

SSUDAC Meeting Summary
January 16th, 2020

Members Present: Mussie Betre, Diana Brown, Carmen Camacho, Jay Elvove, David Fogel, Michael Larson, Jane Redicker, Mel Tull

Members Absent: Thomas Kaufmann, Aaron Kayce, Juanita Stewart

Call to Order and Introductions:

- The meeting was called to order at 3:38 p.m.

Police Briefing & Crime Report

Montgomery County Police, Third District

- Lieutenant Brent Kearney is the new 3rd District supervisor.
- Police reported two shootings, one at the Palisades Lounge on Georgia Ave. and one at Copper Canyon on Ellsworth Dr.
- An additional arrest was made in a previously reported Ellsworth Place assault.

Silver Spring Master Plan Introduction

Leslye Howerton, Master Planning Supervisor, M-NCPPC

- Ms. Howerton provided an overview of the Master Planning process as well as a brief historical background on the 2000 CBD Sector Plan, which was specifically designed to be transit/residential/commercial and pedestrian friendly.
- The 2019 Silver Spring streetscape standard updates were recently completed, and the master plan work will begin in February/March 2020.
- The Master Plan update process will have multiple levels of community outreach and public comment before proceeding to the County Council, County Executive and Planning Department and Planning Board.

Budget

All

- The committee discussed multiple issues of concern/interest within the Silver Spring Urban District Budget, including homelessness, tree replacements, sidewalk repairs, trash collection and additional staffing.
- Committee members proposed adding additional homelessness outreach staff to the Urban District in order to provide more rapid and thorough responses to businesses, along with additional unmarked police presence.

- A motion to draft a letter to the County Executive regarding these budget concerns passed unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:22 p.m.