Sandy Spring Civic Association

Ross Body Community Center, Sandy Spring, MD 20860

(Meeting Virtually by Zoom during Covid-19 Pandemic)

September 12, 2022 (by Zoom, for 26th meeting in a row)

(SSCA meetings were not held in July and August 2022)

**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 8

Guests: Judy Hruz, Greater Olney Community News; potential member Karen Zeiter

Attendance Total (approximate): 13

**Meeting called to order**: 6:30 p.m. by Daryl

Minutes for the May and June 2022 meetings were approved.

The Treasurer’s Report (attached) was read and accepted.

The Ashton Implementation Advisory Committee was scheduled to meet on September 20.

Questions were asked about housing units being added to Sandy Spring Meadow, a development built by and supported by the Montgomery County Housing Opportunities Commission. Doug noted that the additional units due to be constructed there were supported by SSCA during the planning process.

After discussion, it was decided that SSCA will launch hybrid meetings (in-person, with a real-time Zoom meeting connection) in November.

There was a discussion about the candidate forums sponsored last winter and spring by SSCA, and it was agreed that the forums were helpful and constructive. It was noted that incumbent Marc Elrich won the primary against David Blair by only 32 votes, countywide, and that both had addressed the SSCA during the forums.

We also discussed the need to increase SSCA membership. Specifically, fundraising and infrastructure need to be prioritized, and we are considering the possibility of forming a membership ad-hoc committee or getting a “working group” together.

For the traffic committee, Marie Slater noted that the memorial sign honoring Caroline Snowden had been replaced, and that the speed limit signs had been replaced, but that the SSCA request to reduce the speed limit to 25 mph on both Brooke Road and Chandlee Mill Road had been rejected.

In announcements, it was reported that State Delegate Eric Luedtke had announced that money has been allocated for the sidewalk/bike path to extend along the north side of Route 108. However, there may be some confusion on this issue: press reports talk about funding a different bike path from Olney toward Muncaster Mill Road. It was also announced that Sandy Spring Friends Meeting is sponsoring five Afghan families, who will meet the community on September 25.

The meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

 Respectfully submitted,

 Douglas Farquhar,

 Recording and Correspondence Secretary

Approved: