

Town of Chevy Chase  
Long-Range Planning Committee

Minutes of December 13, 2007  
6:30 P.M. Town Hall  
Marty Saggese, notetaker

*Attending:* Pat Burda (Chair); Kathy Strom; John Navratil; Charles Duffy; Marty Saggese; David Lublin

*Absent:* Tina Coplan, Mary Anne Hoffman, Tammy Harris, Bruce Douglas

*Guests:* Harris Schechtman and Annie Weinstock, consultants, *Sam Schwartz PLLC (SSC)*

The consultants were introduced to the Committee and they reviewed briefly their two days of meetings. Having attended the Purple Line Open House sponsored by the MTA the previous evening they also raised some specific issues they would like to explore further. In particular they are intrigued by the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) and the Jones Bridge Road alignment, which they feel should be explored more fully because of its potential in meeting the needs of both the east/west connection goal of the Purple Line and traffic implications of the BRAC relocation of Walter Reed to Naval Medical. The committee will wait to hear more from the consultants as they look more deeply into the issue.

The committee discussions included:

1. Inner Purple Line Strategy: The committee discussed next steps with the consultants:
  - 1.1. Need to bring convergence with BRAC
  - 1.2. Need to request additional plans and drawings from MTA: the consultants will prepare a list
  - 1.3. May want to keep Sen. Madaleno advised of what we need and are requesting from MTA
  - 1.4. Issues for Town Council Jan. 9 meeting: requested document list to MTA and initial comments/discussion paper on Inner Purple Line (IPL) from SSC based on visit
  
2. BRAC DEIS: The committee discussed how to proceed with making comments on the BRAC DEIS which has just been released.
  - 2.1. The consultants will spend time reviewing the transportation section of the DEIS and outline issues the Town will want to raise in its formal response. Comments are due on the DEIS by January 28.

- 2.2. Pat and David will follow up with a conversation with Ilaya Hopkins from East Bethesda who sat on the BRAC Advisory Board to go over what might be helpful
3. "Visualization" of the train/trail
  - 3.1. SSC believes that this could be a critical event in a campaign
  - 3.2. Aiming for March/April
  - 3.3. Who are the audiences?
    - 3.3.1. elected officials and policymakers
    - 3.3.2. media
    - 3.3.3. local community
  - 3.4. Opportunity to engage community leaders, including trail activists, Pam Browning, etc.
  - 3.5. Use "art" or visual elements to focus attention on what IPL would mean to the trail and the community
  - 3.6. Need point person (not necessarily on LRP Committee)
  - 3.7. SSC to conceptualize and recommend focal points for visualization
4. Conditions of "design acceptance"
  - 4.1. At what point does it make sense to begin thinking about this task?
  - 4.2. To be revisited in the coming months
5. Woodmont East: David gave an update on where the project stood. The project had been withdrawn and the developers will come back with a new design based on what they heard from the community at the public hearing.
6. Woodmont East/Lots 31-31A
  - 6.1. A local developer contacted Kathy and Pat and have asked to speak to committee regarding an alternative proposal for the sites.
  - 6.2. Committee decided to follow projects as they are currently proceeding and to revisit should there be a change

*Meeting adjourned 9:30.*