

Minutes of May 8, 2008 RCHCA Meeting Joe Rosenberg, President of RCHCA, called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

Guest Speaker

Tom Autry of the Montgomery County Park and Planning Commission gave a presentation about the proposed Purple Line, a 16-mile east-west rapid transit line extending from Bethesda in Montgomery County to New Carrollton in Prince George's County. The Purple Line will be either light rail or bus rapid transit and will operate largely at street level. A hiker-biker trail is included along the Georgetown Branch and CSX/WMATA corridor as part of the Capital Crescent Trail.

Mr. Autry identified the four alternatives regarding east/west transportation as 1) "no build" (don't do anything), 2) enhance the current street plan, 3) develop bus rapid transit and 4) build a light rail.

He said that light rail is generally considered to fit better in an urban environment. Under the current proposal, there would be 22 stations along the 16 miles. The year 2012 would be the (optimistic) construction date. The results of a state study concerning the alternatives will be available by the end of August and will have a 90-day period for review.

Mr. Autry invited all to come to the state's open houses, the dates of which are available at www.purplelinemd.com or www.mncppc-mc.org, along with substantial information about the proposal. He also mentioned that the Town of Chevy Chase has hired its own consultant regarding the Purple Line, and more information can be found at www.townofchevychase.org.
Old Business

A. The treasurer's report of December 1, 2007 to April 30, 2008 was approved.

B. Traffic Triangles

The discussion of traffic triangles concerned the funding of their beautification. Joe Rosenberg noted that there were seven such triangles in Rock Creek Hills, and that the organization has funded two of them. The initial proposal was that the organization share maintenance costs up to \$250 per triangle per year. The sharing would be 50 per cent with the residents who proposed the traffic triangle. After some discussion, however, the proposal was amended and it was moved as follows: "In the annual dues solicitation, members are encouraged to include a contribution above the dues amount to support the annual maintenance costs of traffic triangles." This proposal passed by a voice vote.

Designs for two triangles were proposed and approved: One on Old Spring Road and Elrod and one at Kent and East Bexhill. Joe Rosenberg invited residents to submit additional proposals.