

TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE
SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PURPLE LINE MITIGATION MEETING
MINUTES
January 22, 2018

Committee Members:

Present– Barney Rush (Co-chair), Rich Brancato, Richard English, John Fitzgerald, Holly Kammerer, Stuart Sessions, Deborah Vollmer, Don MacGlashan
Absent – Jeff Marqusee, John Beale, Cynthia Lao, Christine Real de Azua, Joel Rubin,

Residents and Guests – Six residents and guests were in attendance.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Town Consultants, TetraTech, made a presentation on the Purple Line Transit Partners (PLTP) Stormwater Management Plan. Tetra Tech presenters were: Saurabh Raj and Mark Sievers.

TetraTech’s general conclusion was that the stormwater management design appeared to cause no significant negative impact to the town residents along the Purple Line right-of-way, and that there would be no additional impact to Coquelin Run.

The Committee asked many questions regarding where the stormwater would be flowing, including stormwater from additional development along Montgomery Avenue. Members also asked if the proposed pipe design would be adequate to handle one, ten, and one hundred-year storms. Special emphasis was directed towards POI 4 (point of interest 4), a major junction for stormwater from north of the PL and water coming from the Purple Line right-of-way by the Town.

Members also discussed the distinction between water *quantity* management and water *quality* management and their relationship with impervious surfaces and pervious surfaces. This question was not clearly resolved by TetraTech as there was insufficient data from the PLTP.

Following the Tetra Tech presentation, Co-Chair Rush summarized ongoing work by the Town office and mitigation committee members. There were further discussions regarding the underpass and the State Highway Administration regarding the East-West Highway crossing for students going to BCC High School. A discussion was also held regarding Town efforts to obtain the six ROD plans that the Committee had identified in December as the key ones to review. Mr. Rush reported that, as a first step, he had reached out to Tim Cupples, the County liaison to the MTA, to see if the County had any of these. He had not yet heard back from Mr. Cupples but would pursue the matter and consider additional steps if necessary.

Chair Rush asked for volunteers to serve on a Community Association Body that will coordinate community actions dealing with the Purple Line construction. Rich Brancato volunteered.

Actions: Co-Chair Rush requested that all members submit their additional questions regarding the TetraTech study to Stu Sessions, who agreed to assemble these questions for follow-up. He would also continue efforts to obtain the ROD plans.