

Town Of Chevy Chase
LONG-RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES
Monday, March 15, 2010
6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Minutes by John Midlen

Attending: Pat Burda (Council Liaison), Karen Depew (Co-Chair), Tina Coplan, Charles Duffy, Leslie Hill, John Midlen, John Murtagh, Russ Powell, Jim Roy and Steve Seidel

Not in attendance: Mary Anne Hoffman (Co-Chair) and Sharon Light

Karen Depew convened the meeting at 6:30 pm. The February Minutes were approved.

Forums. Tina Coplan and Leslie Hill presented an update on the anticipated forums and after extensive discussion various conclusions were reached:

Subject Matter: Given that 2010 is an election year, our Forums will be Candidate Forums.

Dates Proposed: May 25 for the District 1 County Council Candidates and September 1 for the At Large County Council Candidates. Both Democrat and Republican candidates will be invited.

Site Proposed: 4-H Auditorium

Participating Sponsors: Neighboring communities. It was noted that District 1 is comprised of Potomac, Bethesda, Chevy Chase and Garrett Park. Pat Burda is to issue the invitations to the neighboring communities to join as co-sponsors.

Publicity: Tina and Leslie will coordinate writing monthly articles/announcements for the *Forecast* leading up to the second 2010 forum. Other committee members will provide assistance as well. As the dates approach for the forums, it will be decided whether to utilize postcards. Media organs of co-sponsoring communities will also be utilized.

Border Development.

CR Zone. Karen Depew reported that guidelines for public benefits are up for approval at the Planning Board. They are presently in the Comment period which will be followed by a public hearing. The deadline for Comments is 3/17 which does not allow the LRP Committee enough time to make a submission. It was noted that Bill Barron of the Planning Board will attend the LRP April meeting

Pearl Street. Steve Seidel updated the committee on the proposed construction on the land currently occupied by the Del Ray Club that abuts both Pearl Street and the Capital Crescent Trail, which in turn abuts the Town of Chevy Chase. The Donohue Corporation, developers for the project, have made a presentation to the Town Council and are doing another presentation to the public at large tomorrow evening in the Air Rights North Tower Building on March 16. Steve Seidel, Jim Roy and Pat Burda attended a meeting with the developer's staff at which they noted the proposed height exceeds the Master Plan but is well under the zoning ordinance. Pat Burda and Steve Seidel also met with residents who will see the most direct impacts of the proposed construction. The Town has written a letter to the Planning Board raising concerns

about the project and Pat and Steve will continue to monitor the development for the Town and LRP.

Purple Line.

Pat Burda updated the committee. The Planning Board recently held a meeting on mitigation factors. In a straw vote, the Town's request that the trail be moved to the south side of the proposed tracks was rejected. The Lynn Drive track crossing is up for discussion and the Town will be at the table. Pat also updated the committee on other meetings she has had regarding the project. John Murtagh suggested that the Town follow up with Stanley Rollin's open invitation to tour County municipalities and walk the Capital Crescent Trail with him.

Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30 pm.

Next Meeting.

Monday, April 19, 2010.