

Town of University Park  
Committee on Trees, Parks, and Environment  
Minutes from meeting, Wednesday, 13 April 2016

*Convened: 7:05 PM*

Members Present: Beth Alvarez, Chris Aubry (Chair), Alice Leaderman, Karen Sondak, Tiegh Thompson, Jo Williams, Roy Alvarez (Liaison to Council).

Regrets: Joanne Fletcher, Eddie Crocker

Guests: Eric Erikson, Tim Young

The following summarizes the topics discussed.

1. Meeting with Mickey Beall, 4/18/16: Chris Aubry is not able to attend. Delegation comprised of Roy Alvarez, Eric Erikson, Tiegh Thompson, and Beth Alvarez consented to go. Chris Aubry will provide them with a list of talking points via email, including Ivy League, tree planting 2016, Town Tree Inventory, etc. Alice Leaderman will contact her contact at PG County regarding date/lead time needed for Clean-Up, Green Up.
2. Updates on natives in the park: Lesser celandine fairly well established near one of test beds, considering an herbicide that is safe for the creek. Three flats of milkweed ordered, expected delivery May 5<sup>th</sup>, to be planted near heron (Site 2) on May 14<sup>th</sup>. A marine battery powered pump is being purchased to facilitate watering. This will require a hand truck to move and charging station. A homeowner adjacent to park has a shed available.
3. Ivy League, 5/21/16. Ivy League will work north of College Heights drive, along the creek.
4. Old Business:
  - a. Stream cleanup, 9 April (Ivy League) Tiegh Thompson, Roy Alvarez, Alice Leaderman, and Chris Aubry, along with Olive Muller and Hazel Key, represented the Ivy League.
  - b. Street tree planting, Adelphi Road, 26 March – Members’ response was very favorable, especially with efforts of Public Works.
  - c. Roy Alvarez reported Veteran’s Memorial planting is delayed until fall 2016.
5. New Business:

Jo Williams proposes committee provides Mickey Beall with a long-term plan for our activities.

All members will provide tree photos for Newsletter’s notable tree segment. Beth Alvarez will provide one photo by May 1<sup>st</sup> for June’s newsletter.

PEPCO is returning to do more pruning. Idea floated to gather limbs for native bed boundaries as part of the pruning process. Members will schedule Ward 4 survey at next meeting.

*Adjourned: 8:37 PM*