

TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE
Long Range Planning Committee
Minutes of April 20, 2009 Meeting

Karen Depew, note taker

Attending: Pat Burda (Chair), Tina Coplan, Karen Depew, Charles Duffy, Brenda Lizzio, David Lublin (Council Liaison), John Midlen, Warren Rizzi (Staff representative) and Steve Seidel

Pat Burda convened the meeting at 6:45. March minutes were approved.

Border Issues Update

Elm St Park: Brenda Lizzio reported on a meeting with herself, Pat Burda and Warren Rizzi with the Donohoe Development Corporation to discuss lighting and safety issues related to the Elm Park renovation. Donohoe is willing to undertake the work manually in order to add two additional lights in the Park, but is not necessarily willing to pay for them. They will look into costs and share with the County. The County will work with the Town to secure funding. The County would also like to change the lights along Elm Street to match those in the Park. Other issues related to the Park were also discussed such as a faulty wire that caused the Elm Street lights to be out, and additional safety issues.

Committee also discussed ways to give recognition to Donohoe and JBG for donations and work on park and playground. It was decided to suggest to the Council that it gives recognition at a monthly Town Council meeting and in the *Forecast*.

Playground Update: JBG confirmed it will make \$20,000 donation toward playground on Elm St. Work estimated to be done late 2009 or early 2010. Town Council to vote on funds toward renovation is pending.

Bethesda Development Update

Not a lot of activity currently. Subcommittee will find out what is going in on the corner of Woodmont and Elm. Steve Seidel to attend the April 22 County meeting regarding master zoning plans.

John Midlen followed up with the Bethesda Chevy Chase Regional Center regarding traffic mitigation on Wisconsin Avenue. They are completing their study and will have it available soon.

Purple Line Update

Maryland Secretary of Transportation Porcari has been nominated for Deputy Secretary of Dept of Transportation. Unknown who will replace him. Decision on the PL preferred

alternative is still pending; we are also waiting for release of all written comments from the public on the PL. Discussed next political steps.

Pat Burda is currently studying cost of different options for challenging DEIS study. She hopes to present her findings during the May LRP committee meeting.

4-H Planning Process Discussion

Tina Coplan presented a report on the 4-H expansion. She identified potential concerns of TCC, positives about the relationship between the Town and 4-H, objectives and 3 options for working with the 4-H. The following was decided:

- 1) Warren to contact Planning Board about Master Plan for zoning, sector plan and legal agreements with 4-H.
- 2) Tina to research 4-H's timeframe and plan for proceeding. She will also investigate if 4-H produces a newsletter that may contain more information about the plans.
- 3) Pat Burda to introduce Tina Coplan to 4-H as Town representative and contact.
- 4) Steve Steidel contacting the Town's lawyer about researching records to advise Town on its rights. Tina will identify questions for lawyer.
- 5) When the project has progressed, the committee agreed we should put a notification in the *Forecast* and arrange for citizens to meet with the 4-H to review plans and ask questions.

Annual Town Meeting

Committee agreed to arrange for a table at the meeting to update attendees of Bethesda development projects, plat, and Purple Line signs. Pat Burda suggested Marty Saggese represent Committee to answer Purple Line questions and Steve Seidel and Karen Depew will arrange for representation from the Bethesda Development subcommittee.

New Projects

Karen Depew suggested reviewing the Town's strategic plan for updating and to identify outstanding items not accomplished, plus review 2009 Town Survey to see if other issues should be included in the plan.

Pat Burda suggested the committee identify potential issues for the committee to consider moving forward. It was agreed that these two items complemented one another. It was decided that in May or June the committee will review and monitor implementation of strategic plan and identify trends that could impact the Town.