

OCTOBER LISTENING SESSIONS - ALL COMMENTS

What do you like most about living in Silver Spring?	Even before the pandemic there were a lot of empty storefronts and she's concerned that it's getting and will get worse. Are the retail rents too high
What do you like most about living in Silver Spring?	Likes the walkability and wants to maintain that.
What do you like most about living in Silver Spring?	Wants the roads to be much safer. Wants kids to be able to walk safer. There are way too many parking spaces. Parking lots are underutilized and
What do you like most about living in Silver Spring?	Lives in South Silver Spring. Wants to focus on South Silver Spring, parks, and affordability. Loves the diversity. He's car free and loves it. Loves how
What do you like most about living in Silver Spring?	Lives in South SS. Concerned about affordability and wants to protect parks.
What do you like most about living in Silver Spring?	Don't let it become Bethesda (white/wealthy/upper middle class), fear all the MPDU's will be lost. Not much is missing from SS.
What do you like most about living in Silver Spring?	Moved from NY for a job. Great bus hub in the metro system which makes it easy to visit his friends.
What do you like most about living in Silver Spring?	Likes shared streets – big fan of Newell St being closed right now next to Acorn Park. SS is managing smart growth and preserving housing stock
What do you like most about living in Silver Spring?	The plan will be a success if it 'stays' Silver Spring. Loves the mix. Urban but not overwhelming. Prices need to come down or at least stop getting
What do you like most about living in Silver Spring?	Lives in SS. Concerned about next steps. She'd like to stay here but it's the affordability factor.
What do you like most about living in Silver Spring?	Wants something larger but there's no middle ground/middle options. A townhouse would be nice but not many choices or that are affordable.
What do you like most about living in Silver Spring?	Lives in Woodside; has been here for 40 years. What has changed most from when he moved here was they used to have to go elsewhere for dining
What do you like most about living in Silver Spring?	Lives in Woodside Park. Loves community. When they were looking to buy, they looked into Bethesda but it was too expensive, so they looked into SS
What do you like most about living in Silver Spring?	They love that their kids got to go to school with others of diverse cultural, religious, ethnic backgrounds. They want to keep SS diverse and
What do you like most about living in Silver Spring?	We need to make better use of the wasted space before expanding outside of the CBD. Also concerned about traffic- its dangerous. Concerned that as
What do you like most about living in Silver Spring?	An observer and member of Hucker's staff. Does not want to see it become Bethesda. Wants to keep it as it is now. Kids love it here and they see this
What do you like most about living in Silver Spring?	Convenient to DC
What do you like most about living in Silver Spring?	Affordability
What do you like most about living in Silver Spring?	Mixed housing/streets
What do you like most about living in Silver Spring?	Vibrant Center (Amenities)
What do you like most about living in Silver Spring?	Walkability
What do you like most about living in Silver Spring?	Accessibility to restaurants, parks, transit
What do you like most about living in Silver Spring?	Stability of neighborhood
What do you like most about living in Silver Spring?	Purple Line
What do you like most about living in Silver Spring?	walkability – one of the reasons bought a home in the area. As a one car family, was big on public transportation pre-pandemic. Love that street is
What do you like most about living in Silver Spring?	suburban space & quiet, but also walking distance to activities.
What do you like most about living in Silver Spring?	Also like diversity of area - people & restaurants from all over the world, would love to see more of that
What do you like most about living in Silver Spring?	walkability, convenience to supermarkets, metro, employment. location at southern fringe is close to Rock Creek Park. Moved to SS mainly because it

What do you like most about living in Silver Spring?	Mom & pop restaurants, ethnic cuisines, AFI theater.
What do you like most about living in Silver Spring?	was able to buy pre-construction condo (was hard to purchase anything already built around 2000), and neighborhood was getting nicer.
What do you like most about living in Silver Spring?	Liked where he had been living prior so it took a lot to change locations but convenience to work + neighborhood amenities was offering a lot more.
What do you like most about living in Silver Spring?	walkability - one-car family of 4
What do you like most about living in Silver Spring?	would like to see more – duplexes, townhomes in single family areas - for variety of incomes in neighborhood.
What do you like most about living in Silver Spring?	Like to hear the 'loud music of society' - don't really like quiet suburbs.
What do you like most about living in Silver Spring?	Appreciate "little Ethiopia" – the people, stores, & restaurants.
What do you like most about living in Silver Spring?	The Fillmore.
What do you like most about living in Silver Spring?	Looking forward to pool opening.
What do you like most about living in Silver Spring?	diversity of housing
What do you like most about living in Silver Spring?	kids walk to school
What do you like most about living in Silver Spring?	walkability to shopping, restaurants, culture, library, Levine Music School. Owns 2 cars but also frequent metro + bus user.
What do you like most about living in Silver Spring?	The green and the quiet – balancing it between bustling urban activity is something hard to maintain.
What do you like most about living in Silver Spring?	Doesn't live on a quiet street, but Sligo Creek Park is close (as is other highly valued open spaces).
What do you like most about living in Silver Spring?	Solidarity + organization of neighborhood community/groups. Forces of real estate development create realities that need to be balanced by neighbors
What do you like most about living in Silver Spring?	Newell St has been closed for 3 wks or so, due to shared streets/picnics in the parks, despite no local restaurants on that street. Shared streets is a
What do you like most about living in Silver Spring?	really likes Newell St closure, gives East Silver Spring Elementary School students opportunity for outdoor free time during virtual learning, PTA wrote
What do you like most about living in Silver Spring?	Likes that Silver Spring is walkable and diverse. Was attracted to move to Silver Spring over other places in the region because of the ability to have a
What do you like most about living in Silver Spring?	Excited about the coming purple line and the abundance of art in the city.
What do you like most about living in Silver Spring?	Likes that Silver Spring is bikeable and metro accessible. He was able to find an affordable single-family home on a tree lined street that's still close
What do you like most about living in Silver Spring?	Likes the walkability and diversity, especially as a multi-ethnic person herself.
What do you like most about living in Silver Spring?	Silver Spring attracted her because of the ability to be near the Fillmore and food places while living close by. This isn't possible in many other places.
What do you like most about living in Silver Spring?	Likes the diversity and the walkability of SOME places. Some areas in Silver Spring aren't so walkable. SW mentions the difficulty trying to cross
What do you like most about living in Silver Spring?	valued highly the green astroturf as free outdoor space. Moved downtown to a public space as a conscious choice. VDon't want barriers to having fun
What do you like most about living in Silver Spring?	very into embracing all access and all cultures.
What do you like most about living in Silver Spring?	Downtwon enables that dynamism. Children of immigrants and like that about the population. Do not fear change, embrace change in the
What do you like most about living in Silver Spring?	Really likes the Sligo Trail and the golfcourse. Really liked the outdoor music on Friday nights. Liked the green spaces SS offers. Wishes there
What do you like most about living in Silver Spring?	walkable streets and green spaces—though fewer than there used to be. Likes the new shopping areas. It is very livable. 2 grown kids—1 staying in

What do you like most about living in Silver Spring?	enjoying the outdoor spaces. Moved here specifically for the metro to work and downtown was pretty dead then. So many wonderful walkable things
What do you like most about living in Silver Spring?	Remembers the astroturf fondly. As part of COVID adjustments and making street more publicly available, that has created conflict in the
What do you want to see happen in Silver Spring in the future and why?	Equitable and resilient
What do you want to see happen in Silver Spring in the future and why?	Enjoyable and livable for everyone
What do you want to see happen in Silver Spring in the future and why?	More open space
What do you want to see happen in Silver Spring in the future and why?	Rent be kept at reasonable levels (housing and business)
What do you want to see happen in Silver Spring in the future and why?	Continued diversity no cookie cutter developments
What do you want to see happen in Silver Spring in the future and why?	Remain residential in some areas
What do you want to see happen in Silver Spring in the future and why?	No overcrowding
What do you want to see happen in Silver Spring in the future and why?	Not pushing out residents
What do you want to see happen in Silver Spring in the future and why?	Don't take away residents ability to speak on developments
What do you want to see happen in Silver Spring in the future and why?	More affordable housing
What do you want to see happen in Silver Spring in the future and why?	Small and local businesses having the chance to thrive
What do you want to see happen in Silver Spring in the future and why?	Maintaining character while increasing stock
What do you want to see happen in Silver Spring in the future and why?	More retail shops
What do you want to see happen in Silver Spring in the future and why?	More density within Fenton Village and downtown area
Do you feel there is a tradeoff between degree of walkability and	starting to grapple with that now. a lot of pressure on Grove St (north-south through street) due to construction on Fenton. 'experiment on the way' has
Do you feel there is a tradeoff between degree of walkability and	lives near Grove St. and enjoys experiment although it affects driving. There have been incidents of children hit or nearly hit by cars. Have to
Do you feel there is a tradeoff between degree of walkability and	traffic tradeoff does create distortion. if you block one way of access, traffic will just go some place else. Instead of shutting streets down, why not
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Do you feel there is a tradeoff between degree of walkability and	really likes Newell St closure, gives East Silver Spring Elementary School students opportunity for outdoor free time during virtual learning, PTA wrote
What do you want to see happen in Silver Spring in the future and why?	Wants to see road improvements, for example the exit from the beltway is very much a problem. Wants to see expanded sidewalks, more trash
What do you want to see happen in Silver Spring in the future and why?	Wants to see more connectivity. In some areas you can turn a corner and there is a stark contrast. Not all streets are welcoming, there's not always a
What do you want to see happen in Silver Spring in the future and why?	has traffic concerns and wants to keep the area bike-friendly.
What do you want to see happen in Silver Spring in the future and why?	concern of light pollution. FC is also against the implementation of turf in downtown Silver Spring, which she describes as toxic and unaesthetic.
What do you want to see happen in Silver Spring in the future and why?	Silver Spring can sometimes feel like it has walls of light (light pollution), and he wants this to be fixed.
What do you want to see happen in Silver Spring in the future and why?	the need to balance residential character of existing neighborhoods with the desire for mixed housing types and affordable housing. DW says that the
What do you want to see happen in Silver Spring in the future and why?	also wants to see a more unified look to streetscapes and more outdoor cafes.

What do you want to see happen in Silver Spring in the future and why?	More affordable housing for people and accommodations for homeless population. Number one on her list.
What do you want to see happen in Silver Spring in the future and why?	affordable housing comment. If strategic density can help with affordability would support that.
What do you want to see happen in Silver Spring in the future and why?	affordable housing and how that should come with greater density. The new construction has HUGE lofty and now empty commercial spaces and
What do you want to see happen in Silver Spring in the future and why?	That said would like to see change happen in a manner that isn't so abrupt. When walking from Fenton back in the neighborhood, lot by lot expansions
What do you want to see happen in Silver Spring in the future and why?	Support equitable changes for more affordability.
What do you want to see happen in Silver Spring in the future and why?	want to support greater density without it feeling so crowded. Gives example of tall building with no setbacks and how that makes the
What do you want to see happen in Silver Spring in the future and why?	Appreciate the added bike lanes—two issues. Have largely been at expense of taking traffic lanes which makes driving more difficult. Second while there
What do you want to see happen in Silver Spring in the future and why?	there was once a school proximate to DDSS and the school left and sold their property and it was redeveloped. Townhouses were built there instead
What do you want to see happen in Silver Spring in the future and why?	A recent-ish arrival to DDSS and loves it. Is worried that the vision here is infused with enough ambition. Cites 20-year population projections. Doesn't
What is your biggest concern about the future of Silver Spring?	Becoming too expensive (a lot of people will have to leave)
What is your biggest concern about the future of Silver Spring?	Displacement
What is your biggest concern about the future of Silver Spring?	Traffic
What is your biggest concern about the future of Silver Spring?	Losing businesses
What is your biggest concern about the future of Silver Spring?	Too much density and too crowded
What is your biggest concern about the future of Silver Spring?	Being more realistic about cars not going away
What is your biggest concern about the future of Silver Spring?	Create a stronger traffic plan
What is your biggest concern about the future of Silver Spring?	Developer driven development before County driven development
What is your biggest concern about the future of Silver Spring?	Putting all our eggs in one basket for one big development
What is your biggest concern about the future of Silver Spring?	Becoming Bethesda
What is your biggest concern about the future of Silver Spring?	affordability – price for home-ownership is sky rocketing. Would like to see more housing diversity especially in old SF residential zones - duplexes,
What is your biggest concern about the future of Silver Spring?	long standing concern – idea of diverse housing units leading to diverse incomes doesn't work: the problem is that there are certain economic
What is your biggest concern about the future of Silver Spring?	Silver Spring Ave has multiple missing middle housing at Southern end, other parts of SS have them too.
What is your biggest concern about the future of Silver Spring?	Doesn't think that impinging on existing SFH in a way that degrades the character of the community is worth it –values quiet, the ability to walk in
What is your biggest concern about the future of Silver Spring?	Having density, crowding and the negative aspects are wrong.
What is your biggest concern about the future of Silver Spring?	Concerned that there is inequity between the approach to West County and East County: Long term problem – if there were a desire to have diversity of
What is your biggest concern about the future of Silver Spring?	lived on Georgia, quiet neighborhood streets are not a priority for her. Growing up in a single-family area of Silver Sping, saw friends in
What is your biggest concern about the future of Silver Spring?	Understands that her priorities/values differ from other people, but finds it upsetting to keep hear protestations about neighborhood character - it is
What is your biggest concern about the future of Silver Spring?	Due to economics of how MF is developed, housing types being considered will not be affordable. We have tall buildings because that's what makes

What is your biggest concern about the future of Silver Spring?	She is not against affordable housing, not trying to opportunity hoard, but have never been presented with a way to make 'that' (missing middle
There seemed to be interest in some level of additional housing in	Let people build accessory apartments, tiny houses, as a start. Try to avoid (if possible) neighborhoods where you see 8 cars parked in a driveway in
There seemed to be interest in some level of additional housing in	Eastern end of Silver Spring Avenue, number of examples of multiple units that meld in, almost continuous with SF character. Very different than
This plan will be a success if	if it contributes to housing affordability, and more people being able to live here and enjoy everything the area has to offer.
This plan will be a success if	If diverse populations are taken into account and able to find a home here when development is done.
This plan will be a success if	The plan would be successful if it expands opportunity for housing diversity.
This plan will be a success if	I would be happy with the plan if a balance could be achieved between the environment and the people who live here and that is balanced throughout
What is your biggest concern about the future of Silver Spring?	has concerns with the process. The encroachment of the "ever-expanding CBD". The character of neighborhoods can possibly be changed but states
What is your biggest concern about the future of Silver Spring?	He also notes the need to keep parks and green space accessible for quality of life.
What is your biggest concern about the future of Silver Spring?	doesn't want to see the housing stock locked up, and wants owners to retain the ability to build add-ons and etc. He has not see an egregious
What is your biggest concern about the future of Silver Spring?	bad retail can be a problem. More programs and a community center would be more helpful than retail. By investing in the community, we can make
What is your biggest concern about the future of Silver Spring?	need for a community center. FC does not want big box stores; we need to diversity retail and support it to help them succeed.
What is your biggest concern about the future of Silver Spring?	affordable senior housing is a big concern for SW. We need the ability to add new senior housing and to renovate existing buildings to better support
This plan will be a success if	This plan will be a success if we retain the diversity of uses. The original plan brought in art such as the AFI, Fillmore, and the Discovery building.
This plan will be a success if	This plan will be a success if it improves connectivity and walkability. Make it easy to get to the things Silver Spring has to offer, no matter where it is
This plan will be a success if	This plan will be a success if we have a diversity of small businesses that are reputable and backed by the community. We have to keep the
This plan will be a success if	This plan will be a success if we balance the values DW talked about previously. Bigger is not always better, having more people is not always
What is your biggest concern about the future of Silver Spring?	very concerned and conscious of crime in DDSS. Every since redevelopment has thought if they really want people in DDSS, they have to
What is your biggest concern about the future of Silver Spring?	Given the housing market and state of transmit (or lack thereof) hope that throughout the county we have many more units to supply adequate
What is your biggest concern about the future of Silver Spring?	aware that the sidewalks in SS because of all the redevelopment they are continuousl rebuilt and trashed over and over. Very concerned about
What is your biggest concern about the future of Silver Spring?	Infrastructure needs to grow along with development. Have seen some improvements in this with the sidewalk improvements, but sidewalks, roads,
What is your biggest concern about the future of Silver Spring?	concern about infrastructure—needs to be future looking. Important to mention education. Mentions how lack of school capacity has led to
This plan will be a success if	long term residents don't take the stability of their nerighborhoods for granted AND accept that increased density is equitable
This plan will be a success if	Oposes the above. Goes back to the request of the planning Board to include residential blocks and opposes for that reason.
This plan will be a success if	my 30 year old son who likes living in the area continues to find it affordable, safe with the amenities that convince him to want to stay.
This plan will be a success if	Rezoning can allocate some single family spaces for multifamily bulding and that would lead to a more equitable future
This plan will be a success if	current small business are able to contune to be here rather than being displaced. In particular the many small family owned resturants on Fenton
This plan will be a success if	The growth in the average cost of a least not only slows be reverses

This plan will be a success if	If the re attracts good jobs that are filled by local residents who find it a good place to live and work
This plan will be a success if	free buses circulate around downtown more frequently so that care traffic may be further redacted to access DTSS businesses and civic spaces
This plan will be a success if	teens without any money contune to feel welcome to hang out, skateboard play music and socalize in downtown civic spaces
This plan will be a success if	My wish list for Silver Spring would include 1.) changing Sligo Creek Parkway from a Parkway to a Park for pedestrians, bicyclists and other
This plan will be a success if	Active and diverse community
This plan will be a success if	If Silver Spring of the future is economically and racially diverse, family friendly, with a variety of residential options. Opportunities to start a
This plan will be a success if	If I can enjoy the neighborhood without being trapped by road constraints
This plan will be a success if	If the entire community is engaged throughout the entire process
What do you like most about living in Silver Spring?	Fears that traffic will get worse and its already awful. Loves bike lanes. Wants more bikeable streets but nervous it will come at the expense of
What do you want to see happen in Silver Spring in the future and why?	rent increases are astronomical and too much money, last year it went up by 6%. Wants more affordable housing.
What do you like most about living in Silver Spring?	There's a lot of trash in SS and trash cans are overflowing. Green spaces are not well maintained... Dead Dogwood tree near Acorn Park and it's
What do you like most about living in Silver Spring?	Unhappy about closure of Newell St, even though she supports open space generally. Has made it inconvenient to access South SS.
What do you like most about living in Silver Spring?	SS is a great place to walk around- close to retail, shopping, close to neighbors and we help each other- it's a small town/tight knit community
What do you like most about living in Silver Spring?	There's a lot of money invested in SS by big companies. They love small businesses- they do not trust that small businesses will be successful
What do you like most about living in Silver Spring?	there is a lot of trash. Things look decrepit in SS. It's more than aesthetics. It effects safety. How do you feel when you're raising kids in this kind of
What do you like most about living in Silver Spring?	Impressed by the county representatives including SS team, Grove Street team, and more. However, it feels like SS is the unloved stepchild of MoCo.
What do you like most about living in Silver Spring?	Loves diversity in SS. Wide backgrounds and brings a lot of people together- Jill does not want to lose that.
	Change: wants more Red Shirts to keep SS clean.
What do you like most about living in Silver Spring?	Likes great spaces and trees... that makes the urban area feel welcoming and comfortable.
What do you like most about living in Silver Spring?	Appreciates the level of communication- listservs, notices and wants them to continue once amenities are implemented.
What do you like most about living in Silver Spring?	Really enjoys the AFI theater, transportation hubs, close by retail.
What do you want to see happen in Silver Spring in the future and why?	A lot of existing parking garages but still not enough parking. There's a lot of congestion where there is parking pressure.
What do you want to see happen in Silver Spring in the future and why?	Supports greenspace.
	interested in comment about trash and trying to foster the sense of pride and clean spaces. Could the plan address these concerns?
What do you like most about living in Silver Spring?	Spent a lot of time in SS and has been involved in environmental issues for a long time. Wants greenspace to be maintained. There was supposed to
What do you like most about living in Silver Spring?	Proximity to public transportation, neighbors, shops, and services
What do you like most about living in Silver Spring?	Short walk to metro station
What do you like most about living in Silver Spring?	Green space

What do you like most about living in Silver Spring?	Proximity to downtown D.C
What do you like most about living in Silver Spring?	Walkability
What do you like most about living in Silver Spring?	Pedestrian life
What do you like most about living in Silver Spring?	Accessibility without a car
What do you like most about living in Silver Spring?	Close to the District, 20-25min drive. Close to Red line. Relatively quiet (current place is not on main street). SS Has just about everything -
What do you like most about living in Silver Spring?	close distance to shops + community
What do you like most about living in Silver Spring?	ditto. Love Woodside Park. Real estate agent, used to live in Potomac, decided to move to this side and loving it.
What do you like most about living in Silver Spring?	walkability to everything - restaurants, grocery stores, breweries, entertainment, access to red line. Able to get to DC easily without living in
What do you like most about living in Silver Spring?	love diversity; as African American originally from Prince George's county, moved to SS when attending UMD in 80s for law school. Moved out to
What do you like most about living in Silver Spring?	diversity; restaurants; walkable to Rock Creek Park for walking dog, running, biking; vibrant neighborhood and community.
What do you like most about living in Silver Spring?	Likes the convenience, diversity, and easy access to key attractions that make Silver Spring feel welcoming.
What do you like most about living in Silver Spring?	Echoes CA. Also likes how the mix of uses for buildings found in Silver Spring grew over time, which helps keep that sense of community. Talks
What do you like most about living in Silver Spring?	Likes her green neighborhood, quick access to Sligo Creek, and the new street closures that help pedestrians and bike riders experience the area
What do you like most about living in Silver Spring?	Likes the walkability. Notes that she is concerned about new apartments and condos – we need to find a way to integrate these residents into the
What do you like most about living in Silver Spring?	Likes the different types of restaurants that have come to Silver Spring over time. Notes that over 25 years Silver Spring has grown into a great retail
What do you like most about living in Silver Spring?	walkability, amenities nearby. Library, Farmers markets, restaurants
What do you like most about living in Silver Spring?	(agrees with walkability) but would mention the diversity. Not just race and ethnic, but also age diversity.
What do you like most about living in Silver Spring?	Access to amenities, the diversity. Accessible to urban area but still has the feel of a tight-knit community with an identity.
What do you like most about living in Silver Spring?	(in addition to walking, diversity), the pocket parks. These parks feel right-sized for the community. The amount and number of hotels is also good,
What do you like most about living in Silver Spring?	As a parent she loves the parks. Likes the mix of amenities like the library, AFI, etc. Likes that there are biking lanes, even though it could be more
What do you like most about living in Silver Spring?	Really likes the bike lanes and that the roads were redesigned to be safe for pedestrians and bikers
What do you like most about living in Silver Spring?	The open space in front of civic building has a lot going on. A good space that facilitates the mixing and interaction of community members.
What do you like most about living in Silver Spring?	The mix of businesses and restaurants is in a good balance (diversity of type, large vs small, independent vs chain).
What do you like most about living in Silver Spring?	As a worker who commutes from the District, really appreciates that Silver Spring is a full-service walkable downtown: You can do errands, shop for
What do you like most about living in Silver Spring?	This is the only place she lived where she could count on living in a racially diverse building. Loves that the neighborhood is a mix of families who are
What do you want to see happen in Silver Spring in the future and why?	We will be here for the long run... not many other places are affordable to middle class families. They hope to be here until they are 80 years old.
What do you want to see happen in Silver Spring in the future and why?	Supports greenspace.
What do you want to see happen in Silver Spring in the future and why?	Spent a lot of time in SS and has been involved in environmental issues for a long time. Wants greenspace to be maintained. There was supposed to

What do you want to see happen in Silver Spring in the future and why?	A lot of existing parking garages but still not enough parking. There's a lot of congestion where there is parking pressure.
What do you want to see happen in Silver Spring in the future and why?	Density needs to be controlled
What do you want to see happen in Silver Spring in the future and why?	Would like to be more aware of what's going on like future construction projects
What do you want to see happen in Silver Spring in the future and why?	Encouraging pedestrian projects
What do you want to see happen in Silver Spring in the future and why?	More pedestrian infrastructure and sidewalk availability around the Purple Line
What do you want to see happen in Silver Spring in the future and why?	Enhance transportation infrastructure around climate change
What do you want to see happen in Silver Spring in the future and why?	More density
What do you want to see happen in Silver Spring in the future and why?	Widening sidewalks and making them more adequate
What do you want to see happen in Silver Spring in the future and why?	Programmed open space
What do you wish people knew about Silver Spring that they don't	Convenience – it has everything, has served all my needs as a single person. Diversity of restaurants - not chain, a lot family owned – Ethiopian,
What do you wish people knew about Silver Spring that they don't	how easy it is to get here from DC. People are pleasantly surprised at how easy it is to get here.
What do you wish people knew about Silver Spring that they don't	it is a one stop shop, you can get everything - restaurants, retail; centrally located to other places you need to get to; and it's diverse – like a melting
What do you want to see happen in Silver Spring in the future and why?	recent concerns regarding Acorn Park and area around – there's been some work on developing it, but want to see streets remain open, parks
What do you want to see happen in Silver Spring in the future and why?	- Storage facility: original plan by owner was to tear down existing structure and build 7-story apt, but didn't happen, would like to see it turned into a
What do you want to see happen in Silver Spring in the future and why?	was part of development team of 1320 Fenwick Lane, the Octave – commercial building repurposed into smaller condos. Would like to see
What do you want to see happen in Silver Spring in the future and why?	like to see Newell St (road in front of our building) back open – very inconvenient that they shut it down but see no reason for the close, and an
What do you want to see happen in Silver Spring in the future and why?	want to see Newell St (major artery to East West Highway) open up. It's widely used, but many owners weren't aware of closure, would have liked to
What do you want to see happen in Silver Spring in the future and why?	keep Newell street open, for full access to East West Hwy, safety, security. Appreciate investment into refurbishing Acorn Park. - For DTSS, continue to
Do you see yourself staying in Silver Spring long term? If not,	everything I need is in area, and therefore will stay. Walkability was consideration when purchasing condo
Do you see yourself staying in Silver Spring long term? If not,	love to stay, unless there's too much bleeding of business district that I feel closed in. Worried about North Noyes, lives very close to where business
Do you see yourself staying in Silver Spring long term? If not,	Love SS area. If we're gonna think about more green space, would like to see the Days Inn property (13th St) considered - there have been
Do you see yourself staying in Silver Spring long term? If not,	will stay. like accessibility to DC and diversity in neighborhood.
If you had a blank check, what would you do?	would get rid of owner/manager for DTSS, and find someone else - they've been too restrictive.
If you had a blank check, what would you do?	Love the outside part and shops at City Place, but would like to see more quality retail establishments. Sad to see Eggspectation and stores leaving
If you had a blank check, what would you do?	try to incorporate bike paths more prevalently, without being too disruptive to current traffic patterns.
If you had a blank check, what would you do?	not enough places to park for people with own bikes.
What do you want to see happen in Silver Spring in the future and why?	Affordable housing
What do you want to see happen in Silver Spring in the future and why?	Agreed with BB on affordable housing that does not push “seasoned citizens” [long time residents/renters] out.

What do you want to see happen in Silver Spring in the future and why?	Agrees with the previous answers. Notes that it is great to see the expansion of public space. Wants to see more infill development of public
What do you want to see happen in Silver Spring in the future and why?	Wants to see independent, non-chain restaurants. Also notes that the apartments being built need to also include non-luxury buildings so that
What do you want to see happen in Silver Spring in the future and why?	Improved pedestrian/cyclist facilities.
What do you want to see happen in Silver Spring in the future and why?	Housing preservation and ensure that remaining older buildings stay in condition to be rented or modest home ownership opportunities.
What do you want to see happen in Silver Spring in the future and why?	Upgrade small business office space without pricing people out. She is not a small business owner herself, but knows that office vacancy is high, but
What do you want to see happen in Silver Spring in the future and why?	Increase physical accessibility in Silver Spring. If you live south of railroad tracks and need to walk all the way to Colesville or Georgia to get back to
What do you want to see happen in Silver Spring in the future and why?	Would like to see park at DC line and Georgia (Jesup Blair) be more of a feature. Feels that it gets overlooked. It is not forgotten, but seems worn
What do you want to see happen in Silver Spring in the future and why?	Tries to go to a lot of the parks with her kids but doesn't go to Jesup Blair Park because there is no shade at the playground structure.
What do you want to see happen in Silver Spring in the future and why?	used to live by Montgomery College, and would go to Jesup Blair Park after sunset because it was too hot during the day and there is no shade. A
What do you want to see happen in Silver Spring in the future and why?	Sustainable growth should be a focus; Need to ensure that utilities are sized right for future development, and those utilities need to be maintained. Much
What do you want to see happen in Silver Spring in the future and why?	For parks, to the extent that there could be some community farming that would be neat. (another participant notes that there is a year waiting list for
What do you want to see happen in Silver Spring in the future and why?	With regards to office buildings, many are being converted to residential. Thinks the economic factor supporting them becoming housing is there.
What do you want to see happen in Silver Spring in the future and why?	Would also love to see more priority placed on improving sidewalks in the CBD that are not ADA compliant. There are many!
What do you want to see happen in Silver Spring in the future and why?	Stormwater management is key. Everything that runs off finds its way into Sligo and other creeks. United Therapeutics has 3 acres of green roofs, but
What do you want to see happen in Silver Spring in the future and why?	Yes to more accessibility, yes to revamping Jesup Blair park (might also like to see outdoor exercise space w/ equipment), yes to more community
What do you want to see happen in Silver Spring in the future and why?	PLEASE attend to (improve and maintain) Jesup Blair Park!
What do you want to see happen in Silver Spring in the future and why?	Wants Silver Spring to stay affordable. Wants to strengthen the existing/increase the number small businesses which bring diversity and
What do you want to see happen in Silver Spring in the future and why?	Fears that Silver Spring is becoming out of reach as far as housing prices.
What do you want to see happen in Silver Spring in the future and why?	Would like to see maker spaces, places where people can utilize computers and tools. At new developments instead of pushing retail where it will never
What do you want to see happen in Silver Spring in the future and why?	It is most important to maintain that essence of Silver Spring. That it is affordable and accessible, that it doesn't get out of reach. Notes the
What do you want to see happen in Silver Spring in the future and why?	Speeding traffic on Georgia and Colesville is dangerous and detracts from quality-of-life. Would like to see these highways become more like Main
What is your biggest concern about the future of Silver Spring?	Accessibility and affordability
What is your biggest concern about the future of Silver Spring?	Building fitting into the culture of the neighborhood
What is your biggest concern about the future of Silver Spring?	Maintaining diversity
What is your biggest concern about the future of Silver Spring?	Proper integration
What is your biggest concern about the future of Silver Spring?	Places to gather to integrate downtown core
What is your biggest concern about the future of Silver Spring?	Uniform codes
What is your biggest concern about the future of Silver Spring?	Lack of green spaces

What is your biggest concern about the future of Silver Spring?	undeveloped property in DTSS, encroachment of commercial development into residential area. Doesn't appear county has good plan for having a
What is your biggest concern about the future of Silver Spring?	empty commercial buildings, encroaching onto residential area without any break, putting new hi-rises on edges when there is so many empty real
What is your biggest concern about the future of Silver Spring?	Newell St is most immediate concern. Replacing the fountain in DTSS with astroturf – very unpopular among neighbors as it is a popular spot in the
What is your biggest concern about the future of Silver Spring?	Newell St, reopening ASAP. Heard of a study on Acorn Park renovation stating reason for closure as to see how the community reacts after the fact
What is your biggest concern about the future of Silver Spring?	In middle of pandemic, would love to see City Place focus on attracting businesses. Remember when City Place had great retail stores (Nordstrom
What is your biggest concern about the future of Silver Spring?	I'm all for walkability, but sometimes with boxes, you need to drive and park. Also inconvenient for people with disabilities. Lot of people in area are
What is your biggest concern about the future of Silver Spring?	Concerned about the balance of housing types/affordability. We need to have diversity on every level, and affordability is key.
What is your biggest concern about the future of Silver Spring?	Discusses recent street blockages (such as Kennett/Newell/ and East West Highway) which cause access issues for emergency vehicles.
What is your biggest concern about the future of Silver Spring?	With the rise of curbside pickup for dining, dangerous conditions are made for both cars and pedestrians - On Wayne, Ellsworth, and Fenton for
What is your biggest concern about the future of Silver Spring?	Pedestrian safety, being careful with Public-Private-Partnerships because this gives too much to developers rather than keeping citizens' needs in
What is your biggest concern about the future of Silver Spring?	do not make it is not easier for people under 40 to buy homes with at least enough space for 1 child; Silver Spring will become a lot more like Bethesda
What is your biggest concern about the future of Silver Spring?	to avoid becoming like Bethesda need to lower the cost of housing opportunities. Need to remove the obstacles to building housing that people
What is your biggest concern about the future of Silver Spring?	Towards not becoming Bethesda: it was great when Discovery moved here from Bethesda, an anchor for economic development. We have had a lot of
What is your biggest concern about the future of Silver Spring?	Totally agree on the value of the diverse and affordable restaurants! AND totally agree with the value that Progress Place!
What is your biggest concern about the future of Silver Spring?	Would like to see Purple Line move forward, hopefully to reduce congestion on Colesville. Dislikes Colesville because traffic is so bad. Works an hour
What is your biggest concern about the future of Silver Spring?	The homeless as an issue and providing them services is important. CAB is hearing increasing complaints about our unhoused neighbors and we would
What is your biggest concern about the future of Silver Spring?	Doesn't want Silver Spring to become like Bethesda. Wants the income diversity and racial diversity to remain. Doesn't want to become
This plan will be a success if	Open ideas of what schools can be
This plan will be a success if	It encourages sustainable and stable growth for the area and a sense of pride in community.
This plan will be a success if	It builds on Silver Spring's existing resources to welcome more neighbors, allow for more pedestrian, bike, and transit activity, ensure that recreational
This plan will be a success if	Silver Spring remains a place where people of all ages, incomes, backgrounds, races feel welcome because they feel part of a community
This plan will be a success if	If it results in a more cohesive and pedestrian friendly place which encourages developers to build the right thing. The purple line is a great
This plan will be a success if	This plan will be a success if the median income level and racial diversity of Silver Spring does not change significantly. Big changes will indicate lack of
This plan will be a success if	This plan will be a success if we can continue to be a uniquely diverse MoCo , across all the dimensions we talked about, while improving
This plan will be a success if	This plan will be a success if all parts of Silver Spring are integrated. North, south, east, west. A more integrated mixed use community, a more
This plan will be a success if	This plan will be a success if my kids want to live in Downtown Silver Spring and can afford to
This plan will be a success if	This plan will be a success if we keep the essence that is Silver Spring first.
This plan will be a success if	This plan will be a success if the community remains successful and diverse.