

SOECA MEETING MINUTES: October 7th, 2020

* Remote Meeting via Zoom *

Prepared by Claire Zietz

29 in attendance.

Meeting agenda was approved by unanimous vote.

Minutes of last meeting were approved by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report: Balance in the checking account is \$10,869.71. To note: October's membership renewal initiative is proceeding well with many dues being paid via online platforms. The Treasurer's Report was approved by unanimous vote.

Announcements:

- None

TOPIC: Martha B. Gudelsky Child Development Center for the Old Silver Spring Library Property and Letter

Jean Cavanaugh reported on the current status for this project: after the meeting this past Spring, this plan then went in front of the Planning Board to get approval, which was granted. The next step is for the plan to go in front of the Montgomery County Examiner for a conditional use permit.

Cavanaugh also reported that she and Robin Metalitz crafted a letter to Director Hannan, Hearing Examiner, to request traffic calming measures for Ellsworth Drive, which they sent with signatures from local residents. This was sent on Tuesday, October 6th ahead of the upcoming meeting on October 12th.

Onuka Ibe, former SOECA VP, spoke saying Chelsea Heights would like to be actively included in these conversations moving forward, so he will pass along the information to their HOA.

TOPIC: New Committee Formation

Chris Reynolds gave a brief recap of the what the Montgomery County Planning Department has planned for the Silver Spring Downtown and Adjacent Communities Master Plan, to account for the walkshed around the Purple Line and "missing middle housing". As this impacts a large part of SOECA members, he proposed creating a new SOECA committee. Seven members volunteered to be a part of this committee—they will elect a Committee Chair at their first meeting. This was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Social Committee: Claire Zietz spoke to SOECA Halloween Plans currently being solidified including three socially distanced parades as well as a Halloween decoration

walking map. Notification will be sent out via printed flyer distributed by block captains, as well as email via listserv.

TOPIC: SOECA 2020-2021 BOARD ELECTIONS

The nominees for the Board were presented: President: Chris Reynolds, Vice President: Tom Armstrong, a vacancy for the second VP Chair, Secretary: Claire Zietz, Treasurer: David Hartmann.

Mr. Bufalini spoke about his tenure as President, welcomed Chris Reynolds to the role, and thanked the Board for their work.

As the second VP slot is open, Mr. Hartmann spoke that we should hold open that slot in case someone would like to step up. Mr. Bufalini agreed.

Everyone thanked Mr. Bufalini for his work.

Slate of candidates was approved by unanimous vote.

QUESTIONS

- A resident asked to the status of Mrs. K's restaurant. There was a discussion of their potential plans.

There being no further business, new President Mr. Reynolds adjourned the meeting at 7:42pm.