

Minutes

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

March 9, 2020

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

Attendance: General body – approximately 18

Meeting called to order: 6:32 p.m. by Bim Schaufffler**

Agenda

[**Special item:** Nomination of New Recording Secretary – Daryl Thorne voted in with no opposition]

Old Business: approval of January & February minutes – Read by Basile Whitaker. January minutes were not read at the February meeting – adjustment to meeting notes made by a representative of Sandy Spring Friends regarding a donation to the scholarship fund. January minutes approved with corrections – Marie Young motioned to approve, Bim Schiffler seconded and the body approved. February’s minutes read, approved with corrections noted.

Committee Reports (Standing item): *Scholarship* committee reported a \$300 donation – not sure if this is a new donation or the same as previously reported. One application has been received; the deadline is April 15th. Report by Dorothy Slater. *Transportation* committee reported the following: Follow-up with Senator’s office about the intersection of Rt. 108 and Brooke Road (difficulty turning for large vehicles). Dorothy spoke with Johnnie Roth of the SSVFD about the problems with the intersection and navigation of trucks – Roth assumed work was happening and will follow up with Craig Zucker’s office, as reported by Dorothy Slater.

New Business: *Ashton Village Project* – Draft letter to the County Council created by Daryl Thorne and Douglas Farquhar (per February meeting outcome) was reviewed by membership body. Discussion, recommendations by the general body along with outcomes highlighted below.

- Incorporation of feedback from the body into the draft invitation letter to the County Council by the corresponding secretary → to include “Ashton Village Sector Plan”, “The historic homes and sites in Ashton”, developer to remain in guidelines of approved plans and removing “Contrary to general perceptions”.
- Final invitation letter to County Council will be reviewed by Executive Board with the intention to send out to the County Council by weeks end

- Emphasis of “one voice” or “one accord” from the SSCA while acknowledging the right of individuals to voice singular opinions as separate from the SSCA.
- Suggestion to form an ad-hoc committee to develop talking points/presentation for Council visit to SSCA May meeting (by Bim) → Proposal will be reviewed by Bim and the Executive Board prior to the meeting with the County Officials.
- Invitation to serve on ad-hoc committee extended to those present at the meeting
 - Ad-hoc committee volunteers during the meeting: Amy Medd, Doug Farquhar, Paula Glendinning, and Jim Meehan
 - Kathy Virkus (volunteered post meeting)
- No opposition to the ad-hoc committee with Bim to be kept updated with the committees’ progress.

Motion to adjourn: 7:29 p.m. by Audrey Dutton and seconded by Kathleen Wheeler

Next meeting: April 13, 2020

**Revisions to meeting minutes as noted by Executive Committee (sent via email due to Covid-19 restrictions); spelling of names or omitted names corrected.