

Town of University Park
Sustainability Committee
Wednesday, May 6, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m.

1. Sustainable Maryland recertification

Roy Alvarez provided an update on where the town stands with its recertification, and summarized a Sustainable Maryland webinar held earlier in the day. Noted the impacts of COVID-19 on this year's process, for UP individually but also for all towns applying for certification or recertification. SMD is aware and has options to accommodate. UP's recertification narrative is coming together well, with normal hiccups from the shutdown. Deadline options are June 30, or July 27.

2. Park concept planning

Christophe Beaumier of the UMd School of Public Policy is ready to present the results of his capstone project, a preliminary investigation and information-gathering exercise intended to feed in to the town's longer-range park planning effort. Joe Schultz will arrange with the SPP faculty, and inform the committee and others in town.

3. Wells Run cleanup

Committee considered a proposal to organize a cleanup of Wells Run. Unanimous support. Joe Schultz will confirm with the mayor and director of public works that the project is feasible in light of state and town policies responding to the COVID-19 situation. If so, the committee will coordinate, with May 30 an initial tentative date.

4. Carbon cure

David Brosch described a ready-mix/transit-mix concrete that captures recycled CO₂, reducing the climate impacts. The product is commercially available in this area, and using it in the upcoming sidewalks/streets repair and construction could be consistent with the town's green purchasing policy. Committee agreed to ask the director of public works for a summary of what he's been able to determine about the product and its potential feasibility for the infrastructure work.

5. Communications

Discussion of plans to begin a program of regularly contributing information on sustainability-related topics to the newsletter and listserv.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Submitted by Joe Schultz, chair.