

Meeting Minutes
May 28, 2024
Silver Spring Urban District Advisory Committee

Board Members in Attendance: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Diana Brown• Michael Bond• Stephanie Helsing• Teika Haymon• Robert Breslaw	Staff: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shawn Morris• Carson Henry• Jacob Newman• Jeffrey Keane
Public: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mel Tull (Lee Development Group)• Melaney Johnson (American Nurses Association)• Captain David Reed (MCPD)• Lt. Tony Galladora (MCPD)	Guests: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Elza Hisel-McCoy (Montgomery Planning)• Atara Margolies (Montgomery Planning)• Stephanie Dickel (Montgomery Planning)

Call to Order:

- Meeting called to order at 3:34 p.m. by Diana Brown.
- Technical difficulties with video cameras were resolved before starting.

Roll Call and Introductions:

- Introductions made by all attendees.

Approval of Previous Minutes:

- April minutes approved. Motion by Teika Haymon, seconded by Stephanie Helsing.

MCPD Situational Update:

- **Captain Reed:**
 - Introduction of new summer concert series "Wind Down Thursdays" from June 20th to August 29th, except the week of July 4th.
 - Update on the recent shooting incident and ongoing investigations.
 - Discussion on new security measures, including the installation of county watch cameras.
 - Emphasis on community engagement and proactive policing efforts.
 - Noted decrease in carjackings and auto thefts due to effective policing and community programs.

Development and Urban District Report:

- **Elza Hisel-McCoy & Atara Margolies:**
 - Update on the status of various development projects in Silver Spring.
 - Introduction to the Silver Spring Design Advisory Panel (DAP) and its role in improving urban design.
 - Details on specific projects like 8676 Georgia Avenue and Ellsworth Place.
 - Streetscape standards update to align with the new sector plan focusing on accessibility, climate resilience, and maintenance.

Downtown Silver Spring Marketing and Urban District Report:

- **Carson Henry & Jeffrey Keane:**
 - Overview of urban district activities, including landscaping, tree maintenance, and public safety operations.
 - Highlight of Gene Lynch Park maintenance and improvements.
 - Update on staff hiring and training, noting the team is now at 95% staffing capacity.
 - Emphasis on interagency coordination for public safety and infrastructure maintenance.

Community Engagement:

- **Open Discussion:**
 - Melaney Johnson and Stephanie Helsing praised the increased police presence and its positive impact on community safety.
 - Discussion on retail theft at CVS and corporate policies affecting customer experience.

Administrative Updates:

- **Carson Henry:**
 - Details on administrative activities, including staffing updates and recycling initiatives.
 - Plans for upcoming events and public engagement activities.

Adjournment:

- Meeting concluded at 5:33 p.m.

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