North Silver Spring Visioning will focus on....

COLESVILLE RD AND GEORGIA AVE

FOCUS ON SPECIFIC SITES

TOPICS YOU WANT TO DISCUSS
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At the corner of Fenton and Bonifant, there is rounded greenspace there. It's possible to move the SS sign there.

It seems like the restaurants along Colesville could do better if somehow it was easier to see what was there as you go down the street. I would like to see places there thrive.

I agree that this corner does not feel like the center. It is a place to get past, not a place to enjoy or linger. More green would help.

Yes to dedicated bus lanes! That would be great. Along Colesville there are great restaurants but they struggle for visibility. It impacts the economic viability. I have no idea what to do, but it adds to the host flavor of the area.

Scott: failed businesses demand a new street pattern. There are open space needs near Ellsworth and Fenton. I think the sign “downtown Silver Spring” is pretty corny. Do we need a sign to remind people that this is the center?

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I wish that Colesville had dedicated bus lanes... that would help a lot. Agree that the gas station is not appropriate here.

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Having this be a hub for bikes would be GREAT. NO CARS should be parking here. EVER. It is a design that no longer fits this space.

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North Silver Spring: Between Colesville Rd and Georgia Ave

How do you feel about this area? What do you come here for?

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The Guardian Building and its sidewalk are a mess.

I love the wide open space at Fairview, that allows for unstructured play.

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I used to go to that parking in the Cameron garage.... I also like All Set.

I use the Cameron Street parking lot from time to time. The parking lot needs to be remodeled. It seems to be broken up currently.

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LA Fitness does not take care of its sidewalks in the winter.

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I park here to go to the AFI.

I use All Set and sometimes some of the medical offices in the same building. Some of the commercial spaces on the bottom floor flood when it rains.

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Spring St and Georgia Ave
I know that buses have a hard time with the Spring and 2nd intersection. The crosswalk on Spring Street is not well defined and it can be dangerous. Could the parking building become a school, or some kind of annex of Montgomery College?

The parking garage is ugly and only partially filled. It would be great if part of it could be repurposed. It would be great to have retail. Anything but what it now.

The parking garage utilization was very low even before the pandemic. It's the Filmore's primary parking lot. It serves a benefit to the businesses. It's important.

I agree with the earlier comments about making the garage into mix use and having more pedestrian friendly shopping.

Spring Streets have created choke points for buses and deliveries. The concept of the bike plan is a problem for the businesses. It affects the leasing because of the delivery issues it causes. A serious problem. We need the parking garage may serve a purpose but it needs to be redesigned. Amplitheater Is a great idea for that building. As a bike commuter I find the bike lanes ridiculous - every intersection is differently configured. Those "choke points" are my valued bike travel lanes. It's working GREAT for bikers.

Due to the open expense of park across Spring and the width of Spring Street itself, with the tree median, I think you need something built out to the edge like the Fenwick Apartments - to make an edge, for density and a sense of street.

What about putting in an outdoor amphitheater in place of one side of the L of the parking garage?
North Silver Spring: Between Georgia Ave and Metrorail

How do you feel about this area? What do you come here for?

There are many opportunity spots for missing middle housing. Has the PB staff considered these?

Once the Purple Line starts running, that hopefully will reduce the need for parking in this area.

There are numerous SFH barely being used - can they be developed as housing?

I like what's happening there like the senior housing and the Elizabeth House.

This section is a real mish-mash of smaller single family homes and large apartment and condo buildings.

I like the open space at Silver Branch. There needs to be more crosswalks from Georgia Ave.

The sparseness of this area reinforces that there are many existing sites for housing before expanding into the abutting residential neighborhoods.

Can the HOC building go into an existing office space and use that site for housing instead?

It's a great pedestrian, public transit commuter area. I like Fenwick Beer and Wine and Silver Branch

Love how pedestrian-friendly this neighborhood is. Sidewalks are wide, not obstructed, and really safe and protected from traffic. Great Metro access.

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super excited about the coming changes here

It would be good if getting to the Metro from here made more sense.

my only complaint here is that the escalator to the Metro is sometimes off and that is an accessibility issue. Also, signage is needed so that people from out of town know how to get to the station from the area near Silver Branch.

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2nd Ave and Fenwick/Cameron

Proposed/Under Construction

Opportunity Site
2nd Ave and Fenwick/Cameron

Yay for more housing! This is the exact place where there should be lots of housing.

This is another part of SS where the variation in sidewalks really impacts the accessibility. The staircase/ramp from Fidler down to 2nd is falling apart.

Elizabeth Square brings a mix of housing, affordable housing, mixed uses like a rec center, etc. It took a long time but its a great model for the county. Lots of opportunity for events there. Mixed ages. It will be special.

There are so many opportunity spots for higher density housing in this area.

This is the perfect place for a tall building. Can create a lot of outdoor uses in this area. May turn into an 2nd center for Silver Spring.

I think building lots of housing near transit is good for the environment. And taller is better for that reason. That means less people driving, potentially.

I have concerns about building such tall buildings. Seconded. Land use and reducing car driven spread by building tall near transit is a hugely underappreciated part of environmental sustainability. If we don’t build here, what place is better?

As we think about housing (which I am in favor of), we need to think about it as housing for families with children as well as others. This will impact the schools and that needs to be considered.

There are lots of opportunity sites and “taller is better” is not a mantra I would endorse.

I like the themes of recreation. There’s a space across from Georgia with the posters that has been empty for a while - I’m not sure what can happen there but maybe something with arts and rec.

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Building tall by transit is good. But if we can't build tall here, where can we? I encourage tall buildings here.

Can you talk about the Fillmore? I think that the business is really really good for Silver Spring. But they need more space on the sidewalk for customers lining up to go in.

Can anything. I do not believe that they have the communities best interest at heart, and I have serious concerns now about private ownership/oversight over public open spaces. Too capricious. They only care about their

Bike storage is a problem.

I want to make a plea for the skateboarding in DTSS. We need more spaces for teenagers. Being a teenager who wants to be in DTSS should not make you suspicious.

Please think of how teens can use spaces. They need space to develop, to be in the community. We cannot regulate them to the edges.