

Town of University Park
Committee on Trees, Parks, and Environment
Minutes from the 14 June 2017 Meeting
Town Hall, 6724 Baltimore Avenue

Convened: 7:12 PM

Members attending: Chris Aubry, Nele Lauwers, Karen Sondak, Tim Young
Regrets: Beth Alvarez, Roy Alvarez (Council Liaison), Eddie Crocker, Eric Erickson, Joanne Fletcher, Tiegh Thompson, Jo Williams

Items discussed at this meeting included:

1. The LIDAR update from Dr. Ralph Dubayah – Chris intends to visit him on campus in his lab to get a better handle on the software, which may no longer be available after mid-August.
2. Natives in the park – all 8 milkweed plots weeded. The three remaining plots (near the footbridge) still need to be weeded.
3. Ward Steward program.

A full report of each ward's street tree status is DUE BY OUR NEXT MEETING ON 7/12. Reports should include Location, identity/description of all trees that are dead or dying. "Dying" is subjective; use your best judgement. Report should specify

*either dead or % of tree's decline

*Location should be designated by Street and [closest] House #.

*Identity- do your best.

*Description – small, large

*Bonus points for noting homeowner's trees that dead or dying.

Stewards were asked to provide their reports in electronic format. You ARE NOT cataloguing all trees, only those that are "in trouble."

WARD STEWARD DESIGNATIONS

Eric Erickson

Tiegh Thompson

Nele Lauwers

Tim Young

Karen Sondak

Chris Aubry

Roy & Beth Alvarez

4. Forming an "alliance" with College Park Tree and Landscape Board
5. On Tuesday, Roy met with Steve Beavers, the College Park Community Development Coordinator who led the effort to provide College Park with their first community garden. Steve shared lessons learned and recommended practices. Roy returned from that meeting with handouts which members shared.
6. Members were encouraged to sign up for Casey Trees Tree Advocacy Class, 7/8/17.

Adjourned: 7:55