

Sandy Spring Civic Association  
Ross Body Community Center, Sandy Spring, MD 20860  
(Meeting in Person and Virtually by Zoom)

April 8, 2024, Meeting

**Attendance:**

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

Other SSCA members – approximately 7

Guests: Judy Hruz, Greater Olney Community News; Aaron Kraut, Chief of Staff for Councilmember Dawn Luedtke

Attendance Total (approximate): 14

**Meeting called to order: 6:33 PM**

The minutes from the March 2024 meeting were approved.

Committee reports: the Treasurer’s report as of Jan. 31, 2024, was provided by Christine Hill-Wilson. A motion to accept her report (which is attached) was approved.

Christine and Kristen Slater then reported for the scholarship committee. A couple of emails have been received seeking applications for scholarships. The Sherwood PTSA will be contacted to seek applicants. Sandy Spring Monthly meeting contributed \$300.

There was a great deal of discussion about whether to raise the amount that is available to each applicant from the scholarship fund. There was a consensus to raise the maximum per student to \$1,000. It was agreed that the fund may need to be replenished after the current year’s scholarship grants, and fundraising opportunities will be discussed.

Kristen on behalf of the Transportation Committee noted that the Brooke Road/108 intersection has been repaved, although it still floods in high rains. The project to reconfigure it so it won’t flood has been pushed back, again, by the State Dept. of Transportation, and it would be part of the entire Routes 650-108 project, which is slated for funding late 2025 and would be constructed in early 2026. This will include “pedestrian connecting,” the hike/bike trail on the north side of Route 108 and crosswalks to protect pedestrians crossing the street.

We turned to the Korean Church proposal for a day care center on Route 108 east of Ashton. It was noted that the SSCA is not opposed to providing care and housing for the elderly, but putting a four-story building labeled a day care center far away from any public transportation and in the environmentally sensitive Patuxent watershed would be a mistake. There was a great deal of discussion about the recently approved Zoning Text Amendment permitting housing units on religious and private school property, but Aaron emphasized that the Amendment is not applicable to the property where the Korean Church elderly day care center is proposed, since it is in the RNC (Rural Neighborhood Cluster) zone. Aaron said that the day care center has to go through a process in order to secure permission. No action was taken by SSCA on the proposal. We are waiting for a formal proposal and a public hearing.

Liza Smith complained that the effort to have vacancies in the state legislature filled by special election instead of appointments failed in the State Legislature, and reminded people that early voting in the Democratic primary begins in early May.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 13.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas Farquhar  
Recording and Correspondence Secretary

Accepted: