

Sandy Spring Civic Association  
Ross Body Community Center, Sandy Spring, MD 20860  
(Meeting Virtually by Zoom during Covid-19 Pandemic)

March 13, 2023 (Zoom meeting for 32d meeting in a row)

**Attendance:**

Board Members –Basile “Whit” Whitaker, Vice President; Christine Hill Wilson, Treasurer;  
Douglas Farquhar, Recording and Correspondence Secretary; absent: Dr. Daryl Thorne, President  
Other SSCA members – approximately 10  
Guests: Council President Evan Glass; Hope Klein from his office; Judy Hruz, Greater Olney News  
Attendance Total (approximate): 16

**Meeting called to order:** 6:32 p.m. by Whit, standing in for Daryl.

The meeting began with a presentation by Evan Glass, the newly elected County Council President. He indicated that his priorities for the coming year include streamlining the building permitting process and fee and reporting requirements, addressing the climate crisis by requiring buildings owned by the County to be operated in a more ecology-friendly manner, and implementing the Safe Streets Act. He noted that last year 541 people had been hit by vehicles in the County, and 19 of those people had died. He said that one of the policies that they are looking it is banning right turn on red lights in certain urban areas. He asked for questions and to hear about our concerns.

The items that were raised in discussion included the Vision Zero program to try to eliminate pedestrian deaths, the scarcity of Ride-On buses in our area and the urgent need for sidewalks (particularly along Route 108), support for the County program eliminating bus fares for individuals under the age of 18, the need for more speed cameras on Route 108, opposition to the proposal that would permit homeowners to rent out facilities such as swimming pools provided they are registered with the County, the need to encourage alternative energy sources, and the difficulties with the Planning Board.

The minutes of the February 13, 2023 meeting were approved. Marie Slater delivered the report of the Traffic Committee, consistent with the email she sent before the meeting (attached). The Treasurers Report was delivered and accepted (also attached). There was a discussion about a proposal by Camp Rippling Brook to build camp facilities on New Hampshire Avenue just above the power lines (it was agreed that Doug would contact the organization sponsoring the application and a neighborhood opponent to schedule presentations to the SSCA). Whit commented that the amount of crime in the County is concerning.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas Farquhar,  
Recording and Correspondence Secretary

Approved:

## Douglas B. Farquhar

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**From:** Dorothy Slater <dmarieslater@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 13, 2023 4:43 PM  
**To:** dr.dhthorne@gmail.com; whitakerb@qualitybiological.com; Douglas B. Farquhar; chillwilson@verizon.net  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Transportation Updates- March 2023

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Brooke Road/RTE108 Intersection -. Design completion expected June 2023. Project construction funds will be awarded under area-wide contracting process --No additional update

Brooke Road designation as a Speed Camera Corridor - sent a followup to Daniel McNickle (MoCo ATEU). No additional update.

Chandlee Mill Road- Submitted a 311 Service Request to add this roadway to the Mobile speed camera rotation schedule.

Ross Boddy Center - Submitted a 311 Service Request to add appropriate traffic calming wording and pavement striping on Brooke Road approaching both east and west of the Center.  
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Maryland State Highway Administration has a new program called Operation Clean Sweep Maryland which will double the frequency of litter pickup and mowing along Maryland roads. Because of the warm winter, SHA expects their mowing season to start earlier this year.

Concerns about litter or mowing for State roads--RTEs 650/108/97 etc.--can be reported at: [roads.maryland.gov](http://roads.maryland.gov) or by calling 410-545-0300

**SSCA FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
FEBRUARY 2023**

**Membership Checking Account** **\$ 203.26**

**Operating Fund**

Postage - transfer from		
2/15/2023 scholarship checking	19.20	
2/27/2023 Homestead website hosting	(25.74)	
	(6.54)	

**Community Outreach Fund**

Brought forward 01/31/2022		55.00
5/18/2022 Donation	30.00	

<b>Total</b>	30.00	
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85.00

**Balance** **\$196.72**

**Scholarship Checking**

2/15/2023 Postage	(19.20)	
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(19.20)

**Balance** **\$119.29**

**Scholarship Savings Account**

**\$ 3,593.73**

2/28/2023 Interest	0.69	
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0.69

**Balance** **\$ 3,594.42**

**Scholarship CD Account**

**\$ 2,593.84**

1/4/2023 Interest	6.85	
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**Balance** **\$2,600.69**