

Park Hills Civic Association General Meeting – Summary

The Park Hills Civic Association (PHCA) held a General Meeting on **Wednesday, March 13, 2013** at the Silver Spring International Middle School Library/Media Center beginning at 7:30 pm.

Attendees:

Deanna Anderson; Jim Anderson; Alan Bowser; Mildred Dickerson; Sandra Fair; Anne Gavin; Paul Guinnessy; Sandy Kemper; Elsie Klumpner; Lorin Obler; Chris Richardson; Jim Riley; Bruce Segal; Greg Walker; Jean Walker; Aaron Weintraub.

Guests:

Dan Sheridan, Senior Manager, Montgomery County Department of Transportation;
Jessica McFadden, Writer/Blogger, “A Parent in Silver Spring” + “A Parent in America” websites.

Secretary’s Report.

Chris Richardson reported that on October 10, 2012 the Park Hills Civic Association held a General Meeting at the Silver Spring International Middle School Library/Media Center in which (1) David Hauck of the MoCo Sierra Club provided tips for energy conservation; and (2) Michael Goldfarb of Montgomery County’s Office of Emergency Management & Homeland Security discussed emergency preparedness. The Civic Association’s Executive Committee previously met on February 3, 2013 to discuss preparations for tonight’s meeting.

Treasurer’s Report.

Alan Bowser, Treasurer, reported a balance of \$751.15 in the Civic Association’s checking account.

Sligo Creek Update.

Thanks to Anne Gavin, Anne Kaiser & Chris Richardson for their Adopt-a-Road cleanup efforts in between FOOSC Creek Sweeps. The next FOOSC Sligo Creek Sweep: Sunday, April 21st

Purple Line Update.

You are cordially invited to the Purple Line Neighborhood Work Group meeting for the proposed Silver Spring Transit Center station and surrounding area. The meeting will be held Wednesday, March 27th at the Silver Spring Civic Center from 5:30-7:30. At this meeting, the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) Purple Line team will present current plans for the Silver Spring Transit Center station, as well as discuss plans for the Silver Spring Library station. Our hope is to have an informal setting that will allow for an open dialogue about these stations and the surrounding area.

Silver Spring Library Construction Update.

The Silver Spring Library website includes a blog that allows the community to know how work is progressing on the construction of the new Silver Spring Library. Fran Ware, Library Manager, has posted the following information:

<January 23 through February 5, 2013>

During this period, Costello Construction Company performed the following tasks =

- Completed the trailer set up;
- Excavated pad to 8’;
- Began testing borings;
- Began fabrication of rebar cages for caissons;

- Completed construction fence at Wayne Ave; and
 - Erected the temporary power shed.
- <February 6 through March 5, 2013>
- During this period, Costello Construction Company performed the following tasks =
- Completed test borings at mat "C";
 - Continued building caisson rebar cages;
 - Prepared layout for caissons at mat "C";
 - Received four loads of foundation rebar;
 - Performed CSL testing of test caisson;
 - Completed installing gear in electric shed.

New Business.

Dale Drive Construction Project Update.

Dan Sheridan, Senior Manager with the Montgomery County of Transportation, spoke to residents about the County's efforts to install a sidewalk on the north side of Dale Drive from Hartford Avenue to Mansfield Road. This construction project has been unexpectedly delayed due to the need to relocate a freshwater/sanitation line, as well as poor soil conditions and the challenging terrain. Anticipated completion date is November 2013. When completed, this stretch of Dale Drive will end up with new (1) gas, (2) water, (3) sanitation, and (4) storm drain lines. Sheridan's report to the community included the following points:

- The new sidewalk from Hartford Avenue to Mansfield Road will be 1900 feet in length.
- There will be a retaining wall in two locations: 217 to 223 Dale Drive + 231 to 235 Dale Drive.
- Pavement will be replaced from Mansfield to Hartford at the end of the project.
- Utility replacement for sanitary sewer and water main. WSSC work constructed under the County's contract. The sewer main construction occurs first since it is deepest. Some setbacks in construction due to poor soil conditions.
- Storm sewer required due to curb and gutter.
- Gas main relocation occurred in Fall of 2011
- Project was a part of the Transportation for New Schools program.
- Connects to existing sidewalks along Dale and connects to Sligo Park trail.
- Construction of the utility relocation began in August 2012. Anticipated completion is November 2013.
- Construction progress is behind schedule. The County is monitoring progress with the contractor.
- County has on-site inspectors during construction. Residents who have any issues or questions related to construction may contact the following persons:
Ms. Michelle Hailey (443-324-2474)
Mr. Mohammed Elfallah (240-876-7968)

Summer Family Fun in the DC Metro Area.

Jessica McFadden, mom/blogger/writer behind the popular website, A Parent in Silver Spring, generously shared her hard-earned knowledge, tricks and tips with respect to family-friendly resources in Silver Spring and throughout the DC metro area. Much of this information was conveyed informally in a discussion with residents and captured in a pair of documents that were subsequently distributed on the Park Hills listserv: (1) Family Fun in Silver Spring & DC Metro Area, and (2) DC-Area Summer Camp List.

Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectively submitted.

Chris Richardson, PHCA Secretary.