

Wednesday, 4 June 2014; 7:00 PM

Attendees: Chris Aubry (Chair), Lindsay Hicks, Karen Sondak, Kim Mitter, Beth Alvarez (prospective member), Josephine "Jo" Williams (prospective member), and Roy Alvarez (Town Council Representative Ward 7 and Tree Committee liaison).

Agenda:

Introductions of prospective members

Prospective Members Ms. Alvarez and Ms. Williams were introduced to members of the Tree Committee.

1. New Chair for Tree Committee

Mr. Alvarez informed the committee that Mr. Aubry was approved by Mayor and Council as Chair of the Tree Committee at the Town Council Meeting of 5/19/14, effective that date. Mr. Aubry thanked the committee for their support.

2. Final Steps for Public Forum on Tree Ordinance, June 5th.

Mr. Aubry reported that advertising had been completed – an additional notice appeared in June's newsletter, and several notifications had been posted to the UP Listserv. Mr. Alvarez arranged to have a notice posted on the town's web site. He further added that he would deliver and set up the sound system at the Forum. Mr. Aubry reported that the speaker, Patricia Valentine, would be present. Ms. Valentine is Chair of the Howard County Forestry Board, Program Coordinator for the Right Tree Right Place Program in Prince George's County, an Environmental Planner by profession, and is credentialed as a certified arborist. Mr. Aubry shared some educational materials from International Society of Arboriculture for distribution at the forum. Mr. Aubry agreed to also bring copies of the rough sketch of the ordinance, as well as a sign-in sheet. Mr. Aubry agreed to test the reflector email address for the Tree Committee.

3. Ivy League: Next Sessions

The next Ivy League event was scheduled for Saturday, June 14th, 9-11, SW corner of the town park adjacent to the "Little Library." Mr. Alvarez is the contact; Mr. Aubry will advertise on the Listserv.

4. Membership Recruitment Discussion

Two prospective new members were recruited, Ms. Williams by Ms. Sondak, Ms. Alvarez by Mr. Alvarez. Mr. Alvarez will submit their names to the Town Council for consideration as members.

5. Old Business

Incentives for Ivy League participation were mentioned. Mr. Aubry promised to research having an embroidered patch designed. Ms. Sondak noted that the town had planted more trees since the committee had requested to be included in the selection process, and that we had not been informed.

6. New Business

Mr. Alvarez recommended that the Committee draft a document to present to Council that would formally request that the Committee's role is expanded to include participation in the selection process when the town plants new street trees. Ms. Hicks promised to draft a first pass then pass it electronically among members for comment/revisions.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM