

Silver Spring Citizens Advisory Board meeting
June 14, 2021
Minutes

Attendees:

1. SSCAB members:
 - a. Lysette House, Chair of Board
 - b. Sofia Bushen, Vice Chair
 - c. Katherine Lucas McKay, Secretary
 - d. Melanie Fonder Kaye, Parliamentarian
 - e. Jay Elvove
 - f. Michelle Foster
 - g. Ken Lemberg
 - h. Ed Levy
 - i. Daniel Moijueh
 - j. Vanessa Pinto
 - k. John Seelke
 - l. Don Slater
 - m. Lene Tsegaye
 - n. Debra Wylie
2. RSC staff:
 - a. Jacob Newman, Silver Spring Regional Service Center
 - b. Shawn Morris, Silver Spring Regional Service Center
3. Speakers:
 - a. David McBain (MCPD)
 - b. Mel Tull (SSUDAC)
 - c. Daniel Koroma (Business Liaison Officer)
 - d. Upneet Atwal (Office of CM Hucker)
 - e. David Kunes (Office of CM Hucker)
 - f. Samuel Statland (Redistricting Commission)
4. Additional attendees:
 - a. Karen Roper
 - b. Joe House
 - c. Jeremiah Pope
 - d. Jonathan Bernstein
 - e. Harriet Quinn
 - f. Candace dePass
 - g. Burnie Simpson
 - h. Sean Emerson (Glass Staff)

Agenda:

1. Introductions

- a. Lysette opened meeting
 - b. Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) members introduced selves and the evening's speakers
 - c. Jacob introduced himself
 - d. 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 **JUNE** with amendments proposed by CAB members prior to this meeting
4. Public Safety Report (from Commander David McBain)
- a. His first report to us
 - b. Car jackings and "jump ins" remain big concerns for our area
 - i. Have been able to raise awareness in the downtown area and by catching several people, including some in progress
 - ii. All the individuals were from DC, very young, (others are from PGC)
 - c. There was a traffic stop that led to drugs and gun off the streets. An officer made a traffic stop on Colesville and smelled cannabis. The officer searched the car.
 - i. Question: Isn't it illegal for police to search people only because they smell cannabis? [answer: yes]
 - d. Other major issue is criminal misbehavior downtown, especially at Veterans Plaza. They will be doing arrests soon after warning people
 - e. Their team is responding to too many emergency calls to be walking the streets and interacting with the public very often
 - f. Across greater Silver Spring vehicle theft, theft from vehicles, and theft of parts are biggest category of crime
 - g. Complaint: stop the cars driving ridiculously loudly and dangerously on Colesville, Dale, other places (Georgia, 16th)
 - h. Question: break ins in early summer at Ethiopian-owned businesses. Follow up?
 - i. Question: when will there be officers patrolling on foot in Long Branch again? That was actually going well and we want that to start again
 - i. Who can we invite to our advocacy walk on Saturday? Ans - email him and send the request, he has some lieutenants who could possibly attend
5. Topic 1: Silver Spring BID (Presented by David Kunes and Upneet Atwal, CM Hucker)
- a. Presentation from CM Hucker's office focused on Tom's investment in our community over the years and his perspective on the BID. Emphasis: we are big supporters of the UDAC. He is happy to implement the "marketing BID" in consult with community members and is going to work with the D20 delegation on the state law issues
 - b. Why was Fenton Village initially not included? Ans: it was not until the Office of Legislative Oversight on racial equity of the policy came out did people

6. Discussion and questions from SSCAB members
 - a. Lively chat full of questions from SSCAB members
 - b. Questions about lack of budget, how legislation changes proposed TODAY at state level (so next term) will play out, how the BID could proceed, the purpose of the marketing, why a BID was the best option for solving the vacancy problem and foot traffic problem.
 - c. Several questions were not addressed because of time constraints. The chat was saved.
 - d. Several board members emphasized that our previous questions were never answered and requested proactive follow up. CM's staff did not commit to it, they suggested following up ourselves

7. Topic 2 Redistricting Committee for County Council districts (Presented by Samuel Statland, Redistricting Commissioner)
 - a. He had a business at Colesville and Spring until he retired 5 years ago
 - b. Review of the constraints on what they can do to draw boundaries (e.g. Leisure World)
 - c. "Silver Spring is a wide, flowing area"
 - d. Summary of demographics

8. Discussion and questions from SSCAB members
 - a. Questions about the process. Ans:

9. SSCAB new FY elections:
 - a. Jay is running the election, sent google form through Shawn earlier today. Use that to vote. Do it asap
 - b. Chair is contested between Lysette and John. Each spoke for a moment
 - c. Vice-Chair is not contested, Sofia is running
 - d. Secretary is not contested. It's me, KLM.
 - e. Parliamentarian is not contested. Melanie will continue.
 - f. SSUDAC representative: No one ran so Jay will continue in the role

10. Committee meeting updates:
 - a. No previous meetings since we're returning from Summer break
 - b. Will have rescheduled committee meeting next Monday night 9/20
 - i. *Neighborhoods:*
 - ii. *TREE:*
 - iii. *CED:*
 - iv. *SSUDAC:*
 - v. *Reopening Committee (CRAG)*
 - c. SS COVID-19 Community Committee:
 - i. Covid vax clinic 10/2 at Long Branch Library 11-3

11. Councilmembers' reports

- a. Sean Emerson for CM Glass - fewer events lately due to summer lull and COVID but upcoming event in -----
- b. Dave Kunes for CM Hucker - concern about school quarantine policies; meeting on funding for Purple Line

12. Chair's report

- a. n/a

13. Regional Area Director's report:

- a. n/a

14. New Business

- a. n/a