Sandy Spring Civic Association

Ross Body Community Center, Sandy Spring, MD 20860

(Meeting Virtually by Zoom during Covid-19 Pandemic)

January 9, 2023 (Zoom meeting for 30th meeting in a row)

**Attendance**:

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

General body – approximately 8

Guest: Judy Hruz, Greater Olney News

Attendance Total (approximate): 13

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

The December 2022 meeting minutes, which had been circulated before the meeting, were approved unanimously.

The Treasurer’s Report (attached) was read and accepted. Christine mentioned that applications for this year’s scholarships will be circulated to schools and churches in our area soon.

For the traffic committee report, Marie Slater noted that the County Police Advisory Committee was meeting at the same time as we were, so we weren’t able to weigh in on traffic safety at the meeting, but that we could submit written comments. She also noted that the speed cameras in front of St. Peter’s church in Olney are the highest-revenue speed cameras in Montgomery County.

Doug made a motion that the SSCA draft a letter to our state legislative representatives encouraging them to support legislation that would permit speed cameras to be placed on roads with speed limits as high as 45 miles per hour, instead of the current limit of 35 hours. After some discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

Questions were raised as to the Ashton Implementation Advisory Committee and the Ashton Alliance. Kathleen Wheeler stated that the Ashton Alliance meets every other month. The Ashton IAC is scheduled to meet on Tuesday evening, January 17, and Kathleen mentioned that the IAC was expecting to hear a presentation on the Southeast Corner of the Ashton intersection, but that she had recently been informed that would be delayed. It was agreed that Christine would send out a link (she did) for the meeting so SSCA members can easily attend.

Further as to traffic, Tucker Lane will be shut down shortly in both directions for about six months in order to replace a culvert near Route 108.

Announcements included that the Executive Committee is considering submission of a grant application seeking funds to improve the SSCA website and social media presence. There was also discussion about considering changing the bylaws to permit SSCA to present itself to the public as the Greater Sandy Spring Civic Association, equivalent to a “doing business as” name for a commercial business.

Whit also announced that the new District 14 state delegate will be Bernice Mireku-North, to fulfill the remainder of Eric Luedtke’s term.

Next month, our new district County Council Member, Dawn Luedtke, has agreed to speak to the SSCA meeting. The new Council President, Eric Glass, will be invited to speak to us in March.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

 Respectfully submitted,

 Douglas Farquhar,

 Recording and Correspondence Secretary

Approved: