

Town of Chevy Chase
Subcommittee on Regional Growth and Development
Wednesday, September 16, 2020
7:00 pm, Virtual Meeting

Attendees: Dedun Ingram (chair, LRP); Lees Hartman (chair, LUC); Karen Elkins; Tom Glazer; Ted Kalick; Martha Marmofern; Steve Seidel;; David Valenstein; Ellen Cornelius-Ericson (Council liaison); Irene Lane (Council liaison)

1. The minutes from the August meeting were approved.

2. 2020-2024 County Growth Policy (Subdivision Staging Policy). The subcommittee was briefed on what had happened with the County Growth Policy (CGP) since the August meeting:

- An article was written on the CGP for the September Forecast
- A memo listing the CGP items that the subcommittee agreed the Town Council should consider commenting on to the County Council and background material on those items was written and presented to the Town Council.
- On September 1, the Town Council held a work session to review the memo and decide which issues it would comment on to the County Council. The subcommittee members who had prepared the memo were tasked with drafting a letter to be sent to the County Council that laid out the Town's positions.
- The final letter was sent to the County Council on September 11.
- On the afternoon of September 15, planning staff made a presentation to the County Council on the CGP.
- Cecily Baskir presented testimony on the Town's position at the September 15 County Council public hearing on the CGP.

3. Thrive Montgomery. The subcommittee was informed that a group of municipalities and civic leaders organized a letter writing campaign to ask that the Thrive Montgomery schedule be slowed down by a year because of the profound impacts Covid-19 may have on our lifestyles. The Town has sent a letter to the Planning Board asking for a delay in the Thrive Montgomery schedule.

The subcommittee received a briefing on the main themes in each of the eight chapters of the June 6 draft of Thrive Montgomery. Some general discussion ensued, including comments on the scope of a general plan. At its next meeting the subcommittee will focus on items in Thrive Montgomery related to complete communities, missing middle housing, zoning changes, etc.

4. Outreach. Kensington was approached by planning staff and asked to comment on their Thrive Montgomery power point presentation. Kensington contacted the other down-county municipalities about the request and with questions about Thrive

Montgomery (which they had previously been unaware of). The chair of Kensington's Development Review Board has expressed interest in collaboration among municipalities on Thrive Montgomery.

4. Dates for upcoming meetings were discussed. The subcommittee will meet on September 30, October 13, and October 27.