

Sandy Spring Civic Association
Ross Boddy Community Center, Sandy Spring, MD 20860
(Meeting Virtually by Zoom)

March 10, 2025 Meeting

Attendance:

Board Members – Basile “Whit” Whitaker, Vice President ;Christine Hill Wilson, Treasurer; Douglas Farquhar, Correspondence Secretary. Excused absences: Dr. Daryl Thorne, President; Kristen Slater Prophet, Recording Secretary.

Other SSCA members – About ten members (in addition to Board members) online

Guests: Judy Hruz, Greater Olney Community News

Attendance Total (approximate): 16

Meeting called to order: 6:30 p.m.

The minutes of the February 2025 meeting were approved.

The Treasurer's Report for February 28, 2025 was presented and accepted.

There was no report from the Membership Committee. As to transportation, in response to a question, there was a pledge to follow up on the study into traffic-calming measures planned for the site of the fatal accident on Norwood Road near the entrance to Sandy Spring Friends House.

We discussed the Korean Mission Church proposal to put a large center (the church is calling it an “Adult Day Care Center”) on Route 108 just east of the large power transmission lines. Doug informed the membership that the owners had decided to reduce the size of the buildings from three stories and a basement to two stories and a basement, and that the County Planning staff would let us know when the hearing on the proposal was rescheduled. Doug also showed a preliminary plan for Woodlawn Estates, a housing development at the intersection of Norwood Road and Ednor Road, with access off Norwood Road, where 9 houses are planned. He said that the County Planning Staff member who was in charge of the project said that the project had already been approved years ago, and, although the tract was zoned RE-2C, lots of less than two acres per house were permitted under certain circumstances, and had already been approved (the lots are each about 1.2-1.8 acres).

Whit gave an update on the former Aunt Hattie’s Place. He said that the owner of the lot had not shown up for the scheduled hearing on the renewal of the Conditional Use Permit, and the Department of Permitting Services had not shown up either, so the hearing was postponed.

There was a brief discussion about the future of the original Sandy Spring Bank Building in light of the Bank merger with Atlantic Union. Doug mentioned that the banks were talking with the Sandy Spring Museum about donating the building to the Museum, but Doug was unsure that the Museum Board thought that was a good idea. Doug was asked to get back in touch with the Sandy Spring Bank about the southeast corner of the Ashton crossroads, in light of the bank merger.

After announcements of some community events, including an upcoming announcement of County Council President Evan Glass that he intends to run for County Executive, the meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

The next meeting will be held in person and virtually on April 8, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Farquhar, Correspondence Secretary

Approved: April ___, 2025