

**Town of Chevy Chase
Long Range Planning Committee
Monday, January 4, 2021
7:00 pm, Virtual Meeting**

Attendees: Dedun Ingram (chair); Chris Bruch; Jay Kelly, Mark Montezemolo, Ellen Cornelius-Ericson (Council liaison)

1. There were no public comments.
2. The minutes from the December meeting were approved.
3. **Thrive Montgomery**. The Committee received a brief overview about developments in Thrive Montgomery, including a summary of the Coalition meeting with Planning Board Chair Casey Anderson and Planning Director Gwen Wright and the upcoming Planning Board work sessions.
4. **ZTA 20-07**. The Committee discussed ZTA 20-07. The Committee agreed to recommend to the Town Council that it express concern about the timing of the ZTA and the rushed process. There were mixed opinions about the introduction of multifamily housing into the Town; but general consensus that the County needs to further study how it would be done and its impacts on infrastructure, stormwater runoff, parking, and other things.

The Committee thought that most residents had not read the Town Crier about the ZTA because it was too technical. The Committee agreed to prepare a new Town Crier message with less technical wording to try and grab residents' attention.

The Committee suggested that the Town invite County Councilmember Jawando to meet with Town residents about the ZTA.

5. **Town opt in/opt out of County regulations**. The Committee was briefed on a project the Town Council has requested they work on collaboratively with the Land Use Committee. The project involves reviewing the County code to identify regulations the Town may want to opt in to. With the exception of County regulations that automatically apply in the Town (e.g., zoning, safety and health regulations). the Town must explicitly "opt in" for County regulations to apply in the Town. The list of county code chapters and chapter sections the Town is opting into needs to be updated in the Town code.