

Town of University Park
Tree Committee

Minutes of the Meeting,
Wednesday, January 14th, 2015

Town Hall
6724 Baltimore Avenue

Meeting Commenced at 7:04 PM

Present: Beth Alvarez, Roy Alvarez, Chris Aubry, Alice Leaderman, Karen Sondak, Jo Williams

1. Committee discussed goals and strategies for 2015, including:
 - a. Increase awareness of Shade Tree Reimbursement Program by
 - i. Holding an informational session in conjunction with Town Council Meeting.
 - ii. Having a table at Azalea Classic, Stream Clean Up, other compatible events.
 - iii. Include articles/reminders in the Town Newsletter, Listserv.
 - b. Begin formative steps to develop invasive species mitigation primarily through information gathering.
 - c. Continue efforts to update and expand the town's tree inventory, by developing, by the end of the year, a comprehensive Town Champion program, by identifying Champion Trees both on public right of ways and those on private property. Develop incentives to identify and promote interest/competition.
 - d. Conduct two street trees surveys: one global, to identify streets that need more trees, the other to select trees for specific streets. Focus on one ward each season for planting new trees. Submit application(s) to Tree Releaf to partially fund the planting.
 - e. Meet with DPW Director Beall twice this year, one hour prior to regularly scheduled council meetings.

2. A global assessment of entire town to identify neighborhoods that would best benefit from street tree plantings will be undertaken in April. The detailed survey of one of those sites will occur in July. Fall planting is the goal.
3. Pepco Response: Beth Alvarez will distribute COMAR regulations to committee members. A letter to State Senator Pinsky will be drafted by Committee urging the same restraint exercised by PEPCO when town's trees were last trimmed from power lines in 2013. Of particular concern are the trees that were spared removal during that pruning/removal cycle, by virtue of their being vouched safe by the Town Arborist.
4. The Tree ReLeaf application for the Holly Hill/Oakridge has been completed and believed to have been submitted by DPW Director Beall on 1/14/15.
5. The first session of the Ivy League in 2015 will be on 2/14/15, 1-3 PM. Participants will meet in the park, in front of the Kermit statue.
6. Ms. Leaderman presented a template that can be used to survey any section of street for future tree plantings. The template can accommodate house number, existing trees, both in the curb box and on the property, and is sufficiently flexible to include obstacles such as hydrants, street signs, etc.
7. Vendor for the Ivy League bandanas is Spoonflower. The approximate cost for materials and printing is \$430 for 80 bandanas. Chair Aubry hopes to have them in hand by March 1st. A proof for Committee review will be requested prior to printing.
8. The committee meetings are scheduled for the entire year, second Wednesday of each month, 7:00PM, Town Hall. The next meeting is February 11, 2015.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58.