

Town of University Park
Committee on Trees, Parks, and Environment
Minutes from meeting, **Wednesday, 8 June 2016**

Convened: 7:05 PM Adjourned 8:02

Attending: Beth Alvarez, Chris Aubry (Chair), Alice Leaderman, Karen Sondak, Tiegh Thompson, Jo Williams, Tim Young.

Regrets: Roy Alvarez, Eddie Crocker, Eric Erickson, Joanne Fletcher,

NATIVES IN THE PARK

May 14th's planting was attended by five committee members, Liaison, and two volunteers, to plant 150 milkweed and other natives in the park along the creek from carved Heron to just beyond bridge. Approximately 1/3 of these were subsequently lost due to protracted heat. One black cohosh was eaten extensively but still shows signs of life.

The pump is now operational for direct siphoning from creek. It is being stored at Jay Winton's of 6604 Wells.

More plants have been ordered for a planting on 25 June, including Cardinal Flowers and Christmas Ferns. More frequent and concerted listserv appeals for volunteers will be made by Alice Leaderman.

The Chair will complete the letter to Mayor specifying committee's request for a licensed Pesticide Applicator to be secured on retainer for application of herbicides to address poison ivy hot spots and established patches of invasives that are beyond the scope of committee's mechanical methods of removal.

UPCOMING EVENTS, JUNE:

The Ivy League will be in session per usual 2nd Saturday of the month, 6/11, from 9:00-11AM, addressing town trees along Wells Parkway north of College Heights Drive.

The Ward 4 survey for October's street tree planting will take place on Saturday, 6/18, 9:00-11AM. Members will meet at the corner of College Heights Drive and Van Buren.

Native plants will be added to test beds in park, 6/25/16, 9:00-11:00AM.

Chair will submit Committee's annual report to the Town Council on Monday, 6/20/16.on the Committee's Report to Council, Monday, 6/20, 7:30 PM

GIFT DISCLOSURE FORMS

Beth Alvarez distributed disclosure forms to all members present. The forms were completed and collected by Beth for transfer to Town Hall's files.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Eric Erickson and Tim Young were officially appointed to Committee at Town Council meeting of Monday, 6 June.

NEW BUSINESS

Alice Leaderman reported process for Student Community Service. She will complete the forms and provide back to PG County Public Schools.

Story Maps, an interactive spatial/GPS recording and presentation application, might be a good fit for future use of transferring notable tree program to the internet. Chair shared email from Mickey Beall, in which related all of the town's street trees that are pears will be evaluated for pruning and/or removal by PEPCO later in the summer.