

Long-Range Planning Committee
Minutes of July 19, 2007 Meeting
7:00, Town Hall
Pat Burda, notetaker

Members attending: Pat Burda, Kathy Strom, Tina Coplan, John Navratil, David Lublin, Charles Duffy

Members absent: Tammy Harris, Diane Mooney, Virginia Ceaser

Guests attending: Deborah Sneed, Director, Bethesda-Chevy Chase Services Center; Peter Steele and Doug Kennedy, traffic consultants

Call to order: Pat Burda convened the meeting at 7:30.

New Discussions: Deborah Sneed spoke first about the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Services Center. The Regional Services Centers represent the County in their respective regions, to ensure delivery of responsive and accessible services to all residents, with particular attention to the special characteristics, needs, and resources within each distinct region. Deborah spoke about her wish to provide information to the community regarding development in the area and to coordinate a "list" of new projects and where they are within the County system. Her office is maintained within the Executive Branch of Montgomery County and is not run by Park and Planning.

Bethesda Development:

Lots 31/31A: Doug Kennedy and Peter Steele gave a presentation on their findings to date regarding the potential traffic impact of the Lots 31/31A project. They will continue to meet with a group from the Town consisting of Town lawyers, staff, and council reps.

Woodmont East & Tunnel Closure: we will recommend that the Council convene a meeting with the developers of the project and continue to monitor this project.

Growth Policy: Kathy gave an update on her testimony to the County Council.

Process: Pat and David will request a meeting with a Town staff representative to establish a process for monitoring development projects.

Purple Line: The RFP has gone out and we decided to send the Town letter and meeting transcript link to the Governor, Senators, and Representatives. We quickly noted the Capital Crescent Trail report had been issued and the new Purple Line website is up: purplelinemd.com

National Register: Tina reviewed information she had gathered on other communities with the NR designation and we decided we need to gather more information on the timetable and specifics.

4-H & Legacy Open Space: The Town's application to the LOS was accepted.

Other Project Updates: were postponed to next meeting and the meeting was adjourned at 9:45.