

Town of University Park
Tree Committee

Minutes of the Meeting,
Wednesday, February 11th, 2015

Town Hall
6724 Baltimore Avenue

Meeting Commenced at 7:03 PM

Members present: Beth Alvarez, [Liaison] Roy Alvarez, Chris Aubry, Alice Leaderman, Karen Sondak, Jo Williams

In attendance: Mayor Carey

1. PEPCO Pruning Concerns: Develop talking points for letter

Mayor Carey provided context regarding UP's 2012/2013 response to PEPCO pruning: Modeled on a governing document of Chevy Chase Village Section 5, the town required a permit from PEPCO, terms of which included consultation with Town Arborist on all removals and pruning. Delegate James Turlau has drafted House Bill 376, currently proceeding through the Maryland Assembly for consideration, to rescind this provision. Committee members agreed to send a letter to Council urging it to support HB 376.

- Ms. Alvarez volunteered to draft the letter with assistance from Liaison Alvarez.
- Mr. Aubry agreed to provide the letter to Council at the 23 February Meeting.
- Committee to advertise specifics of PEPCO's process to notify pruning/removal of privately owned trees.

2. Recognizing Lindsay Hicks.

Mr. Aubry pledged to publicly recognize ex-Chair Hicks for her service to the Tree Committee, possibly in the newsletter.

3. Ivy League: February's Session. 2015 Schedule.

Committee resolved to abide by uniform date for all 2015 Ivy League sessions. The preference will be to stage each session on the second Saturday of each month, from 1-3 PM in February, March, November, and December, 9-11 AM otherwise. This is preferred SOP; changes can be made to accommodate other town and regional events that might conflict.

4. Town Champion Program

Further discussion will be needed to discuss name of this program. "Champion" has certain universally accepted connotations regarding acceptable metrics, which generally are based on size alone. The committee feels a more open standard should be observed.

5. Status of bandanas: Vendor identified, design finalized.

Mr. Aubry reported that design for bandanas had been finalized, the online textile printing service Spoonflower selected as vendor, and two proofs (minimum) ordered. The Mayor stated discussions were ensuing regarding finance stream to pay for these.

6. Old Business.

There was no further old business.

7. New Business.

There was no further new business.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05.