

Agenda

Long Range Planning Committee

September 21, 2023

Attendees: David Valenstein, Stacey Schacter, Dedun Ingram, Barney Rush, Jay Kelley, Susmita Dubney

Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88673892612?pwd=MGt3YnZyeEI3VGt0YmFydDhpWk5lZz09>

1. Minutes-adopted by unanimous consent
2. Old Business:
 - a. Farm Women's Market
 - b. We never had the Parks Department follow-up meeting in July. Parks cancelled it. The landscape architect has not been retained to update the plans from the first meeting.
 - c. County Executive Elrich attended the Town Council meeting on Sept. 20th
 - d. There is an agreed sketch plan for the two parks and the underground garage
 - e. 28Million for garage and parks (TOCC, MoCo, Parks Department park impact money, developers, Maryland) + 12Million from developers
 - f. Construction was set to begin in 2025 and finish by 2028
 - g. Legal agreements are largely bilateral, the County has been very slow to draft the agreements, the Parks Dept. agreed to interim agreements, the County did not agree to the interim agreement and they wanted to focus on the final agreement, the County also wants a fixed price contract, we need to structure this deal.
 - h. Met Park in Arlington is similar size and budget, near Amazon
 - i. Jay's idea would be for the TOCC to put up design costs now so the County could not hold up the deal any longer
 - j. The County Council approved the Program Development Fund last year. Is there an expiration on the funds? There is an authorization for the overall 9M. The County has a good record with appropriating money. 500k has been appropriated. Barney will ask when it expires.
 - k. The project is constantly going up in cost so it will end up costing more than originally planned.
 - l. Barney would like to get everyone in the room. Parks, DOT/County/Parking lot district, and Developers.
3. New Business:
 - a. David's idea: TOCC sign, vehicle access on 46th street, pedestrian routes, we could do this sooner than the park, think ahead to the disruption that

construction will cause and how we can proactively change things. There will be construction on Leland. There could be a sidewalk on the eastside of 46th. Left turn arrow from southbound Wisconsin to Leland. This will be primary entrance to new garage. Some of this is PSC so talk to Howard about a joint meeting.

- b. Bethesda Downtown Plan: 32.4M square feet of density was approved, surrounding towns asked for staged density but county said no, soft cap was 30M and that was supposed to trigger discussion before Bethesda reached 32.4, one condition was that new parks were supposed to be opened, hard cap is binding because it is part of the Master Plan, developer's will have to amend the Master Plan to go above 32.4M, October 4th is meeting among Bethesda Implementation Advisory Group and Planning,
4. Adjourn
 5. Next LRPC meeting: Thursday, October 19, 2023 at 7pm in the Town Hall