

**Town of University Park**  
**Report of Meeting**  
**Council Committee on Public Facilities and Services**

March 5, 2012  
7:00 – 8:30 p.m.  
University Park Town Hall  
6724 Baltimore Avenue, UP MD

Present:

Council Member Len Carey, Ward 4, Chair  
Council Member Michael Cron, Ward 7

Also present:

Bruce Burroughs, Adelphi Road, Ward 1  
Linda Verrill, Van Buren Street, Ward 4

The meeting convened at 7:00 PM March 15, at the Town Hall.

**Agenda**

1. The Committee discussed a process for studying a possible addition to Town Hall, a matter referred to the Committee by the Council. The Committee's process will be as follows:
  - a) Determine whether grants are still available from the Department of Homeland Security for construction of a shelter-in-place facility, and whether it applies to other options.
  - b) Develop a draft needs document, to describe Town Hall capabilities needed in the future.
  - c) Estimate construction and operating costs of expansion.
  - d) Describe other options.
  - e) Ask council for guidance on whether or not to proceed with further study, including options.
  - f) Proceed accordingly.
  
2. The Committee discussed a planning process for maintenance and use of park facilities in University Park. This is part of the plan of work which the Committee is taking up. The Committee's process will be as follows:
  - a) Work with the University of Maryland Landscape Architects, see what park and planning resources are available.
  - b) Get or create baseline maps and metrics
  - c) Hold hearings on needs and possible uses of University Park parklands.
  - d) Describe the financial sideboards on future maintenance and use of the park.
  - e) Draft concept plans, including maps.
  - f) Hold public hearings on draft plans.

- g) Develop final plans for council approval.
  - h) Obtain Council approvals.
  - i) Budget accordingly.
3. The Committee discussed a problem with trash on the perimeter of the Town, including possible ways to mitigate it. This is a matter referred to it by the Council at the request of Mr. Brosch. The Committee recommends:
- a) Work to make the perimeter litter-free.
  - b) Install up to 6 trash barrels along the perimeter on a pilot basis, especially at bus stops, and empty them.
  - c) Along State and County roads, seek State and County cooperation and assistance.
  - d) Carry out a litter inventory to determine where most of the litter originates.
  - e) Does McDonald's fund litter pick-up in Hyattsville, Riverdale Park? If so, this should include University Park.
  - f) Fund trash pick-up--and measure the effectiveness of the program.
4. The Committee discussed an idea for an ephemeral dog park in University Park, which will be proposed to the Council by a resident. The idea is for an every-6-week dog park on under-used parkland.
- a) The Committee sees several issues of concern, including Town liability and enforcement of ground rules established for such a dog park.
  - b) The Committee recommends that this idea be referred to the Council Committee on Public Facilities and Services for further study and joint problem-solving prior to recommendation back to the full Council.
5. Review of Committee Projects:
- a) Marking and signage of University Park Roads and Streets
  - b) Street light replacement via STEP-UP
  - c) Compost Pilot Study via STEP-UP
  - d) Town Tree replacement--The Tree Committee and Director of Public Works recommend deep-root fertilization to see if the tree can be saved. There is a reserve; be sure it's sufficient to pay for such deep-root fertilization..
  - e) Community Collection Event--The Committee will try to be sure there's money in the budget for collection of household hazardous waste on a pilot basis.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.