

Long Range Planning Committee

June 15, 2023 at 7pm in the Town of Chevy Chase Town Hall

Agenda

1. Attendees: Jay Kelly, Barney Rush, Dedun Ingram, David Wittenstein, Steve Seidel, David Valenstein, Stacey Schacter, Ellen Ericson
2. Minutes
3. Old Business:
 - a. Farm Women's Market needs a high level reduction in costs.
 - b. Site plan in the fall and possible approval in early 2024.
 - c. Parks is in discussion about costs and what amenities will be included, there is a Parks Foundation for collecting money and getting something named.
 - d. There is a gap due to cost of amenities and inflation.
 - e. One integrated site plan: developers will submit their buildings, their refurbishment of FWM, the refurbishment of the plaza around FWM, parking garages, parking lot 10, and parking lot 24.
 - f. There will be a contract between county and parks for developing the parks. We will see the invoices and we will be tracking the expenses for the project to which the TOCC is contributing.
 - g. TOCC received federal grant money from ARPA. The town has used the money under the ARPA grant guidelines, but the town has also been able to save money/add to reserves. Reserves could be used to contribute to the park if the costs continue to rise.
 - h. EYA and Bernstein are at \$175M. Mid-tier lending is frozen and these construction loans are on thin ice. Maybe by the end of 2024 things will thaw. End of 2024 should be end of site plans etc.
 - i. Undergrounding the wires is one area where we could cut costs. Saves \$600-700k. Planning Dept and Parks Dept is strongly in favor of burying lines in Bethesda, but the wires on 46th Street are in the TOCC.
 - j. David Valenstein suggested that SHA add a left turn signal going south on Wisconsin at Leland.
 - k. Ampitheater and water feature/splash pad are integral. Light poles and benches are not integral. Dog park is in all the plans. Barney, Irene, and Todd are supposed to meet with Parks on June 22, 2023. It might be a good time to start talking to businesses and residents about the Parks Foundation.
4. New Business:
 - a. Dedun: There is a lot on Montgomery that is up for sale. Bethesda Implementation Committee notified Parks in case they want to buy it.

- b. Dedun: There was a bungalow that sold last year. Demolition sign and townhouses for sale sign went up. Nothing has happened.
 - c. Barney: MD state delegation will attend next town council meeting on July 12th.
 - d. Dedun: Parks bought two building to expand the Veteran's Park. But Parks recently sold those two buildings so a developer can fully develop the block. No expansion of current Veteran's Park right now but maybe later.
 - e. Tunnel: 80M so it is DOA.
 - f. New planning board is fully in place. Zoning will probably come up in 2024.
5. Adjourn
6. Next LRPC meeting: Thursday, July 20, 2023 at 6:45pm in the Town Hall or social activity?