

**Town of Chevy Chase
Long Range Planning Committee
Minutes of May 21, 2008
6:30 PM Town Hall
Tamara Harris, notetaker**

Members Attending: Pat Burda , Mary Anne Hoffman, Charles Duffy, Tammy Harris, Tina Copland, John Navratil, Steve Seidel, Bruce Douglas

Members Absent: Marty Saggese, David Lublin

Call to order: Pat Burda convened the meeting at 6:30.

Minutes of the April Meeting: approved by the meeting

Committee Structure: With the election, David Lublin is now our Council Liaison, and Kathy Strom is the Town Mayor. Kathy has sent out a letter to all residents asking those who want to be involved in committees to apply. All current committee members need to reapply if they are interested in staying on. At the June meeting there would be a discussion of initiatives to consider looking toward next year.

Update on the Purple Line:

There were several meetings with the larger community over the last month:

April 24: A meeting hosted by the Town with SSE: about 30 representatives came from numerous neighboring communities, including those co-hosting the May 31st event, groups that live along the various Purple Line routes, and others.

May 6: At the Town's Annual meeting, Sam made a presentation to the Town's residents and a few reps from other communities. In the audience were Councilmember Nancy Floreen and Karen McManus from Chris Van Hollen's office.

B-CC Meeting: There was a small "advisory" community meeting hosted by MTA where Mike Madden and others discussed where the State is in their planning. Pat Burda attended that meeting.

The consultants will continue to work on the project and will reserve time for the response to the DEIS.

There was discussion of the position of local elected officials on the Purple Line and how this might help with the discussion of alternatives.

There was also discussion of the mis-information campaign by other groups and how and if the Town should respond.

May 31st Connect with the Capital Crescent Trail Event:

Plans are falling into place. Eighteen community and neighborhood groups are now co-sponsoring the event. Mary Anne Hoffman and Tina Coplan have been very busy working with the group to plan the day. Mary Anne reviewed assignments and the schedule as well as the elected officials who are supposed to come to the event. Mary Anne and Tina reviewed the art that will be placed on the trail and there was a discussion of what would be expected.

Bethesda development:

Steve Seidel reported on development that will take place on the site of McDonald's across the street from BCC High School. In addition, the land where Pier 1 is located has been purchased by the Jaffe Group. It is expected that a set of slow negotiations will take place during which the height of the building and the shape and interface with the community will be discussed.

Because this is a slow developing issue (intentional pun!), it was decided to wait until after the summer to assess the impact on the community and to begin discussions on a position from the Town Council with a note in the September Forecast.

The area above the Bethesda Metro is also being considered for development and the developers of surrounding high rise buildings are contesting this since a high rise on the central plaza would block sun and increase density.

The Air Rights Building has applied for a variance to fix up the Elm Street Park.

The Mongolian Barbecue has applied to enclose the public deck that is now used as part of the restaurant. John Navratil will find out more about this from Mier Wolf.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.