

**Town of University Park
Tree Committee Meeting Minutes
UP Town Hall, 6724 Baltimore Ave
Wednesday, 14 October, 2015, 7:00 PM**

Present: Beth Alvarez, Chris Aubry (Chair), Alice Leaderman, Karen Sondak, Tiegh Thompson, and Roy Alvarez (Town Council Liaison).

Regrets: Eddie Crocker, Joanne Fletcher, and Jo Williams

Convened: 7:03 PM EDT

- Focus of this meeting was to discuss the October 17th street tree planting in Ward 7. Mr. Aubry reviewed logistics, including important changes discussed with DPW Director Beall via email earlier in the day. Most notable were:
 - None of the ten trees scheduled to be planted on Adelphi Road will be available on Saturday. The county encountered delays when ordering these trees.
 - The holes will not be dug until Saturday, due to scheduling conflicts.
 - Participants should expect larger trees than what was used on the May 2nd planting. Some will be balled and burlapped, vs. containerized.

Next ensued a discussion of final advertising for volunteers and Plan of Work for Saturday. Time is 9:00-1:00, with volunteers meeting at the corner of Wells and Calvert. Ms. Leaderman and Mr. Aubry agreed to meet on Thursday, 10/15, to mark the ground for the tree locations.

- IVY LEAGUE: October's session was on 10/10, on the flood plain north of Wells Run, east of Queen's Chapel. A total of seven volunteers participated. November's session is scheduled for 11/14, south side of Wells Run, between 40th and 41st avenues.
- The committee continues to be concerned that invasives are not being controlled sufficiently. Ms. Leaderman reminded those present that the full name of our committee is the Committee on Trees, Parks, and Environment. She provided an example of one activity we might consider – removing invasives and replacing them with native species along the creek on the east side of the soccer fields. Alice Leaderman agreed to explore more partnering opportunities with Anacostia Watershed Society by contacting Paul Ryberg.
- Committee agreed to send an email to Mickey Beall regarding town's policy on invasives.
- The "Notable Tree" concept was re-visited. The tenth of each month was agreed upon as the deadline. Each month a different member of the committee will put forward that month's notable tree. A photo, location, and identification will be provided. The first three trees will be selected by Karen Sondak (11/10), Roy and Beth Alvarez (12/10), and Tiegh Thompson (1/10/16.)
- The next meeting will be November 11th, Town Hall, 7:00 PM.

Adjourned: 7:56 PM