

Long Range Planning Committee Meeting October 9, 2018

Minutes

Committee Attendees: George Canty (minute taker), John Freedman, Dedun Ingram, Karen Elkins, Steve Seidel, Deborah Vollmer, Pat Burda (Chair), Joel Rubin (Council Liaison).

Meeting started at 6:30 with ratification of previous meeting's minutes.

There was discussion of publicizing remaining Montgomery County candidate forums and encouraging Town residents to vote via notice in the Town Crier.

Additional discussion centered on EYA Associates' proposal for Bernstein building site (7121 Wisconsin) and Farm Women's Cooperative Market. Noting the Council's ongoing effort to persuade the County to increase the amount of green space and reduce construction height from what EYA is requesting (which still exceeds what the Bethesda Master Plan allows), the discussion focused on providing the Council with more precise feedback. In short (and as conveyed in Pat Burda's 10/10/2018 memo to the Council), those summary recommendations were:

- Support for allowing EYA/ Bernstein to develop retail around the FWCM similar to Union Market or Eastern Market in Washington DC;
- Support for continuing to seek reduction in the market concept area and more greenspace;
- Support for reshaping park pavilion to make more useable;
- Support for seeking more input from 46th street residents in design planning.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00.