



**MEETING OF
UNIVERSITY PARK MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL
UNIVERSITY PARK
TOWN HALL
6724 BALTIMORE AVENUE
3:30 PM**

**JANUARY 31, 2013
SPECIAL SESSION
MINUTES**

AN EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS *NOT* CALLED.

1. CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Tabori

Present: Mr. Brosch, Mr. Gekas, Ms. Christiansen, Mr. Carey, Ms. Sorensen, Mr. Cron, Mr. Alvarez

Excused: None

Absent: None

Also present; Suellen Ferguson, Town Attorney, Michael Beall, Director of Public Works, Mr. Jerry Pasternak, Vice President Pepco Region Maryland, and Mr. Nathan McElroy, Staff Forester Vegetation Management Pepco

2. PERMIT

A. PEPCO PERMIT REQUEST TO PRUNE TREES

Council discussed plans to develop the permit for tree pruning consistent with the guidelines as allowed by the North Chevy Chase Section 5 ruling.

Ms. Ferguson began the meeting by describing a general framework of requirements to consider for the permit for the list of trees proposed for pruning.

- Council discussed and considered the guide lines as described in the permit allowed by the North Chevy Chase Section 5 ruling as well as;
- Standards of pruning for the permit
- Sizes and diameter of the branches to prune
- Horticulture standards, arcs, and pruning measurements
- Whether specific trees proposed to be trimmed need to be trimmed or not
- Bradford Pears; the care of these trees and the process/plans the Town has for tree replacement.
- Should digitized photographs be taken of each tree be used to help show the prescription the Town and PEPCO's arborist agree to use as an agreement between the Town and the crew implementing the vegetation management plan.
- What standards the Town would support, PEPCO's standards, and/or the standards the

John Anna, Town arborist recommends.

- Due to the number of trees proposed for trimming, this may require a number of field visits.

Questions Council will discuss with Mr. John Anna, Town Arborist

- Should each tree that is proposed for pruning be digitally photographed? And what pruning documentation/digital markings should be required on each photo?

3. ADJOURNMENT by consent at 5:00 p.m.

Submitted by: _____
John Rogard Tabori, Mayor