Sandy Spring Civic Association

Ross Body Community Center, Sandy Spring, MD 20860

(Hybrid Meeting In-person and Virtually by Zoom)

October 16, 2023

**Attendance**:

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

Other SSCA members – approximately 10 in person, 5 online

Guests: Sandy Spring Lions “King Lion” Paul Gebicke

Attendance Total (approximate): 19

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

The meeting began with a presentation by Paul Gebicke about the Sandy Spring Lions program that loans durable medical equipment to area residents who need it. The equipment includes items such as hospital beds, transfer chairs, Hoyer lifts (an overhead device that can raise a patient off a bed), wheelchairs, walkers, canes, and crutches. To request medical equipment, call the Sandy Spring Lions general number at 301.288.1393 or email a request to sandyspringlions@gmail.com. There is no cost to borrow the equipment, although a donation to the Lions Club would be appreciated. Paul also said that the club has a collaboration arrangement with Winter Growth in Olney, and with the Maryland State Department of Aging.

The minutes of the September meeting were approved. Before the Transportation Committee reported, Daryl noted that Marie Slater, who has been the chair of that committee and active for at least 40 years in the SSCA, would be stepping down, and Daryl thanked Marie so much for her years of dedication and service. The Committee reported that the petition for lighting on Brooke Road was rejected because signatures in favor of the lighting had not been submitted by all property owners. Paving work on the Brooke Road/Route 108 intersection is supposed to begin in April 2024.

The Treasurer’s Report was accepted, and Kathleen Wheeler reported that the Ashton Implementation Advisory Committee had met in September, but had no plans to review, yet.

Daryl noted that the SSCA needs more members, and more people to join. It was agreed that a proposal to permit homeowners associations to join as members will be discussed at the November meeting (this will require a change in the bylaws).

It was announced that SSCA will be collecting nonperishable food donations to be provided to the Sharp Street Church food pantry. A collection bin has been set up at Ross Boddy.

There was a discussion about having a holiday gathering at our December meeting, a plea for someone to maintain the SSCA website, and a brief discussion of a senior care center proposed by a Korean Church for a property on Route 108 near the power lines. Those who attended the community meeting about the proposal will be asked to discuss it at the next SSCA meeting, on November 13, 2023.

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

 Respectfully submitted,

 Douglas Farquhar,

 Recording and Correspondence Secretary

Approved: