

Town of University Park
Committee on Trees, Parks, and Environment
Minutes from the 13 July 2016 Meeting
Town Hall, 6724 Baltimore Avenue

Convened: 7:10 PM

Attending: Beth Alvarez, Roy Alvarez (Council Liaison) Chris Aubry (Chair), Eric Erickson, Alice Leaderman, Karen Sondak, Jo Williams, Tim Young.

Regrets: Eddie Crocker, Joanne Fletcher, Tiegh Thompson.

FOCUS OF MEETING: This was largely a planning meeting, in response to DPW Director Beall's requests for additional surveying for street tree selections. After a recap of June's activities, Mr. Aubry briefed the committee on these requests:

- 32 street trees are being removed by PEPCO, largely in Wards 7,6, and 3. PEPCO's contractor will replace as town specifies.
- 7 trees are being removed by WSSC in Ward 4. WSSC will provide replacements that the town specifies, based on Committee's recommendations.
- In addition to our scheduled planting for October, the town's contractor will plant 25 more street trees in the fall, in sites and selections designated by Committee. Lower Ward 4 is likely site for this.

The following dates and times were selected for each of these surveying activities:

- PEPCO (32):
 - Saturday, 7/23, 8AM (19): Wards 7 & 6, Beechwood & Wells
 - Sunday, 7/24, 8AM (13): Ward 3 (&1,4, 5) Rte. 1 & Wells
- WSSC and Ward 4 (32)
 - Saturday, 9/10, 9AM: College Heights & Woodberry (This supplants the scheduled Ivy League activity.)

The committee's main concern is that the trees won't be planted correctly by the outside contractors, as evidenced by past performance. Chair will ask DPW Director to provide oversight/quality assurance in this respect.

SCHEDULING CHANGE: The Committee's planned street tree planting in upper Ward 4 was moved from 10/15 to 10/22/16, 9AM – Noon.

WATERING OF NATIVES for July was scheduled by Beth Alvarez. The schedule was shared. The process requires one hour of volunteer time per watering.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Erickson noted Casey Tree's *Trees 101* is being offered 8/20/16.

Adjourned: 8:06 PM