

SSUDAC Meeting Summary **September 20th, 2018**

Members Present: Mussie Betre, Diana Brown, Jay Elvove, Mel Tull

Members Absent: Carmen Camacho, David Fogel, Thomas Kaufmann, Juanita Stewart

Call to Order and Introductions:

- The meeting was called to order at 3:34 p.m.

Police Briefing & Crime Report

Lt. Eric Bunting, Montgomery County Police, Third District

- The September police briefing covered crime in the Central Business District over the last two weeks. Incidents included four robberies, fourteen thefts from vehicles, one sex offense, six commercial burglaries and three aggravated assaults.
- Bike thefts have increased during the warm weather, with police making two arrests across the border in D.C.
- A vehicular accident occurred in the early morning hours on September 20th at Bonifant St., with a car impacting several parking meters.

Green Bank Update

Tom Deyo, CEO, Montgomery County Green Bank

- Mr. Deyo provided an overview of the Green Bank, a nonprofit organization created by the County to increase investment in renewable and efficient energy. The Bank itself is an insurance fund to assist financial lenders with entering the renewable energy market.

Opportunity Zones Update

Ben Rickelman, Office of the County Executive

- Mr. Rickelman discussed the County's Opportunity Zones, a grouping of fourteen census tracts within the County in which businesses and other properties may receive investment funds through Opportunity Funds.
- The zones provide tax incentives to investors for investing their capital gains into specific communities (the Opportunity Zones). Two of the fourteen zones are in downtown Silver Spring.

Silver Spring Urban District Report

Richard Bingham, Silver Spring Urban District

- Mr. Bingham gave a detailed overview of Urban District operations and current status, including a recent shift pick and staffing adjustments, as well as a general overview of staff responsibilities and shift schedules.
- All trash and recycling collections are now done in-house by Urban District staff, rather than contractors.
- Mr. Bingham suggested a garage walkthrough for committee members for the October committee meeting.

Regional Area Director's Report

Reemberto Rodriguez, Director, Silver Spring Regional Center

- Mr. Rodriguez shared the first draft of a map of social services and organizations within the Central Business District provided by Interfaith Works.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:23 p.m.