

Mayor Tracey Furman

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Council Member Conor Crimmins
Council Member Duane Rollins

Agenda

Greenscape Committee Meeting
February 5, 2018, 6:30 pm
1st Floor Conference Room, Town Hall

Meeting Notes

Committee Co-Chairs: Conor Crimmins and Duane Rollins

Committee Members: Yvonne Gurney, Julie O'Malley, Helen Wilkes, Arlene Antonicelli, Alison Oppenheim, Sabina Emerson, Julie O'Malley

Guests: Elisenda Sola-Sole

Call to Order

Councilmember Conor Crimmins called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Old Business

- 1. Approve Town Park Trees and Plantings Lists:** Committee reviewed the draft lists of Approved and Non-Approved Trees and Plantings for Town green spaces and made additions, changes, and edits to the list to bring it up to date with additional items gathered from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Maryland Master Gardeners Program from the University of Maryland Extension.
- 2. Tree City USA:** Committee discussed the four (4) standards required from the Arbor Day Foundation in order for a municipality to be designated a Tree City. The Committee desires to work to meet the standards in order to have Kensington recognized again as a Tree City. Members of the Committee are and will continue to work with Elisenda Sola-Sole for inclusion of an Arbor Day festivity and proclamation in the Day of the Book Festival on April 28, 2018.

New Business:

- 1. Ernest Memorial Park: Swain Eagle:** The Committee Co-Chairs updated the Committee that the Swain Memorial Eagle has been removed from Ernest Park due to the environmental degradation of the memorial base. The intent is for the memorial to be repaired/refurbished with a new base and replaced in Ernest Memorial Park. Initial communications from the Town indicated a desire to relocate the memorial within Ernest Park in order to avoid placing it in front of the Kensington War Memorial. A specific location within Ernest Memorial Park has not yet been decided. The Committee discussed a desire to be included, where possible, on any discussions for possible relaxation sites within Ernest Memorial Park.
- 2. Additional Town Mural Locations/Standards:** The Committee discussed a desire to enhance additional 'blank' wall spaces around Town in a similar effort as the mural accomplished on the back of M&T Bank. The Committee further discussed an interest in reviewing the feasibility of introducing green screens or

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planting walls where beneficial and appropriate as an alternative option to painted murals. The back side, eastern wall, of Safeway affronting Armory Avenue was discussed as an optimal space that, if activated by a green wall, would enhance both the building and the visual space facing the Town.

3. Howard Avenue Decorative Lighting: The Committee discussed the current LED-string lighting along Howard Avenue and the beneficial impact to Howard Avenue. As well, the Committee discussed the lighting challenges to Howard Avenue posed by the street and driveway cut-outs, access to electricity, and the need for ground fault interrupters to be in use. The Committee recommended that the Town Council discuss solutions that are not meant to be permanent, year-round solutions, but perhaps rather a solution that may be used during the holiday shopping season of November – March. The Committee discusses a willingness to create a sub-Committee focused on holiday lighting and decorations, specifically aimed at the Howard Avenue business district.

4. Additional Around Town Journal Articles: The Committee discussed possible topics for additional Around Town Journal articles for March and April. Committee members will continue to draft or recommend re-printable articles for inclusion to the Journal.

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Councilmember Rollins adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m.