

SSCA June Meeting: →

7:10 pm

Meeting called to order at 6:40 pm by Chair, B. Schiffler.

Basile Whitaker (Vice Chair) read the May minutes (again) for Doug Farquhar.

Christine Wilson opened meeting by introducing 3 of the 4 Carolyn Snowden scholarship recipients in attendance. Each recipient briefly introduced themselves and provided a brief bio & overview and thanked the SSCA for their being selected.

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Delegate ~~Patty Q~~ Queen was in attendance and provided Dist 14 Legislative updates from Annapolis' last session. Key points she provided an overview on were:

- \$15.00 min wage fight
- Kerwin commission report due out in 2020 and impact on MoCo schools.
- Raising legal age for purchase of tobacco products to 21
- Grants which supported the community in Dist 14
- Bill for summer meals program for school aged children enrolled in SNAP program
- Additional funding for MoCo schools; specifically schools located in East County
- Make kids aware of available scholarships from Dist 14^delagates attending an accredited Maryland university or college.

Christine Hill reported out on budget status.

Marie Slater provided a report on roads and highways in the community.

Christine Hill noted a new school bus stop at Thomas Village and made all members aware of her most unfortunate fate of \$250 fine for passing a school bus while stopped. A motion was made for Fred Nichols to pay the fine. The motion failed to carry and Mr Nichols was absolved of the fine.

Ashton Master Plan meeting was deferred to Sept 2019 in order to have more community input and

The newly proposed Greater Ashton-Sandy Spring Civic Assoc organization was deferred until July and awaiting more information.

A request was made to have SSARP attend July meeting to discuss the Master Plan meeting proposed for September meeting.

MGH 99TH YEAR Women's Board Picnic and Bazaar to held July 23, 2019.

The meeting adjourned at 7:29 pm.

SSCA Transportation Report – June 10, 2019

1. Brooke RD Repaving Project

Status – Responsible depot currently performing emergency ditch line grading work. Would not commit to a date other than summer 2019.

2. Gold Mine Road Bridge/Road Improvement

Status - Beginning June 17, 2019 there will be no access to Chandlee Mill from Gold Mine. County has posted signs on Gold Mine and Chandlee Mill indicating no through traffic on Chandlee Mill. Access will be closed off most of the summer but will reopen in time for school reopening. Gold Mine Road is expected to be fully reopened between New Hampshire and Georgia Ave during November 2019.

3. New Hampshire Avenue southbound north of Brooke RD – install rumble strips

Status –SHA has referred request to Traffic Division for review

4. Brooke RD/Rte108

a. Steel plates smooth over temporary fix

Status - sent reminder to SHA contact that smoothing still has not been done

b. Reconstruct intersection

Status – Project is part of larger Rte 108 repaving – Start date not set

From: "Douglas B. Farquhar" <DFarquhar@hpm.com>

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<chillwilson@verizon.net>, "kathy virkus (kathy.virkus@gmail.com)" <kathy.virkus@gmail.com>,
"Basile P. Whitaker" <whitakerb@qualitybiological.com>

Date: Mon, 13 May 2019 12:35:07 +0000

Subject: For SSCA

I am sorry that I can't make tonight's meeting of the SSCA. But there were a couple of items I wanted to make sure were communicated.

First, a new civic association in our area had its inaugural meeting last week. The organization, patterned after the Greater Olney Civic Association, would allow organizations in Ashton and Sandy Spring to be members, rather than individuals. The new organization has invited the SSCA to join as a member of the new organization, and has suggested that individuals who wish to participate should do so through joining SSCA and asking that their voices be heard through the SSCA representative. Although it was originally proposed that the organization be called the Greater Ashton Civic Association, to avoid confusion with the SSCA, some of the homeowners Association representatives at the inaugural meeting were from Sandy Spring, and they requested that the new organization be called the Greater Ashton Sandy Spring Civic Association. I would suggest that the SSCA should decide at the May meeting whether folks object to the name of the new organization (I do not, although perhaps we should suggest that it be the Greater Ashton Sandy Spring Civic Organization, rather than Association). Also, I think it us a good idea for SSCA to be one of the organizational members of the new group, and to name two representatives who would attend meetings. I would be willing to serve as one of the representatives, but there should be at least two representatives designated, to ensure coverage.

Also, the MNCPPC has announced the kickoff meeting for the planning process for the new Ashton Village Master Plan. The process is expected to be expeditious, with a final plan ready for Council review by the end of the summer. The kickoff off meeting is this week on Thursday at 6:00 p.m. at the Sandy Spring Museum.

I attach minutes from the last meeting. Again, sorry to miss the meeting.

Best wishes,

Doug

202 26 9951 if you need to reach me, although I will be on a plane after about 7:30.

Minutes of Meeting of Sandy Spring Civic Association, April 8, 2019

The Sandy Spring Civic Association held its regular meeting on April 8, 2019, at the Ross Boddy Community Center.

The minutes of the March 2019 were presented, and approved. Recording Secretary Kathy Virkus was not present, Correspondence Secretary Doug Farquhar took the minutes.

Treasurer Christine Hill Wilson delivered the Treasurer's Report. There was little change in the balances from the previous month, although \$170 was transferred from the Scholarship savings account to the Scholarship CD. The Scholarship Committee reported that the deadline for applying for scholarships for the 2019-2020 academic year was April 15. As of April 8, only two applications had been submitted, one from a student at Sherwood High School, and the other from a student at Good Counsel.

Marie Slater delivered the report of the traffic committee. The intersection of Brooke Road and Route 108 was scheduled for an improvement, of sorts. Previous patches on the on-street gully that is just north of the Route 108 traffic had previously been performed with cold patch, which did not last and was continually in need of improvement. Marie reported, accurately, that the gully would soon be replaced with steel plates. Eventually, the intersection will be improved with a hot patch replacing the steel plates. A suggestion that warning lights be placed at the intersection of Brooke Road and New Hampshire Avenue was referred to the Traffic Committee for further consideration. A request that Brooke Road be repaved in its entirety was met with the response that would need to be approved by the State Highway Commission.

The majority of the meeting addressed the request of the Olney Sandy Spring Veterinary Hospital to build a new parking lot for its employees on the east side of the facility, with an entrance off Norwood Road. Karen Hoffmann, the owner of the Veterinary Hospital, was present at the meeting along with her lawyer on the project, Jim Parsons, and her traffic planner, Glen Cook. Jim noted that the facility was the subject of a special exception approved in 1992, and that Karen acquired the hospital in 2013 and the real estate where the facility is located in 2015. He explained that the business is not looking to expand the building, just to expand its business operations within the same building with expanded hours of operation and with more employees working in the present space. He said that the Hospital has signed a contract to purchase the adjacent 1.7 acres, contingent on approval of the parking lot, and that the parking lots would occupy about .8 acres, with the remainder being placed under a conservation easement. He said this would provide 30 additional spaces, which would be used exclusively by employees, and the existing lot would be devoted to customers.

In response to questions, he said that it was not practical to access a parking lot on the east by a connecting road behind the facility. He also said that Karen had decided to alter the original proposal so that construction of a single-family home on the remainder of the parcel would not be permitted. In other words, he said, instead of two homes being constructed on the 1.7 acres, as would be permitted, there would be 30 parking spaces.

In response to numerous questions about the proposal, Jim said that there are currently a total of 24 employees at the Hospital, and that the proposal would be to increase the number of employees to 40 over the next four years. He said that 18 employees are now permitted to be on location at any given point, and the maximum number of employees at any one time would increase to 23 over the next four years. Asked why 30 spaces were necessary, he said that the county requires there to be spaces equivalent to 130% of the maximum number of employees permitted to be working, presumably to permit some overlap between shifts.

There was extensive discussion about the notices delivered to the community about the proposal. Jim said that the Board of Appeals had failed to send out the notices to all adjacent and confronting property owners, so the hearing had to be repeated.

Asked about opening hours, Jim said the proposal is for the facility to be open from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. on weekdays, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays, and noon to 5:00 p.m. Sundays. He said that the lighting on the parking lot would be "dark sky compliant," and that there would be landscaping to screen the parking lot from being visible from Route 108. Complaints about traffic that would be added to Norwood Road were addressed with the comment that adding the traffic to Route 108 during peak hours would be a significant problem, and, because an entrance on Route 108 for the additional parking lot would be on a major state road, the costs would be prohibitive, and require a very large paved entrance and dedication of right of way.

The Association approved a motion to support the parking lot expansion on condition that the property owner is required to construct a hiker/biker trail paralleling Route 108 (although there is a continuous sidewalk on the south side of Route 108 from Norwood Road to Ashton, there is not any sidewalk at all on the south side of Route 108 from Norwood Road to Dr. Bird Road. A letter to the Board of Appeals was submitted along those lines. The letter is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Farquhar
Correspondence Secretary

Minutes of Meeting of SSCA, dated May 15, 2019 @ Koss Boudie Community Center.

- Meeting was called to order by Chair at 6:39 pm.
- Basile Whitaker read into the record meeting minutes from April 8 meeting for Doug Farquhar.

Marie Slater provided an update TRAFFIC AND ROADS:

Brooke Road Repaving Project - MC DOT Colesville Depot has completed marking segments of the road needing repair between RTEs 108 and 650. Some sections require milling which involves removing 3 inches of damaged asphalt, refilling and repaving. Other sections will require base work which involves removing all the asphalt down to the dirt, replacing the base, refilling with asphalt rock and then repaving. The Colesville Depot would not commit to a specific schedule, but depending on the weather, once started, the work is expected to take 1-1/2 weeks. Some of the work may be started by June SSCA meeting.

RTE 650 - North of Brooke Road - Southbound Lane - Request has been referred to the Traffic Section of MD DOT to make a determination as to whether rumble strips need to be installed to further slow traffic at the curve before Brooke.

Gold Mine Road Bridge - work is proceeding on schedule. During summer of 2019 after school closes Chandlee Mill Road may be closed for a few weeks beginning at Gold Mine and James Creek to complete road elevation work.

Ride-On Bus- Effective May 12, changes have been made to multiple routes and schedules. Bus Route 52 which serves Good Counsel HS and Montgomery General Hospital is not affected.

Christine Hill provided budget update & balances; see attached balance sheet

- Checking acct: \$474.40:
- Scholarship checking-\$674.04
- Scholarship CD-\$2,510.43
- Scholarship Savings-\$2,579.60

Scholarship Committee – The Committee received ten (10) applications this year, which is a record number. After reviewing the applications, it has been decided to award four (4) \$300 scholarships this year as no scholarships were awarded in 2018 and our pattern has been to award two(2) \$300 annually. The recipients this year are from Sherwood High, Good Counsel and Blake high schools. We will be asking the awardees to attend our June meeting to introduce themselves to the members.

General Business:

Ellen Atkinson provided an extensive update and overview regarding the Dr Bird/Norwood Rd Walking Path Project. The multiuse path project of 2013 failed to advance very far. SSCA is on

record in support of the multiuse path segments. Available funding up to \$100k has been approved for study and designs of the proposed path(s) known as the Heritage Triangle Trail. Ms. Atkinson read aloud letter outlining the grant process. She is again seeking letter of support and all members in attendance unanimously voted in support of her request.

and additional \$120K in addition to the

Collin Hayward from Baltimore, of RK&K Engineering presented a detailed plan and additional background information regarding the Heritage Trail project. His contact information is chayward@rkk.com, 410-637-3338. He made himself available afterwards to discuss the project in greater detail for all interested parties.

A "lively" discussion was had regarding a proposed new organization similar to GOCA for Sandy Spring-Ashton area. The organization would be a collection of HOA's in the respective area to represent the community. It was recommended 1-2 members from SSCA be part of the organization to represent the interests of the Civic Assoc. The potential membership of all HOA's in the SS/Ashton area approx 21-22 HOA's. A discussion ensued and it was recommended additional information be gathered and presented to the membership before a final decision was made.

Ashton Village Center Sector Meeting was announced for May 16. It was encouraged as many members try and attend in order to gain further insight to the minor Master Plan Amendment being proposed.

The "webmaster" noted he is bored and wishes to have documents available for posting to the website and future archiving. All members agreed to support his request.

Ron Nesbit, representing Hampshire Green HOA requested a letter of support from SSCA to change boundary lines for school (NE Consortium) Sherwood HS. He indicated that his community is doing their due diligence in meeting with elected officials and school board members to enact this change. It was decided that individual members can support but SSCA is opting out in support of the request.

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm.

Under the boundary study can join an existing cluster under the new proposal. Before school clusters to join.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of Doug Farquhar,

Racile Whitaker

Corrections: Not noted



Sandy Spring Civic Association

www.sandyspringcivic.com

*Meeting the second Monday of each month, 6:30pm at the Ross Boddy Community Center
located on Brooke Road in Sandy Spring, Maryland*

April 11, 2019

By email; confirmation copy by first-class mail

John Pentecost, Chairperson
Montgomery County Board of Appeals
County Council Office Building, 2d Floor
100 Maryland Avenue
Rockville, Maryland 20850

Re: Request for Modification of Special Exception S-1904, KSH Holdings, LLC

Dear Mr. Pentecost:

The Sandy Spring Civic Association ("SSCA") supports the application of the Olney-Sandy Spring Veterinary Hospital (the "Veterinary Hospital") to add an employee parking lot with 30 spaces on a lot to the east of the Veterinary Hospital, with one very important condition. The SSCA requests that the modification be granted only if the Applicant is required to construct a multi-use path that parallels Route 108 (Olney-Sandy Spring Road) between the west side of the Veterinary Hospital property and Norwood Road.

The reason for our request is that the community and the Montgomery County Government have recognized for years the utility and benefits of a pedestrian/biker/equestrian pathway from Ashton to Olney, along Route 108. Property owners seeking approval of subdivision or other zoning changes along Route 108 have consistently been required to dedicate a right-of-way for such a path and to build and maintain the path. Currently, there is a walkable trail on the north side of Route 108 from the center of Olney to the Sherwood Elementary School, which is located just west of the Veterinary Hospital, and across Route 108. But it is very difficult for pedestrians and bicycles heading toward Ashton to navigate from Sherwood Elementary School (not to be confused with Sherwood High School) to the east side of Norwood Road, which intersects Route 108 near where the new employee parking lot would be located. The shoulders on Route 108 are extremely narrow at that point, and, while the owners of the parcel across the street from the Veterinary Hospital (Tim and Rumsey Keefe) generously attempt to maintain a walking path alongside the road and around a bog located at the intersection, that walking path is unusable for bicycles, and is frequently water-logged, making it difficult for pedestrians to pass. Adding a paved multi-use path from the west side of the Veterinary Hospital to Norwood Road would allow Ashton-bound pedestrians,

bicycles, and horses to cross Route 108 from the north side of Route 108 (at the entrance to Sherwood Elementary School) and to walk on pavement from Sharp Street United Methodist Church to Norwood Road, and, once across Norwood Road, to walk on pavement all the way to Ashton, safely, and comfortably. Many people every day travel this route, with great peril at this particular point. While crossing Route 108 can be risky, as well, there are excellent site lines in both directions on Route 108 in front of Sherwood Elementary School, with frequent breaks in traffic, and SSCA will petition the State Highway Administration to put in a crosswalk at this point if the path is built on the subject property. Even if such a crosswalk is not possible, the paved path we request would be an important link in an eventual multi-use path on the south side of Route 108 that would connect the paths at the nearby Bancroft subdivision with the crosswalk next to the Olney Ale House, located at the intersection of Route 108 and Dr. Bird Road.

At its meeting on April 8, 2019, the members of the SSCA present voted overwhelmingly (15 to 5) to support the request for the special exception modification, provided that this pathway is built. A failure to require the pathway at this point could be fatal (both to the pathway and, potentially, to pedestrians) because the property along Route 108, happily, will be subject to a conservation easement, which would likely prohibit the construction of a pathway without modification of the easement.

Thank you very much for considering this request.

Respectfully submitted,

Handwritten signature of William B. "Bim" Schauffler in black ink, with the initials "DBF" written to the right of the signature.

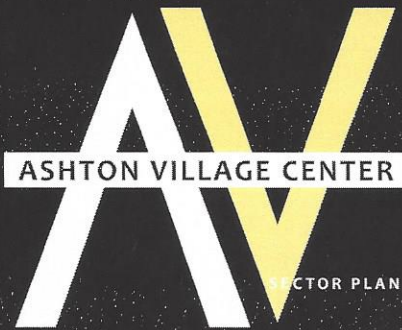
William B. "Bim" Schauffler, President
Sandy Spring Civic Association

Handwritten signature of Douglas B. Farquhar in black ink.

Douglas B. Farquhar, Correspondence Secretary
Sandy Spring Civic Association

cc: James L. Parsons, Jr. (by email)
Attorney for KSH Holdings, LLC

Basile Whitaker (by email)
Bancroft Homeowners Association



ASHTON VILLAGE CENTER SECTOR PLAN COMMUNITY MEETING

SANDY SPRING MUSEUM

THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2019 • 6:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M.

The Montgomery County Planning Department will launch the Ashton Village Center Sector Plan on Thursday, May 16, 2019 at a community meeting held at the Sandy Spring Museum from 6 to 8 p.m. Planners will provide an overview of the planning process, examine a suggested boundary for the plan and allow interested local residents to voice their concerns about community issues. The meeting's open house format will encourage informal conversations about the planning and public outreach process, and the best ways to maximize residents' involvement in the plan's development.

THE ASHTON VILLAGE CENTER SECTOR PLAN WILL:

- Assess existing land use conditions.
- Evaluate the Rural Village Overlay Zone in the context of the new 2014 zoning code.
- Make recommendations for revising the overlay zone in response to community and landowner concerns.
- Maintain Ashton's rural character.
- Involve residents and other stakeholders in the plan development and review processes.
- Develop recommendations to improve compliance with Vision Zero goals providing safe connections for all modes of transportation.
- Enhance opportunities to provide walkable, neighborhood-serving development.

**Sandy Spring Civic Association
Treasurer's Report
Balances as of
June 30, 2019**

Membership Checking Account		\$ 477.41
	6/19/2019 Deposit, dues	10.00
	6/28/2019 EIG, Homestead, web hosting	(21.99)
		(11.99)
	Balance	\$465.42
 Scholarship Checking		 \$663.04
	6/19/2019 Transfer from Scholarship savings	600.00
	6/24/2019 Drexel University, G. Schuler	(300.00)
	6/28/2019 University of MD Baltimore Co., K. Tomas	(300.00)
		0.00
	Balance	\$663.04
 Scholarship Savings Account		 \$ 2,579.81
	6/19/2019 Transfer to Scholarship Checking	(600.00)
	6/30/2019 Interest	0.10
		(599.90)
	Balance	\$ 1,979.91
 Scholarship CD Account		 \$ 2,515.43
	6/4/2018 Interest	5.18
		5.18
	Balance	\$2,520.61

Collected '90

June 11/19

**Sandy Spring Civic Association
Treasurer's Report
Balances as of
May 31, 2019**

Membership Checking Account

			\$ 474.40
5/15/2019 Deposit, dues	25.00		
5/29/2019 EIG, Homestead, web hosting	(21.99)		
		3.01	
		Balance	\$477.41

Scholarship Checking

			\$674.04
5/16/2019 Sandy Spring Bank, stamps	(11.00)		
		(11.00)	
		Balance	\$663.04

Scholarship Savings Account

			\$ 2,579.70
5/31/2019 Interest	0.11		
		0.11	
		Balance	\$ 2,579.81

Scholarship CD Account

			\$ 2,510.43
5/4/2019 Interest	5.00		
		5.00	
		Balance	\$2,515.43

**Sandy Spring Civic Association
Treasurer's Report
Balances as of
April 30, 2019**

Membership Checking Account

\$ 391.39

4/18/2019 Deposit, dues	105.00	
4/29/2019 EIG, Homestead, web hosting	(21.99)	

83.01

Balance \$474.40

\$374.04

Scholarship Checking

4/18/2019 Donation	300.00	
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300.00

Balance \$674.04

Scholarship Savings Account

\$ 2,579.60

4/30/2019 Interest	0.10	
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0.10

Balance \$ 2,579.70

\$ 2,505.28

Scholarship CD Account

4/4/2019 Interest	5.15	
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5.15

Balance \$2,510.43