

Town of Chevy Chase  
Long Range Planning Committee

Minutes of April 19, 2007

7:00 P.M. Town Hall

John Navratil, notetaker

**Members Attending:** Virginia Ceaser, Pat Burda, Kathy Strom, David Lublin, Stephanie Brown, John Navratil

**Members Absent:** Tina Coplan, Tamara Harris, Diane Mooney

**Handouts:**

- Minutes of March 15 and March 27 LRPC meetings
- Agenda
- March 28, 2007 memo from LRPC to Town Council on Woodmont development of lots 31 and 31A
- April 11, 2007 memo from Pat Burda to Town Council regarding conversation with Emil Wolanin of County Traffic Division on the subject of the Woodmont avenue closure
- March 29, 2007 memo to Town Council from LRPC related to designating 4-H property for Legacy Open Space program
- Town of Chevy Chase nomination of 4-H property for Legacy Open Space program.
- Summary of Takoma Park MD council compensation study
- List of potential consultants for Purple Line study
- Letter to Town Council from Arthur Rowse and Ruth Fort and others questioning budget allocation for a purple line study
- Letter to Town Council from Amy and Steven Kostant and others supporting a budget allocation for a purple line study.
- Action committee for Transit press release on Town of Chevy Chase purple line budget allocation

**Call to order:** Pat Burda convened the meeting at 7:00

Minutes of the March 15 and March 27 LRPC meetings were reviewed. Town resident Charles Duffy was introduced to the committee as a possible new member of the committee and participated in the meeting. We discussed what would constitute a committee recommendation and decided we would vote on most

issues and on anything that is a committee recommendation, and that recommendations would be put in writing and reviewed by the committee prior to sending to the Town Council.

### **Review of Council Actions:**

Pat and Kathy reported that the council had agreed to nominate the 4-H property for the Legacy Open Space program and that Kathy would soon be presenting that nomination as well as urging that the county accept an earlier nomination of the Li property

Lot 31 and 31A development was discussed with respect to the closure of Woodmont Avenue. Kathy reported that the Council had hired a traffic consultant to monitor development plans. Pat reported on her conversation with Emil Wolanin of County Traffic Division on the subject of the Woodmont avenue closure. Pat reported that Emil was open to being informed on an ongoing basis as to the Town's concerns with the road closure, detours, etc.

### **Bethesda Development**

David Lublin reported on a few development issues. He had heard that the tunnel under the Air Rights Center might be closed for 2 years for the Thyme Square development project. He said he would find out more as to where this project stands with County Action. David reported that the ongoing development on the site of the old Giant wants to amend its development plan. The extent of the amendment was not known and David said he would seek more information.

The Bethesda Naval Medical Center developments were discussed briefly and it was noted that there is an ongoing comment period with respect to traffic concerns there. We decided to discuss another time as it was not apparent what interest the Town had with respect to that development.

### **Purple Line**

The pro and con letters to the Town Council regarding the Town budget allocation of \$250,000 for a Purple line study were discussed. Kathy described plans for a June 6 town meeting on the subject. We discussed the need for more direction from the Council as to what the LRPC's directive is with respect to overseeing the study. It was decided to table discussion and await the outcome of the June 6 meeting and any Council decisions regarding the study that could follow in the wake of that meeting.

### **Governance Study**

In light of the hour, it was decided that the Governance study would be discussed at our next meeting. Stephanie Brown will oversee that project for the next couple months on account of other obligations of Diane Mooney.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:30