

**Town of University Park
Committee on Trees, Parks, and Environment
MINUTES for the Meeting,
Wednesday, 7/14/2021**

Members Present/Absent Beth Alvarez, Roy Alvarez, Chris Aubry (Chair), Eric Erickson, Matt Jasinski, Laurie Morrissey (Council Liaison), Karen Sondak, Joe Thompson, Tim Young

GUESTS: n/a

CONVENE: 7:05 PM

ADJOURN: 8:15 PM

Matters discussed at this meeting:

1. Next steps, Ordinance/Legacy Tree program, amend town code, Chapter 16.
 - a. Current Status: Council Liaison Morrissey reports revisions near completion and will be provided to Town Attorney Ferguson and Administrator Deutsch no later than Friday, 7/16.
 - b. Legislative strategy, LIDAR etc. Chair Aubry indicated he would attend College Park's Public Hearing on their Tree Ordinance in early August to better understand what UP's neighboring jurisdiction is proposing and to hear citizen response. He encouraged all members to do so.
2. Community Tree Planting 2021: Mr. Aubry will provide DPW with a sketch of the approved planting detailing specific placement of 25 shrubs and 3 trees bordering the Pollinator Meadow – the shrubs along the riparian buffer of Wells Creek and the trees beyond the northern edge of the meadow. (Concept endorsed by Anacostia Watershed Society in April.)
3. Other business –
 - a. 2020 Annual Report: Chair Aubry shared that TPE's 2020 Annual Report was completed and provided to Liaison Morrissey to request inclusion on Council Agenda. Mr. Aubry will present the report.
 - b. Tiegh Thompson resigned from TPE effective 28 June. His contributions were extensive since joining the committee in 2015, most notably his pilot program for planting native plants in the park. During his six years of service he gave generously of his time and energy.
 - c. Dr. Karin Burghardt has provided her request for TPE appointment and will be formally considered at the 16 August Council Meeting.

