

Town of University Park
Committee on Trees, Parks, and Environment
Minutes from the 08 November 2017 Meeting
Town Hall, 6721 Baltimore Avenue

Convened: 7:03 PM

Members

Roy Alvarez (Council Liaison)	Present
Beth Alvarez	Present
Chris Aubry	Present
Eddie Crocker	Present
Eric Erickson	Present
Karen Sondak	Absent
Tiegh Thompson	Present
Jo Williams	Absent
Tim Young	Present

Guests

n/a

A DESCRIPTION OF ITEMS DISCUSSED AT THIS MEETING:

1. Report on Fall Planting on 40th Avenue: Saturday, 10/28/17, 9-12.
 - a. A total of 14 trees were planted by 6 participants. (Committee members Alvarez, Aubry, Erickson, Young, and College Park residents Olive Key and Jackson Key)
 - b. The total time was 3.5 hours.
 - c. The root balls of some of the trees were much larger than requested per best practices. This was thought to have been better communicated to DPW.
 - d. We need to better coordinate communication with DPW on day of event.
 - e. No non-committee residents participated. This could possibly be addressed by distributing flyers throughout neighborhood where planting is to occur and by re-wording notices to tree recipients to explicitly encourage their participation.
2. The first annual "Foliage Crawl" will be held Sunday, 12 November, 2PM. The meeting place is the corner of Wells Parkway and Eversfield. The group will visit several of the town's notable trees. Light refreshments will be offered.
3. Understory Shade Tree document – to be completed by subcommittee (Erickson, Sondak, and Young) by February 2018's meeting for review, by March to publish. In the interim, Aubry will have approved by Town Council.
4. The committee tabled deciding whether and what recommendations to make to Public Facilities and Services Committee regarding future of the Adelphi Field. This will be included in another meeting that will be scheduled to discuss the future of

the town's annual stream cleanup event, which currently has no sponsoring committee.

5. New Business:

- a. Liaison Alvarez will set up meeting with Public Facilities and Services Committee to discuss Stream Clean up
- b. Ivy League in December will be members only in the cemetery behind Tiegh Thompson's house.
- c. Chair Aubry will contact intern program at Northwestern High School to discuss having the Tree Committee activities offered as an intern activity to NWHS students.

Adjourned: 7:58 PM