

**Long-Range Planning Committee
Town of Chevy Chase**

**Summary of Meeting
April 19, 2010**

Steve Seidel, Notetaker

The meeting convened at 6:30 pm and was chaired by Mary Anne Hoffman. Other attendees included Karen Depew (Committee co-chair), Pat Burda (Town Council representative), Leslie Hill, Tina Coplan, John Midlen, Steve Seidel, John Murtagh, Jim Roy and Sharon Light. Committee members Charles Duffy and Russ Powell were absent.

District 1 Council Candidates' Forum: Tina Coplan presented an update on plans for a District 1 candidates' forum that will be co-hosted by the Town of Chevy Chase and nine neighboring communities. The event will take place on Tuesday, June 1, at the Lawton Center and will involve Roger Berliner and Ilaya Hopkins, both candidates in the Democratic primary for the District 1 County Council position. The candidates have responded to questions on their positions, and these will appear in the May issue of the Town's Forecast. The committee discussed ways to advertise the event, and John Murtagh will be looking into the cost of having signs placed around Town.

The meeting also discussed additional candidate forums. It appears that other communities and organizations may be hosting forums with all County Council members and that we may participate as co-hosts at these events rather than take the lead on organizing one; we will try to finalize the status of these other forums before the next meeting. In addition, John Midlen agreed to work with Tina, Charles Duffy and Leslie Hill to explore an October forum for District 18 candidates in the general election for State Senator and Delegates.

Border Development Issues: Steve Seidel reported that the Town Council has approved our continued challenge to the proposed development on Pearl Street because it would have an adverse impact on our town residents and is inconsistent with the sector plan.

Jim Roy reported that a public open house for community discussion of Chevy Chase Lake development will take place at the Chevy Chase Library on April 27 from 1:30 - 7:30 p.m. Jim and Town staff will attend the meeting and report back to the Committee about the proposed process for developing a sector plan for this neighboring community.

John Murtagh reported that the County Planning Board will hold an open house on its zoning rewrite process on April 20-21. Both he and Karen Depew will attend and report back to the Committee.

The Committee also discussed a special exemption request to expand a day care facility located at 6705 Connecticut Avenue and reviewed a report on the proposal prepared by Town staff. Several questions were raised (e.g., how does this location relate to the proposed new houses on Connecticut Ave, how would drop-off and pick-ups be handled?) and Karen Depew will coordinate developing questions for the Town staff to pursue.

Purple Line Mitigation Advisory Group: Leslie Hill and Mary Anne Hoffman reported that the Advisory Group had recommended that the hiker/biker trail be placed on the Town side of the proposed Purple Line tracks, but the Planning Board has unanimously supported the recommendation from the State that the trail be located to the north side of the path (e.g., away from the Town). The County Council will vote on this recommendation early this summer. Sharon Light recommended that MAG do an update on this in the Forecast.

The next meeting of the Mitigation Advisory Group is scheduled for May 6, when County and State officials will walk along the trail with the Group to discuss issues related to access from Lynn Drive and Elm Street Park.

Other Business: Karen Depew announced that Bill Barron from the County Planning Department staff will attend the Long-Range Planning Committee meeting on June 21.

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