Shawn Morris
  - f. **QUESTIONS**
    - i. Armed robbery at the Exxon on Georgia the other day. Any update?
      - 1. No. Detectives following up on leads and cam footage
    - ii. Why was southbound Georgia closed today? Around 2 pm.
      - 1. It was a 3 car accident that needed to close the road for tow trucks
    - iii. Can we get the speed cameras made permanent?
      - 1. We need authority from the state. That takes some time. But we typically get them.
    - iv. Can we get more red light cameras?
      - 1. Soon. But the state doesn't like them and we have had to go through a process to be allowed. We should be increasing numbers soon.
    - v. Jay sent McBain a message about a crime in their neighborhood through the contact form and did not get a response. So he asked about how to get faster non-emergency response times?
    - vi. Recruitment stuff?
      - 1. He has 26 openings for officers. There are openings for dispatchers they are having trouble filling. Officers are either leaving law enforcement (young ones) or for other MD counties
    - vii. What happened with the armed person in the garage at Glenmont stop June 4?

1. That's D4 not D3 so not certain. But last month someone was shot on the SS Metro platform and we worked with Metro Transit Police on that
- viii. About the incoming bike officers - does the department actively engage officers who participate in that program about what they notice and experience about the safety and effectiveness of the bike infrastructure in the CBD and Downtown?
  1. We do talk to them. They see the same stuff you do. They do the majority of our pedestrian and cyclist safety outreach. (follow up: communicate with DOT and Planning please :) )
- ix. Why are you having trouble recruiting?
  1. Contract moving forward is looking good. They'll get salary increases and benefits increases in July that will help. No longer be 28th in pay across the state
- x. Last summer, the people in cars shutting down intersections for doing dangerous tricks and taking video started around this time. Is that something we should be braced for this summer, too?
  1. It could happen, but we are not super concerned about that at this time.
- xi. More info about youth engagement?
  1. We see it as key to our success in keeping communities safe especially as summer comes. We want to do more things like the basketball tournament and might even expand that to other districts
- xii. We are seeing in TKPK housing break ins where people steal car keys and then the car
  1. Yes. That happens. We haven't seen a lot of it in D3. People should NOT keep the fobs in their cars
- xiii. Over past few weeks there were lots of reports of potential gun shots. They were cars backfiring, a transformer blew out, other things that weren't guns. People said they called but there are no records? Can the department follow up with people to make sure they know it wasn't gunfire and things were ok? How should people get in touch with you to learn more after things happen?
  1. If you hear something you think are shots, call 911 or the non emergency line. When they get lots of calls they feel more confident it's a shooting but sometimes it's still not. You can ask for the police to follow up with you and we will. (Follow up: people don't know and then they freak out on Next Door and Facebook)
  2. As July 4th gets closer, be aware that fireworks can sound like guns

4. Committee meeting updates:

- a. May committee meetings:

- i. Neighborhoods - no meeting
    - ii. TREE - no meeting
    - iii. CED - no meeting
    - iv. SSUDAC: police report from Lt. Reed. Lisa Martin: SSTCI Blues week (June 8-18). Carson updated us on Red Shirts. Jacob updated on BID funding and requirements before getting funding.
  - b. June committee meetings will take place 6/28
    - i. Neighborhoods - Public art in DTSS
    - ii. TREE - community solar
    - iii. CED - Asian American Chamber of Commerce to be invited
    - iv. SSUDAC:
5. Councilmembers' reports
- a. Update from CM Hucker, from Upneet Atwal
    - i. Silver Spring and Adjacent Communities Plan coming up
    - ii. Thrive 2050 briefing next week or week after
    - iii. Lyttonsville issues with illegal parking, especially 18 wheelers getting parked on Lyttonsville Rd. Getting DOT to add a Residential Parking Only sign for the area. South of that is the commercial + residential zone, so commercial vehicles are allowed to park there. They are looking at making changes?
    - iv. East Silver Spring near Sligo reduction in speed (also Burtonsville and Briggs Cheney)
    - v. Purple Line meetings upcoming as they get ready to start work
    - vi. Note on BID: it will not receive any money until it is in compliance
    - vii. Education: accessibility of elementary schools. Trash, blocked pathways. Inter-agency work ongoing to fix it.
    - viii. DTSS Rec Center on track for opening on time next year
  - b. Update from CM Glass from Noah Karn
    - i. \$\$\$ for
      - 1. Increase in funding for paving new sidewalks
      - 2. Safe routes to school
      - 3. Pedestrian and cyclist pathways
      - 4. Forest Glen tunnel
    - ii. Community Policing initiative
6. Delegates' reports
- a. n/a
7. Chair's report
- a. Support your local libraries!
8. Regional Area Director's report:

- a. \$800,000 approved for Main Street Like Initiatives. Business — team is going to open a portal for applications. Long Branch, Fenton Village, two others.
  - b. Silver Spring BID: \$200,000 with caveat that it must conform to the state legislation last year
  - c. Encanto this weekend at Coeffield June 18. Event runs 7-10. Starts at 8:45.
9. New Business
- a. Reminder no meetings in July-August