

Long-Ranger Planning Committee
Minutes of October 17, 2007 Meeting
7:00 p.m. Town Hall
Charles Duffy, notetaker

Members attending: Pat Burda, Kathy Strom, Tina Coplan, David Lublin, Tammy Harris, Mary Anne Hoffman and Charles Duffy.

Members absent: Bruce Douglas, John Navratil.

Call to order: Pat Burda convened the meeting at 7:15.

Discussion:

- Bethesda development and County growth issues were discussed. The discussion mainly related to the proposed development of Lots 31/31A and Woodmont East (near Barnes and Noble). The group discussed public meetings that Committee members attended regarding the referenced projects. It was agreed in general that efforts by Committee members regarding development would have a greater impact on protecting the interests of Town residents the earlier the efforts are exerted.

The group also discussed a standard to apply when deciding which Bethesda development projects should be monitored by the Committee since all projects in Bethesda can not be monitored because of how much time and effort it would take to do so. An applicable standard that was discussed is that efforts would be focused on projects that border the Town of Chevy Chase and also projects that effect the access of townspeople to Bethesda.

The issue of whether to actively monitor the Bethesda Metro development project was discussed and it was decided that efforts would be made to monitor in a less-active manner as compared to other projects.

- Purple Line. Pat Burda discussed the RFP process and mentioned that other companies were contacted and might submit proposals regarding the Town's stated requirements. David Lublin and Kathy Strom discussed the recent public forum that was held on the Purple Line. It appears that the State's ridership study would be discussed by the State in late November but that the results would not be released then.
- National Register. Tina Coplan and Mary Anne Hoffman discussed the National Register project and their efforts to gather more information about it. They will continue to gather more information and weigh related options.
- The Li Property on Meadow. Kathy Strom discussed the Li property and her belief was that it was not yet clear what was going to happen to the property.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 20th at 7 p.m.