

Town of University Park Tree Committee Meeting Notes  
May 28, 2013, 7:00 pm

Attendees: Lindsay Hicks (chair), Chris Aubry, Roy Alvarez (Town Council Representative Ward 7 and Tree Committee liaison), Linda Strickman, Joanne Fletcher, Kim Mitter, Karen Sondak

**Agenda items:**

- 1. Get report on May ivy removal session; plan future sessions for ivy removal-August and September.** Attendees were Chris, Roy, Kim and one resident. Poison ivy very prevalent in the area. Roy will choose a date in August. Lindsay will relist June 15 date on Listserve. Linda researched possible bio control of English ivy by USDA. Learned they will not do this due to the fact that English ivy is a commercial nursery crop in some states.
- 2. Update on Pepco tree trimming and removal.** Town added a few trees to the Pepco list of removals; Pepco nearly finished with work. Bradford pears will be pruned by private contractor. Question came up of replacements for trees removed. Seems that some will be replaced in the fall. The committee would like to be involved in the selection and placement of street trees, including the replacements for Pepco trees. Chris and Lindsay will go to next council meeting to make this request. We would like to do this at the June 17 meeting, which will be at UPES at 7:30 pm. Lindsay will call Tracey to get on the "committee reports" list for that meeting. Lindsay will let the committee know if this will be happening in case they want to come.
- 3. Continued work on tree ordinance.** Next step: We need to tell the council we would like to create an ordinance. If the council agrees, they will ask the attorney to draft the document. I need to take a summary of our ideas to the council meeting. Chris volunteered to draft this summary and he will send to committee for review.
- 4. Review *Understory Tree Guide* with Karen's new images.** Karen will check on formatting and send to me and I will send to Tracey for posting on town website as a pdf.
- 5. Welcome Kim Mitter to Tree Committee.**
- 6. Report on contact with scouts.** We heard from Shawn Scoles who will be sending some scouts our way for the next ivy removal session. He also sent the guidelines for Eagle Scout projects, which we can use if we have any ideas.

Next meeting June 25, 7:00, Town Hall