

**Town of University Park**  
**Green Team**  
October 25, 2017  
7:30 PM  
Conference Room  
University Park Town Hall  
6724 Baltimore Avenue

Present

Committee Members: Councilmember Joe Schultz (chair), Councilmember Joe Thompson, David Brosch; Carson Lee; Ross Salawitch; and Tracey Toscano

Meeting Notes

1. The meeting opened with introductions of new members
2. On October 13, 2017, University Park was recertified as a sustainable community by Sustainable Maryland. The town was first certified under this program in 2014. The committee briefly discussed planning for the next recertification cycle, which will be in 2020.
3. Committee members Brosch and Thompson summarized reports given at the most recent meeting of the Town Common Council on the Town's mosquito control program and the trapping experiment conducted with the help of Prof. Dina Fonseca (Rutgers University) over the summer. 200 of the 1000 gravid *Aedes* traps used in the trapping project remain unsold, and the committee discussed a proposal that the town purchase those 200 traps from Prof. Fonseca, with the intention of reselling them to town residents in the spring of 2018.

A motion was made by Ross Salawitch and seconded by David Brosch to recommend to the Town Council that the Town purchase the remaining 200 gravid *Aedes* traps at a cost of \$15 each, committee members agree to make an effort to sell the remaining traps by running the program as it was done this past summer, and that Dina Fonseca agree to sign a contract with the Town that she will purchase any unsold remaining traps at the end of next season.

The motion passed by a vote of 3 – 2.

4. Committee member Thompson summarized council's recent decision to authorize funds to update a 2009 study by Ahmann Architects on expansion and space usage of the town hall, along with a site feasibility analysis by Dyer Associates. The committee discussed the numerous ways in which considerations of sustainable design and use could and should be integrated into planning for town hall expansion.
5. Numerous ideas were put forward concerning the committee's focus in 2018.
  - Contributing to the planning for town hall
  - Ensuring that the Sustainability Action Plan developed in 2017 remain a living document
  - Preparing informational materials for the town's new website
  - Improving partnerships/communications with the University of Maryland, particularly concerning possible student projects, developing the town park plan, and linking public transit

- Collaborating with the public facilities committee, others in town, and UMD on developing ideas for the playing field facing Adelphi Road.
- Increasing public participation in the committee
- Identifying a successor to STEP-UP
- Street light retrofit
- Aid to Puerto Rico, in the form of assistance with solar power projects, and/or identifying a potential sister city
- Continued expansion of composting efforts
- Addressing the problem of plastic bags (and plastic items generally), through advocating for county-level policies such as bag fees, and projects such as a reusable bag library

The committee agreed that further discussion on these topics will be the basis of the next committee meeting agenda.

6. The committee unanimously agreed to recommend to council that the Green Team be renamed the Sustainability Committee.