# Meeting Minutes Jan. 23, 2024

## **Silver Spring Urban District Advisory Committee**

Board Members in Attendance: Michael Bond Matt Harris Juanita Stewart Jay Elvove Stephanie Helsing Teika Haymon	Staff: Shawn Morris, SSUD Carson Henry, SSUD Jacob Newman, SSUD Jeffrey Keane, SSUD
Public: Mel Tull (Lee Development Group) Nick Margas (T&K Management) Melaney Johnson (Resident) Kiran Kochar-McCabe (CMS Stewart)	Guests: Captain David Reed (MCPD) Jeremy Souders, Acting Division Chief for DOT Robery Breslaw, Senior Manager, Corporate Real Estate, United Therapeutics

Meeting called to order at 3:30 p.m.

#### **Roll Call and Introductions**

## **Approval of Minutes**

(Deferred as minutes from last meeting were not finalized.)

## **MCPD Situational Update (Reed)**

- Addressed shooting at Spring and 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue
- Addressed car takeover and resulting efforts to stem such activities.

## **United Therapeutics Expansion (Robert Breslaw and Jeremy Souders)**

- Overview of county/developer property swaps.
- Addressing current/future parking needs.

## Public Safety (Dr. Earl Stoddard Unable to Attend, Presentation Moved to Future Meeting.)

#### **Urban District Report**

# (Carson Henry)

### Discussed:

- Increase in public safety calls, but mainly due to new categorization.
- Illegal dumping was up (but mainly attributable to single individual.)
- Developing graffiti intervention strategy for spring (cold weather poses challenges).
- Working with other departments to address potential flooding from new construction.
- Successful "Ice and Lights" event at Veterans Plaza.

# (Jacob Newman)

## Discussed:

Efforts to secure additional grant funding for businesses impacted by the Purple Line construction.

- A temporary change in point of contact for the parking lot district.
- A planned meeting with stakeholders to discuss street parking challenges and potential solutions.
- A forthcoming meeting with the Ethiopian community to discuss safety, security, parking, and funding opportunities.
- The county budget process, and the possibility of the county executive supporting funding for painting street light poles.
- Activities organized by the Office of Community Partnerships, including the MLK Day of Service event.

# Old Business, New Business, What's Upcoming (Stewart)

Request for backup notetaker.

Meeting concluded at 5:00 p.m.