

# **Town of Chevy Chase**

## **Land Use Committee**

### **Minutes**

September 19, 2007

The Land Use Committee met at 7:00 p.m. on September 19, 2007. The meeting was attended by Council Liaison, Mayor Linna Barnes, Committee Chair, Julia Miller, and Committee Members, Lees Hartman, Donna Kirk, Dedun Ingram, Steve McConnell, Joseph Rubin, and Sue Hill. Jon Hiatt was absent.

The Committee approved the minutes for its meetings of July 31, September 4, and September 10. It also reviewed and made final edits to its handout for the town meeting on September 27. Suggestions were also made regarding materials that may be helpful for the consultants to distribute.

Discussion then followed on the consultant's proposed definition of Floor Area Ratio (F.A.R.) and its recalculations. Consideration was given to the use of a revised definition of basement for purposes of calculating F.A.R., providing partial floor area credit for partial basements, and the possibility of addressing the three/four wall issue with a maximum wall plate height. It was decided to ask the consultants to explore whether the problems relating to walk out basements could be achieved through a wall height limit rather than redefining basement.

The Committee then turned its attention to possible F.A.R.s. The Committee considered a range of .3 to .5, but full consensus was not reached. It also discussed the need to provide greater FAR on smaller lots.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.