

Mayor Tracey Furman

Council Member Darin Bartram
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Council Member Conor Crimmins
Council Member Duane Rollins

Greenscape Committee Meeting
Tuesday, October 3rd , 2017, 6:00 p.m.
Kensington Town Hall, 1st Floor Conference Room

Attendees:

Committee Co-Chairs: Conor Crimmins and Duane Rollins

Committee Members: Gloria Capron, Eric Durland, Sabina Emerson, Yvonne Gurney, Julie O'Malley, Helen Wilkes

Community Members: Angie Freeman

Call to Order:

Councilmember Crimmins called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

Resident Appearance:

Kensington resident, Ms. Angie Freeman, addressed concern for the current condition of Howard Avenue Park. Ms. Freeman stated that she is an unofficial care taker of the park flowering beds and that the care and upkeep of the Park is in need of attention.

The committee discussed the current state of the park-at-large, the flowering beds, design, and care and maintenance needs. The committee agreed to schedule a follow-on meeting at Howard Avenue Park to assess in person the current conditions and to discuss with the Town staff improvements that may be possible to Howard Avenue Park.

Old Business Updates:

- 1. Review of 2017 Greenscape Priorities from Organizational Meeting** The Committee reviewed the minutes from the 07 August Greenscape Committee in order to update the new members of the committee on the focus areas for 2017.
- 2. Update on Howard Ave Tree Lighting** The Committee discussed the recent removal of the tree lights along Howard Avenue and the plan for a future lighting strategy.
- 3. Review and Update Town Approved/Disapproved Plantings and Trees lists** The committee discussed additional criteria related to plantings and trees and has begun work on identifying entries for both lists. Work is on-going on the lists and the committee expects to have an initial list prepared for Town Staff review and consideration on or about 01 December 2017.

New Business:

- 1. Around Town Journal Greenscape Committee Topics list creation** The committee reviewed an outline of topics for consideration as Around Town Journal articles from the Greenscape

Committee. The committee Chair will work with individual members of the committee to draft upcoming articles for submission.

- 2. Tree City USA requirements review** The committee reviewed the 4 Standards for a Tree City, as outlined by the Arbor Day Foundation. The committee further discussed the need for an Arbor Day observance to meet the 4 Standards for a Tree City. The committee is taking action to identify a current Town event that could include an Arbor Day observance. In addition, the committee discussed activities that could be included in the observance. Further planning is needed and the committee is keeping this topic open for continued review and action.

Adjourn

Councilmember Rollins adjourned the meeting at 7:10pm.