**Meeting Minutes**

**June 27, 2023**

**Silver Spring Urban District Advisory Committee**

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| **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 (Plus Guest, TBD)  Jeffrey Keane, SSUD  Nahom Tekle (Regional Projects Manager), SSUD  Catherine Rytkonen |
| **Public**  Mel Tull (Lee Development Group)  Nick Margas (T&K Management)  Maurisee Upshar (T&K Management)  Melaney Johnson (Resident)  Affiong Ibok (Summer Intern, Central Staff)  Paul B. Ellis (CMS Stewart) | **Guests**  Lt. Tony Galladora (MCPD)  Atara Margolies (Montgomery Planning)  Elza Hisel-McCoy (Montgomery Planning) |

**Meeting called to order at 3:34 p.m.**

**Roll Call and Introductions**

**Approval of May Minutes**

(Deferred as quorum not present)

**MCPD Situational Update (Galladora)**

* Carjackings are down significantly in urban district.
* Auto thefts are down.
* Successful thwarting of possible child abduction at Ellsworth Place mall, caught suspect.
* Field visit to California, visiting law enforcement agencies to learn about techniques/tech.
* High visibility patrols in urban district will continue.
* Some anticipated staffing challenges for overnight shift.

**Montgomery Planning in DTSS (Hisel-McCoy and Margolies)**

* Working on implementing Downtown Silver Spring Plan.
* Review of Sector Plan Process/Progress
* Working on Streetscape Standards Update
  + Kickoff in summer, engagement in fall.
* Planning to return to address SSUDAC in fall.
* Question/Discussion (Tull): What planning-wise needs to be done to attract visitors/residents to downtown, recognizing that office vacancy will likely remain high?

**Urban District Report (Henry)**

* Signs (yard signs, stickers on street signs) continue to be a major issue.
* Gene Lynch Urban park is open and in good condition.
* Silver Spring Safety Alliance Discussion (MCPD/Chamber/)
  + Group is using an email blast to counter mis/disinformation.
  + Business-focused group, but recognize need to educate and engage non-business community members.

**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
* Initial planning for August retreat.

**Meeting concluded at 5:00 p.m.**

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