

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

January 12, 2026 Meeting

Attendance:

Board Members –Dr. Daryl Thorne, President; Christine Hill Wilson, Treasurer; Douglas Farquhar, Corresponding Secretary; Kristen Slater Prophet, Recording Secretary.

Meeting called to order: 6:35 p.m.

The Dec. 2025 meeting was the Community Holiday Gathering where membership voted unanimously to elect the current Board candidates, except for Vice President Basile Whitaker, to remain in their position. In addition, it was announced that Basile Whitaker would be the Ad Hoc Chair for the candidate forum.

The Treasurer's Report for Dec 2025 was presented and approved.

- Request for the Transportation Chair to research the accessibility to metro stations with the revised Ride On routes.
- Request for Transportation Chair to address the increasingly dangerous flow of traffic between Marden Lane to Sherwood Elem. School along Rt. 108

Scholarship Committee Report for Dec. 2025 was presented and approved.

Ashton Advisory Committee reported the concern with the traffic congestion likely to impact the planned crosswalk and the larger Sandy Spring development.

Old Business

- Friend's House Update
 - Viewing of plans on Feb. 10th with public comments in March.
 - Completion time frame 2028-2029
 - Current plans to not have the 2nd exit onto Norwood Rd, provide more privacy and fewer tree removal; working out plans for the total # of buildings and parking
 - Size & scale of projects are out of sync with the community
- Metro Ground
 - Member Kathy Virkus attended the most recent meeting and shared the review of the rendering and design; more in line with the community architecture
- Website
 - Feedback from members very positive; very impressed with the execution
 - Recommendation to move the "Become A Member" to the top of the page and suggestions to highlight the "donation to The Ross Boddy/Carolyn Snowden Scholarship" to encourage more fundraising.
- Candidate Forum
 - Members offered to volunteer - Kay Junghans, Liza Smith, Nadine Mort
 - 2/23- Evan Glass Confirmed
 - 3/9- Will Jawando *Pending
 - 4/13- Andrew Freisdon- Confirmed

New Business:

- Former Cricket Bookstore
 - New occupant Potomac Financial Group
- State Delegates, Annapolis kick off new session on 1/14/26, with key topic of Redistricting map
- Olney Winters Market (same location as Olney Farmers Market) open 9am-1pm every Sunday

Meeting Adjourned 7:51pm.