Sandy Spring Civic Association

Ross Body Community Center, Sandy Spring, MD 20860

(Meeting Virtually by Zoom during Covid-19 Pandemic)

November 14, 2022 (hybrid meeting with Zoom connection, Zoom for 28th meeting in a row)

**Attendance**:

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

General body – approximately 9

Guest: Judy Hruz, Greater Olney News; Susan Mize, Ashton resident; David Last Name Unknown, Olney resident

Attendance Total (approximate): 16

**Meeting called to order**: 6:34 p.m. by Daryl

Minutes for the October 2022 meeting were approved.

The Treasurer’s Report (attached) was read and accepted. Christine mentioned that she is making progress on Paypal availability for membership dues.

The Transportation Committee (Marie Slater) reported there was nothing new about improvements at the intersection of Brooke Road and Route 108. Design work for the intersection is expected to be completed in June 2023 with a construction contract awarded after design completion. A separate project for the improvements to Route 108 from Olney Mill to Brooke Road, including gutter work in some locations, has started with some additional improvements continuing in Spring 2023. This project will also be completed by June 2023.

It was reported that the Ashton Implementation Advisory Committee would meet the following evening, and that Jamie Pratt, the planner assigned to Ashton development plans, had reported that a developer has indicated an interest in the Southeast Corner of Route 108 and New Hampshire Avenue (currently the site of only the Sandy Spring Bank branch office and one single-family home on about nine acres). Doug will attempt to contact Sandy Spring Bank, which owns several of the parcels there, to see whether the Bank has made progress on plans for that corner.

Ms. Mize asked whether there was anything that can be done so that residents who live on the north side of Route 108 east of Ashton don’t have to cross Route 108 to pick up their mail. She sent an email before the meeting expressing those concerns (the email is attached). It was suggested that she contact Craig Zucker, our state senator, who has provided good constituent services.

A motion was made by Doug to ask the County Council, our state legislators, and the State Department of Transportation to install more speed cameras along Route 108 between Olney and Ashton, because of the dangerous speeding (and even illegal passing across a double yellow line) he and others have observed on Route 108. David from Olney, who attended the meeting, indicated opposition. It was agreed that the Motion would be tabled, and more input from the community and responsible officials would be solicited prior to the SSCA taking action. There was also discussion about a recommendation to lower the speed limit on Brooke and Chandlee Mill Roads to 25 mph, and how the State Department of Transportation had rejected that request.

Daryl had to leave the meeting early, so Whit assumed the chair. He asked if anybody would like to serve as an SSCA officer next year. Everybody looked down to avoid making eye contact, and no one volunteered. The slate of officers currently serving will be nominated at the December meeting.

There was a substantial discussion about community service projects. It was agreed that SSCA would work with the Ross Boddy Community Center to collect nonperishable food items for Olney HELP.

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas Farquhar,

Recording and Correspondence Secretary

Approved: