Sandy Spring Civic Association

Ross Body Community Center, Sandy Spring, MD 20860

(Hybrid Meeting In-person and Virtually by Zoom)

December 11, 2023

**Attendance**:

Board Members – Dr. Daryl Thorne, President; Basile “Whit” Whitaker, Vice President; Christine Hill Wilson, Treasurer; Douglas Farquhar, Recording and Correspondence Secretary

Other SSCA members – approximately 6

Attendance Total (approximate): 10

**Meeting called to order**: 6:38 p.m. by Daryl.

The minutes from the November 2023 meeting were approved without correction.

Chris delivered the Treasurer’s Report, which was accepted.

Kristen Prophet delivered the transportation committee report. She said that she had requested to elevate the status of the Route 108/Brooke Road intersection improvements above the level of the Project Engineer. She will be contacting our new County Council representative to see if her involvement might speed things along. She is still working to secure paving repairs for Brooke Road, although a dangerous tree was finally removed near Brooke Road, after months of requests.

Kathleen Wheeler reported that there were no developments to report from the Ashton Implementation Advisory Committee.

A thank-you note was received in response to SSCA’s collection of food for Sharp Street UMC.

Whit reported that he had heard that the governor imposed a hold on $3.3 billion of transportation projects, which may result in delay of construction of the Route 108 bike/walking path.

SSCA tabled a proposal to amend bylaws to permit homeowners associations to join as members.

The members unanimously approved the election of the slate of officers nominated for 2024: Dr. Daryl Thorne, President; Basile “Whit” Whitaker, Vice President; Christine Hill Wilson, Treasurer; Douglas Farquhar, Recording and Correspondence Secretary; and Bill Thomas, Parliamentarian.

Future meetings will feature presentations relating to financial issues affecting primarily senior citizens (Medicare, long-term care, Social Security benefits). Whit is also discussing the possibility of a candidates’ forum for Democratic candidates for one of Maryland’s seats in the U.S. Senate.

Andrea Joy McFarland announced that classes are being offered by African American Health Programs online addressing health issues of African Americans. Go to <https://aahpmontgomerycounty.org/health-promotion-classes/>.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

 Respectfully submitted,

 Douglas Farquhar,

 Recording and Correspondence Secretary

Approved: