

Town of Chevy Chase
Special Committee on Purple Line Mitigation
Meeting Minutes: Wednesday, June 29, 2016, Lawton Center

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:00 by Mary Flynn, committee co-chair.

Members Present: Jacob Bardin, John Beale, John Bickerman (co-chair and council liaison), Richard English, John Fitzgerald, Mary Flynn (co-chair and council liaison), Andy Hill, Irving Kaminsky, Christine Real de Azua, Richard Reeves, Stuart Sessions

Members Absent: Rich Brancato

Also in Attendance (for introductions):

- Scott Fosler (Mayor)

Agenda: <http://www.townofchevy Chase.org/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/06292016-428>

Committee Kickoff: committee volunteers introduced themselves and we reviewed the mission statement as it appears on the Town website:

<http://www.townofchevy Chase.org/355/Special-Committee-on-Purple-Line-Mitigat>. The committee will review the mission statement again at the next meeting.

Mary Flynn, co-chair, requested that all members review the MTA Official [Record of Decision](#) (ROD) and its Attachment A: [Commitments and Mitigation Measures](#) prior to the next meeting.

- **TASKS:** all committee members to review the ROD and Attachment A.

Proposals for Professional Assistance: John Bickerman, co-chair, presented three areas where the Town could consider professional assistance with regards to mitigation: (1) legal services (2) environmental engineering services and (3) review the concessionaire's contract and provide advisory services. The committee determined that with construction due to start in the Fall, that the Town hire a qualified engineer to conduct baseline water quality tests along our borders in July or August, and continue to conduct regular checks over a five year period.

- **TASK:** Mary Flynn to ask Todd Hoffman, town manager, to obtain baseline estimates/hourly rates for water quality testing (task completed June 30).
- **TASK:** Todd Hoffman and co-chairs ensure that water quality testing is on the July 13 Council agenda.

The committee reviewed two RFPs from February 29, 2016, and decided to postpone further discussion regarding professional assistance until a later meeting.

Committee Objectives and Strategies

The committee discussed having one or two high-level objectives. The two objectives discussed are:

Objective 1: Mitigate the negative effects of the Purple Line

Objective 2: Resolve underpass access and community expense issues

Strategies will be discussed once we clarify our objectives and understand baseline data.

Projects: Committee work will be distributed amongst the members.

One-time projects include:

Project 1: Summarize foundation work done by prior committees ("don't reinvent the wheel")

- Volunteers: Andy Hill and Jacob Bardin (and possibly Rich Brancato, who was absent)

Project 2: Map P3 (Public Private Partnership) power structure

- Volunteer: Richard English

Project 3: Map and document impacted Town residents

- Volunteer: Andy Hill

Ongoing projects include:

Project 4: Arrange community meeting(s) to present the mitigation measures and community involvement

- Volunteer: Richard Reeves

Project 5: Report status of the Purple Line funding and construction schedule

- Volunteer: Mary Flynn (tentative)

Project 6: Report on MTA's [Community Advisory Team](#) (CAT)

- Volunteer: TBD

Project 7: Status of the citizen's lawsuit -- to the extent that the lawsuit creates leverage for mitigation:

- Volunteers: Christine Real de Azua and John Fitzgerald

Next Meeting: Scheduled for Monday, July 11 from 7:30 - 9:00 PM in the Lawton Center. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:45 pm.