

Town of Chevy Chase
Purple Line Mitigation Advisory Group Meeting
November 30, 2009

Minutes by Jacob Bardin

Group Members Present: Mary Anne Hoffman, Chair; Pat Burda, Council Liaison; Jacob Bardin, Rich Brancato, John Burnes, Joan Rood and David Salzman

Absent: Andy Hill and Leslie Hill

Town Resident: Jannike Jackson, 4230 East West Highway

General Business

1. Introduction of Group Members
2. Mission reviewed by the Group

The Purple Line Mitigation Advisory Group will represent the Town during the State's preliminary engineering phase for the Purple Line light rail project. The Advisory Group will concern itself both with potential impacts of the project on Town residential properties adjacent to the right-of-way and with the overall safety and recreational experience of the Capital Crescent Trail. As part of its work, the group will gather the concerns of Town residents about potential construction and operational impacts and relay those concerns and consensus mitigation recommendations to the Maryland Transit Administration.

3. Agreed to set regular meeting date/time: the first Thursday of the month, 7-9 p.m.
Next regular committee meeting: Thursday January 7, 2010.
4. Group discussed, in a broad sense, some of the Town's mitigation concerns:
 - A. Safety
 - B. Noise
 - C. Trail routing
 - D. Location and access for Bethesda LRT station
 - E. Visual impact of project

5. Group prepared for meeting on Saturday, December 5, with Mike Madden, Chief, Project Development, Office of Planning, Maryland Transit Administration.

Objective of meeting with Mr. Madden:

- Understand MTA's current plans for the Purple Line light rail project
- Understand MTA process for addressing community mitigation issues/concerns
- Walk the Trail and get additional input from Mr. Madden
- Establish a tone of cooperation/partnership with the State in order to secure the best possible mitigation measures if the Purple Line comes to the Town's northern border

The meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.