

**Environment Committee  
Town of Chevy Chase  
Minutes  
March 20, 2007 Meeting**

**Attendees:** Rob Enelow, Ruth Fort, Thomas Heath, Coralee Hoffman, Michael Payne, Joan Rood, Vicky Taplin

**Guests:** Dedun Ingram, Bruce Russell, and David Lublin

1. Dedun Ingram and Bruce Russell gave a presentation on a proposed noise ordinance. Dedun and Bruce studied the issue of noise control as members of the former Regulatory Review and Enforcement Committee. They explained Montgomery County's current noise ordinance and the draft noise ordinance that they presented to the Town Council last year. In the coming months, the Environment Committee will review the draft noise ordinance, identify issues concerning that proposal, and develop its own draft ordinance for presentation to the Town Council.
2. The Committee noted the Composting Workshop that Bruce Russell will give at the LeLand Center on April 23rd.
3. Committee member Thomas Heath drafted language for a proposal to the Town Council that, if adopted, would instruct the Town Staff to plant trees in the Town right-of-way regardless of whether adjoining property owners desire the plantings. Currently, the Town Staff does not plant trees in the Town right-of-way when an adjoining property owner objects to the planting. Joan Rood will forward the language to the Town Manager.
4. During the next meeting, the Committee will begin discussing details about the proposed noise ordinance. Joan Rood and Coralee Hoffman will organize the materials in preparation for the meeting. The Committee also will discuss at its next meeting the possibility of the Town participating in a Rain Garden program.
5. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 17th at 7:30pm.