

Town of Chevy Chase  
Long Range Planning Committee  
Minutes of September 15, 2008  
6:30 Town Hall

Steve Seidel, notetaker

Attending: Pat Burda (chair), David Lublin (Council Member), Tina Coplan, Charles Duffy, Mary Anne Hoffman, Steve Seidel, Brenda Lizzio, John Midlen, and Karen Depew.

I. Committee Housekeeping and Planning

Pat Burda convened the meeting at 6:30. The minutes of the last committee meeting were reviewed and any final changes were to be submitted to Pat by noon, Sept 16.

Future meetings will be scheduled for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month with the exception of the October meeting which will be held on October 27<sup>th</sup> to accommodate David's travel to Africa.

New committee members – Brenda Lizzio, John Midlen, and Karen Depew – were welcomed and introduced. John was designated to initially support the Purple Line subcommittee and Brenda and Karen were designated to work with the Bethesda development subcommittee.

The Committee discussed a range of longer term issues that would allow us to “get ahead” of issues likely to arise in our Town. There was strong interest in pursuing activities related to “Aging in Place” and also discussion of the impact of higher property taxes on town residents. These and possibly other issues will be discussed at future meetings.

The Committee discussed the upcoming Town Survey and Karen was going to take a look at it to see if it could provide any useful material for our Committee.

II. Development Issues

Pat reported on changes to the proposed Woodmont East development. The proposed hotel has been changed to be office space, the pedestrian pathway has been expanded

and the bridge eliminated. Steve will draft a summary of these changes for the upcoming issue of the Forecast.

The Bethesda Bikeway project has also been modified. The section on Bethesda Avenue has been postponed until after Lot 31/31A has been developed, but the sections on 47<sup>th</sup> and Willow are still under development.

No new developments were reported either for the Metro 4 project on the Pier One site. The proposed office building on the McDonald's site has been rescheduled for October before the Planning Board.

### III. Purple Line Updates

The Committee discussed the upcoming timetable for release of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement now scheduled for late September. Town consultants will be reviewing the document and helping in the preparation of comments. Committee members will continue to participate in activities of the Rethinking the Purple Line organization.

### IV. Strategic Plan Update

Bridget Hartman and Todd Hoffman have been reviewing and updating activities related to the Strategic Plan. This effort will be aimed at identifying areas where substantial progress has been made and objectives have not yet been addressed. Discussions will also occur within the Town Council on possible ways to update the Strategic Plan. At some future date our Committee may want to examine our mission statement to see if any modifications are warranted.