

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

November 12, 2024, Meeting

Attendance:

Board Members – Basile “Whit” Whitaker, Vice President; Christine Hill Wilson, Treasurer; Douglas Farquhar, Recording and Correspondence Secretary. Bill Thomas, Parliamentarian, and Dr. Daryl Thorne, President, not present, excused.
Other SSCA members – Three physically present, six members online
Guests: Judy Hruz, Greater Olney Community News (by video)
Attendance Total (approximate): 11

Meeting called to order: 6:33 p.m.

The minutes of the October 2024 meeting were not available, and will be presented for approval at the November meeting.

The Treasurer's Report likewise was unavailable, and will be presented at the next meeting.

The Transportation Committede (Kristen Prophet) stated that tree maintenance has begun, at SSCA's request, along Chandlee Mill Road, and should be completed in early December.

We reported that the Executive Committee has invited Council Member Dawn Luedtke to our next Executive Committee meeting, on December 2, to discuss issues on Norwood Road. Either Dawn or her Chief of Staff, Aaron Kraut, will attend, and Aaron has informed us that he will invite someone from the County Department of Transportation. We asked whether any members wanted to attend. Jennifer Fajman from Friends House said that she thought it would be wise to have a representative of Friends House attend, and she will send the email address of the person so that he or she will receive the Zoom link for the meeting. No other members indicated an interest in attending.

There was no report from the Ashton Village Implementation Advisory Committee.

There was a substantial discussion about the SSCA scholarship program, and Kristen indicated that the PTSA at Sherwood High had invited SSCA to participate with other community groups in selecting and awarding scholarships. It was decided to try the Sherwood program this year, and to see whether the PTSA tries to influence our committee's choice of candidates.

We noted that a representative of the Korean Mission Church would address our December meeting and discuss the Church's proposal to build a large center on Route 108 east of Ashton.

VP Whit again invited members to serve as officers of SSCA next year. Doug noted, with gratitude, that Kristen has agreed to serve as Recording Secretary next year.

In announcements, Whit announced that the Board of Appeals had denied an application for a home on Ednor Road to build a pavilion closer to its lot line than permitted. The opinion is attached. The "Cocoa and Crafts" festival will be held at Ross Boddy on December 14. Sandy Spring Bank has agreed to a merger with Atlantic Union Bank. Subject to approval by the Federal Reserve Board, the banks will legally merge on July 1, 2025, and customers will find that the SSB branches are called Atlantic Union as of February 2026.

The meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

The next meeting will be on December 9, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Farquhar, Recording and Correspondence Secretary

Approved: December , 2024