

Attendees: Lindsay Hicks (chair), Chris Aubry, Roy Alvarez (Town Council Representative Ward 7 and Tree Committee liaison), Linda Strickman

Agenda items:

1. Review Town Council meeting comments.

Lindsay made comments to council at last meeting about being more involved in tree-related decisions in town including public works and council actions.

2. Discuss next step in tree ordinance proposal.

- Next step is for Tree Committee members to attend August 12 council meeting (7:30 pm at Riverdale Presbyterian Church). The council will address Chris Aubry's proposal requesting the council consider a tree ordinance. Chris and other members will be there to answer questions. We will have up to 30 minutes for discussion.
- Roy will send the request and other pertinent papers to council members ahead so they can review them.
- If council is agreeable to the request, the next step would be for Roy to ask the town attorney to draft an ordinance.
- At this meeting, the Tree Committee can also reiterate our interest in being involved in tree related decisions in town. We can ask Mickey Beal how we can be of service.

We also discussed bamboo ordinances, which focus on control. College Park, Takoma Park have them. This would be separate from the proposed Tree Ordinance.

Montgomery County has a new Tree Ordinance.

3. Discuss mayor's proposal for a succession plan.

The Tree Ordinance will be part of a plan to protect trees. The Reimbursement Program encourages tree planting.

- Lindsay will post reimbursement program on listserv to encourage fall planting.

4. Report on ivy removal July 13. Set up September session.

Chris, Roy and Lindsay removed ivy July 13.

- August session will be August 17 from 9:30 – 11:30 am near the intersection of Wells Parkway and Eversfield Dr. Lindsay will post on Listserve.
- No September session was set.

5. Discuss new chairperson beginning in October.

Lindsay would like to remain on the committee, but her last meeting as chair will be in September. Let Roy know if you are interested in being the chair.

6. Get Shade Tree List posted on Reimbursement page.

We would like to create a section on the town website and call it "Town Tree Information". There we could include: the Shade Tree Reimbursement Program and form, the Approved Shade Tree List, Understory Tree List (clearly marked as not for reimbursement) Ivy League postings, the Tree Inventory, and any other pertinent info.

- Roy will ask about having this space created.
- Lindsay will find the Understory Tree List.