

Town of Chevy Chase
Long-Range Planning Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 17, 2011

Members Present: Pat Burda (Council Liaison), Tina Coplan (Co-Chair), Steve Seidel (Co-Chair), Carla Graeff, Karen Depew, Leslie Hill, Mary Anne Hoffman, John Midlen, John Murtagh, Charles Duffy (note-taker), Jim Roy
The meeting was convened at 7:00 p.m.

PURPLE LINE

Mary Anne Hoffman reported on recent activities related to the Town's Purple Line Mitigation Advisory Committee. She reported that a possible - 5-foot path on the south side of the Purple Line was discussed at the most recent Town Council meeting. Further discussions will be held with those neighbors that would directly be impacted. There remain many unanswered questions about the path proposal, which the Mitigation Advisory Committee will continue to focus on.

DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS NEAR THE TOWN

Steve Seidel reported that there is a development project planned for the Texaco gas station site on Wisconsin Avenue North of East West Highway. We will continue to monitor this project but committee members did not believe that any direct involvement at this time was warranted.

There was also discussion of the proposed ramp, agreed to as part of the Pearl Street development. This ramp would allow residents to more easily access the current trail.

CHEVY CHASE LAKE SECTOR PLAN PROJECT

Jim Roy and several committee members attended and reported on the January 10, 2011, meeting at the County's Planning Board regarding the development of a new sector plan for Chevy Chase Lake. Planning Board staff and large landowners developing the project gave presentations, followed by a question and answer period. The meeting was well attended. The plans for the sector plan are at the early, conceptual stage with much of the focus on the desire to make the project a transit-oriented development around the Purple Line station that is planned for the Chevy Chase Lake area. The committee discussed possible ways to further

engage town residents in this planning process.

OTHER ISSUES

Karen Depew informed the committee about her efforts related to developing an orientation for new Town Council members. Todd Hoffman had recommended using the Maryland Municipal League's Quick Guide as part of the orientation. Depew agreed it was a good resource, but recommended using it in conjunction with an introduction that would address what is expected of a council person and what resources are available. She will continue working with Todd on developing an orientation.

The Committee discussed an idea to focus some effort on exploring long-term aspects regarding the future physical development of the town, for example, how the Town should look in the coming decades. The committee agreed that it would be useful to set out further thoughts on what this might entail for discussion at a future meeting.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 21, 2011, at 7:00 p.m.