

**Town of University Park
Tree Committee Meeting Minutes
Town Hall, 6724 Baltimore Avenue
Wednesday, 10 June 2015
Commenced 7:10 PM**

Members present: Chris Aubry (Chair), Karen Sondak, Alice Leaderman, Joann Fletcher, Tiegh Thompson, Jo Williams, and Roy Alvarez (Council Liaison)

Absent: Edna Crocker

1. **Report of “survey” for four PEPCO takedowns, Ward 1:** On Saturday, 23 May, in response to a suggestion made by Mickey Beall, members Aubry, Leaderman, Crocker, and Thompson surveyed four trees in Ward 1 slated for PEPCO removal and subsequently made recommendations for replacement to Mickey Beall.
2. **Ivy League Report:** May’s session was held at UPES, part of Anacostia Watershed Society’s planting event. June’s session to be held in the flood plain of Town Park, east of Queen’s Chapel. July’s session is replaced with next site survey.

Mr. Aubry reported delivery of bandanas to Mayor, Mickey Beall (and DPW), and former Chair Lindsay Hicks.

3. **New Business:** The committee selected Ward 7 for next street tree survey/planting. (Acknowledging Ms. William’s point that we need to keep the borders of the town as nicely treed as the interior.) Survey was scheduled for 11 July, 9AM. The 2016 survey/planting will be in Ward 4. Both sites require approximately 20 trees. Committee agreed not to pursue grants for the 2015 planting but will attempt to do so for the 2016 planting and then evaluate both processes.

Ms. Leaderman shared Casey Tree’s “Urban Tree Selection Guide.” Members deemed it useful for next survey. Mr. Thompson agreed to request 10 copies of the document. Ms. Leaderman also suggested we use a map that is dynamic, rather than PDF, as it would facilitate the survey process.

Committee Membership: Ms. Fletcher has returned. Mr. Thompson and Ms Crocker will both be appointed to the committee by the Mayor at the June 15 Town Council Meeting. Ms. Sharon Matthews withdrew her interest.

4. **Old Business:** Ms. Sondak suggested making the Notable Tree feature for Newsletter less frequent. Members concurred. Several trees were identified as possibilities.

Meeting adjourned at 8:31 Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, July 8.