

TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE
LONG-RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
June 21, 2010

Present: Karen Depew, Mary Anne Hoffman, Tina Coplan, Leslie Hill, John Midlen, Russ Powell, Jim Roy, Charles Duffy and Steve Seidel.

Notetaker: Charles Duffy

The Committee discussed the June 1, 2010 County Council District 1 Forum held at the Lawton Center between Ilaya Hopkins and Roger Berliner (which the Committee helped to organize). It was noted that the room was at capacity.

The Committee also discussed the upcoming September 2, 2010 County Council At-Large Forum. Topics that were discussed include the format for the Forum, possible co-hosts and ideas about how to attract a good attendance. The Primary Election is September 14th, and there was some discussion regarding whether the Republican candidates, who are *not* in a contested primary, should appear with the Democrat candidates, who *are* in a contested primary. It was decided that the Republican candidates should not appear with the Democrats for the duration of the forum but instead should be allowed to give a short statement at the beginning and end of the forum. Format details for the forum will not be finalized until the matter is discussed with Council Liaison Pat Burda, who was not present at the meeting.

The Committee is also planning a Forum between State Senate candidates in District 18. It was decided that October 19th at 7:00 p.m. would be the best date/time for the Forum. John Midlen discussed other groups/municipalities that might be interested in co-hosting the Forum.

Steve Seidel discussed planning and development issues. He noted that Todd Hoffman has been tracking progress on this project and reports that a proposal was submitted to the Planning Board on the Pearl Street proposal but that it was "kicked back" by the Planning Department staff for additional information.

The proposed child care facility on Connecticut Avenue (near Rosemary Street) was also discussed. Committee-member John Murtagh's comments to the Town Council about the facility were read and the Town Council agreed that we should voice our concerns about the project to the Planning Board. It was also noted that John contacted Chevy Chase Section 3 who have strongly opposed the project. Steve Seidel noted that the County Park and Planning Board will take up the issue soon.

The committee also decided that it did not believe that there were any issues related to the town concerning the proposed zoning change on Wisconsin and Leland for Euro

Motors. Warren is tracking down the reasons behind the need for a zoning hearing on this use and will inform the committee
Leslie Hill next discussed the Purple Line mitigation issue.

Finally, whether the Committee should propose that a non-citizen voting question should be added to a town survey was discussed. The Committee decided not to propose adding the question to the survey and also decided not to further pursue the non-citizen issue at this time.

The next meeting is July 19, 2010.