

**Town of Chevy Chase
Long-Range Planning Committee Meeting Minutes
April 25, 2011**

Members attending: Tina Coplan, Steve Seidel, co-chairs; Karen Depew, Leslie Hill, Mary Anne Hoffman, notetaker; John Midlen, John Murtagh, Charles Duffy, Jim Roy and Pat Burda, Council liaison.

The meeting was convened at 7:05 p.m.

COUNTY ZONING

Steve Seidel reviewed the Housing Element of the Planning Board's General Plan, recently adopted by the County Council, and a related letter from Town Mayor David Lublin to the County Council expressing Town concerns about the policies before adoption.

A meeting of a new county-wide information-sharing group, Neighborhood Montgomery, was discussed. The group provides information related to major issues facing Montgomery County, especially sensible growth and zoning. Information can be found on the group's Facebook page and on the District 1 website: www.D1cc.org

In anticipation of an upcoming County Council hearing on new mixed-use commercial/residential (CR zone) amendments to the County Zoning Ordinance, the committee decided:

- a) Steve Seidel will draft a letter for Mayor Lublin expressing suggested recommendations on the proposed amendments.
- b) Long-Range Planning will continue to monitor further developments and inform Town residents in the Town's Forecast newsletter and list serve, as needed

DEVELOPMENT

A recent announcement about proposed multi-family residential development at the Eastham gas station site was discussed. More information will be pursued about the proposal and presented at the next committee meeting.

PURPLE LINE

Jim Roy and Leslie Hill reported on an MTA Purple Line neighborhood working group meeting focused on the Capital Crescent Trail and Georgetown Branch. At the meeting MTA acknowledged that 20 acres would be cleared to make way for the Purple Line, and 60,000 riders per day are projected by 2030. MTA project manager Mike Madden expressed confidence that the Federal Transit Administration will give MTA the go-ahead by this summer to proceed with preliminary engineering on the light-rail project.

OTHER ISSUES

Karen Depew reported that on LRP's recommendation, orientation for new Council members will now be provided, and that the annual review of the Town's Strategic Plan will be completed by May 20.

Tina Coplan reported on the display LRP will prepare for the Town's annual meeting on May 2, highlighting developments the committee is following.

Jim Roy invited volunteers to participate in the "Save the Trail" run on May 28 from 9 to 12 a.m. and to contact him if interested.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m. The next meeting will be on Monday, May 16, at 7 p.m.