

Town of Chevy Chase
Long-Range Planning Committee
Minutes of February 23, 2009
Charles Duffy, notetaker

Attending: Pat Burda (Chair), David Lublin (Council Liaison), Charles Duffy, Karen Depew, May Anne Hoffman, Brenda Lizzio, Marty Saggese, Steve Seidel and Warren Rizzi (from the Town Office).

Pat Burda convened the meeting at 6:35 p.m. The January committee meeting minutes were approved.

Monitoring State Legislative Issues: The group decided that a general monitoring of state issues was too broad. It was suggested that the State District 18 elected representatives be contacted and requested to send news of legislative issues that might specifically affect the Town of Chevy Chase or municipalities in the County. The Committee would then consider if it wanted to look into any such issues further.

Save the Trail 10k: The Save the Trail 10k on March 7, 2009 was discussed briefly and members were encouraged to walk or run.

Elm Street Park Playground: A developer of a nearby project appears willing to want to offer funds to the Town to upgrade the playground as a gesture of goodwill. The Town will decide how much to request from the developer for the playground.

Bethesda Bikeway: the County Park and Planning Department has not yet finalized the route.

County Smart Growth Policy: There appears to be no general Countywide policy although there appears to be specific locations in the County that have such a policy. While researching whether the County has such a policy, it was determined that the County might be considering the issuance of bonds to finance the building of a south entrance for the Bethesda Metro. Pat Burda is going to look into that issue.

National Register: Mary Anne Hoffman and Brenda Lizzio discussed their research on the issue. The main topic of discussion was whether the issue, *i.e.*, should the Town seek National Register status, was worthwhile for the Committee to pursue further. Based on various considerations, the Committee decided, after a vote, to table the issue indefinitely.

Bethesda Development: Steve mostly discussed the Pier One location. At this point, it appears that if and when the Pier One store closes that a new tenant would likely take over the location. It does not appear that there are immediate plans to develop the site. There was some discussion concerning looking into development issues relating to the Chevy Chase Lake site.

Governance: Pat will meet with Karen and Marty to discuss where the committee left off with the Governance project. To be discussed in more detail next meeting.

Purple Line Update: Charles Duffy, who had missed the last meeting, asked for an update on the Purple Line project. Burda gave the update on the Town's DEIS comments and County Council actions.