

Ashton Village Center Implementation Advisory Committee

Meeting: February 22, 2023, 7:30 PM

Guests:

Guest - Allison Weiss - Executive Director of the Sandy Spring Museum

AVCIAC Members Present:

Amy Medd – Chair

Julia Roberts – Vice Chair

Nadine Masone Mort - Secretary

Harry Berman

Kathleen Wheeler

Paul Mangus

Leianne Clements

Chelsea Hughes

Members Absent:

Michael Tharkur

Jessica Sidar

Jamey Pratt

Agenda

The meeting Began at 7:33 pm when a quorum of members was acknowledged.

- Review and approval of minutes from the last meeting on January 17, 2023.
- Allison Weiss reviewed and explained the Sandy Spring Museum master plan to make the grounds more accessible and useable, specifically an area called the Commons. She explained that SSM is applying for a special congressional earmark. Allison is asking for support for this effort and that it would be an asset for the community.
 - Chelsea expressed concerns that this project might cause area rents to rise.
 - Nadine asked if a playground and or a health component might be included in the hiking trails. Allison said that these were possibilities.
 - Amy asked Allison to whom our letter should be addressed.
 - Allison left the meeting and the group discussed the pros and cons of the project. Concerns for increased traffic and pedestrian safety were discussed.

- A vote was taken and it was approved unanimously to write a letter of support for this project.

- Any Other Business (AOB)
 - Kathleen suggested we ask Jewru Bandeh – Director East County Regional Services Center to address the recent Ashton Walk Around with representatives from the State and County Departments of Transportation and Planning responsible for the intersection of Route 108 and New Hampshire Avenue which took place in January.

The meeting adjourned at 8:08