

Minutes

Sandy Spring Civic Association
Ross Body Community Center, Sandy Spring, MD 20860

June 8, 2020

Attendance: Board Members – William “Bim” Schauffler, President; Basile “Whit” Whitaker, Vice President; Christine Hill, Treasurer; Audrey Dutton, Parliamentarian; Douglas Farquhar, Corresponding Secretary; Dr. Daryl Thorne, Recording Secretary

Attendance: General body – approximately 11; Guest Speakers (4) – State Delegates: Pamela Queen, Anne Kaiser, Eric Luedtke, Craig Zucker (Collectively self-identified as the “District 14 Team”)

Attendance Total (approximate): 31

Meeting called to order: 6:33 p.m. by Bim Schiffler (Opened with a moment of silence “with respect for all that is happening in our society” right now)

Special Guest Presentations

Slide presentation from the District 14 Team. The presentation focused on local and state issues concerning the pandemic impact and updates – testing sites and unemployment, as well as the overall budget and voting processes (the District 14 Team will forward the power point slide containing details).

SSCA members engaged the District 14 Team about: voting, police operating policies (body cameras) and police accountability (FOP).

Agenda

Regular Association Business

Old Business:

May 2020 Minutes approved with changes minor changes noted.

Ongoing Business/Committee Reports (Standing item):

Ashton Sector Village update – Waiting for the County’s Planning Board public hearing slated for September (Planning Board Agenda on website 1 week before session)

- County to look at 20-year development plan (and policies) → growth policy to be discussed
- Ad-hoc committee will continue to be in contact with the County Council

Treasurer’s Report – (Report provided by Daryl Thorne upon request of Christine Wilson (left meeting early) ↓

- Membership Checking - \$515.53
- Scholarship Checking - \$489.29
- Scholarship Savings - \$2,280.80
- Scholarship CD - \$2,572.61

Transportation – (Reported by Daryl Thorne as directed by Christine Wilson for Dorothy Slater [no in attendance]) → Has reached out to her contact at the State Highway Administration regarding Rt 108 and Brooke Road concerns and has not heard back.

New Business:

- Concerns raised about bus service cutbacks in the County as related to local transportations issues (sparked robust conversation about public transportation)
- Black Lives Matter (BLM) Statement of support from SSCA by Daryl Thorne → Bim suggested developing an ad-hoc committee to create the draft → Daryl Thorne and Robin Ziek volunteered) → Doug suggested that it be completed within the week and circulated to the Board for approval → Robin suggested inclusion of demilitarization of the police as part of the BLM statement → no objections or discussions by the membership.

Announcement:

Maryland Legal Aid to provide Maryland residents with information related to rent, housing, unemployment during the pandemic – offices in all counties (per Bim).

Motion to adjourn: 8:07 p.m. by Bim Schaffler and seconded by Kathleen Wheeler

Next meeting: July 13, 2020