

Meeting Minutes
May 23, 2023
Silver Spring Urban District Advisory Committee

<p>Board Members in Attendance: Michael Bond Diana Brown Matt Harris Juanita Stewart Jay Elvove</p>	<p>Staff Carson Henry, SSUD Jacob Newman, SSUD (Plus Guest, TBD) Jeffrey Keane, SSUD Nahom Tekle (Regional Projects Manager), SSUD</p>
<p>Public Mel Tull (Lee Development Group) Nick Margas (T&K Management) Maurisee Upshar (T&K Management)</p>	<p>Guests Lt. Tony Galladora (MCPD) Paul B. Ellis (CMS Stewart) Councilmember Kate Stewart</p>

Meeting called to order at 3:37 p.m.

Roll Call and Introductions

MCPD Situational Update (Galladora)

- **Safety Alliance Kickoff** – working with downtown businesses (all are included).
 - Neighborhood watch at a commercial scale.
 - Quarterly meetings.
- Working to implement Nighttime Safety Bill
- Homicide on 14th
- Did a press conference with family of Jan. homicide.
- Carjackings – 44 YTD; 17 in 3rd District; 16 closed arrests.
 - Numbers compare favorably with neighboring jurisdictions.
 - Goal is always zero, or as close to zero as possible.
- High-visibility patrols = only one incident in areas patrolled (occurred outside hours with increased staffing).
- Violent Crime Info Center = proven helpful with recent incidents.
- Community Day at Fairgrounds = well received, joined by responding agencies.
- Ellsworth St. camera moved to Lockwood.

Approval of March and April Minutes

- Motion to approve (Elvove), Seconded by Harris.
- Approved by voice vote.

Open Forum with County Executive Marc Elrich

- Intros
- Opening remarks by county executive.
 - County was healthy in terms of revenue and businesses through pandemic.
 - Home sale decline has impacted revenues.

- Concern remains about possible federal default and impact on those dependent on government transfers / impact on county.
 - Need to increase salaries for teachers; “not competitive” with other areas. Spend per pupil has dropped. School districts have significant needs. County councils throughout Maryland are looking to get more involved (requires change from state legislature).
 - Progress on economic development. 4M sq. feet of lab space under development in county. Number of projects “unstuck.”
 - Looking for further enhancements for BRT.
 - UMD wants to bring institute for “health computing” to White Flint/North Bethesda
- Discussion on Unhoused/Homeless Resources (Raised by Stewart)
 - County is looking for sites where they can build shelters.
 - Discussion on SSIMS (Raised by Bond)
 - Most recent budget has significant resources in it available for schools/construction.

Urban District Report (Henry)

- June 10 = opening of Gene Lynch Urban park.
- Major progress been made with social services in concert with MCPD to humanely respond and steer unhoused population to resources.
- May 19 = Bike to Work Day
- Fenton Village Inc. looking to put lights and cameras. Working with SSUD and MCPD.
- Hired four new employees.
- Clean and Safe Team nominated for “Local Rotary Hero” by Rotary Club.
- Graffiti and carts and scooters are remaining issues.
- Signs (yard signs, stickers on street signs) have become an issue.

SSCAB Update (Elvove)

- Continued emphasis on safety and pedestrian safety, in particular.

Old Business, New Business, What’s Upcoming (Stewart)

- Concerns over crime/perception of crime (Tull)
 - To continue as focus of upcoming meetings.

Motion to adjourn (Elvove); Second (Harris); Approved by voice vote.

Meeting concluded at 5:00 p.m.

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