

**FINAL / Minutes of the Tree and Landscape Board
Old Parish House, City of College Park
July 16, 2014**

<u>Members</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Brenda Alexander, Public Works Deputy Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Steven Beavers, Planning Representative	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Dennis Herschbach, Member	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
John Krouse, Member	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
John Lea-Cox, City Forester	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mark Wimer, Chairperson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CBE Liaison, Gemma Evans	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
CBE Liaison, Janis Oppelt	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

The June 18, 2014, TLB meeting was cancelled due to the permaculture tour.

Chairperson Wimer called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

I. Approval of the Meeting Minutes

The May 21, 2014 Tree and Landscape Board meeting minutes were reviewed with corrections but were not approved due to no quorum.

II. Permaculture Planting Project

Ms. Alexander confirmed that the City Council had approved the resolution for the Trolley Trail Permaculture Project. She stated that maintenance is a concern due to litter that will be generated by apples or other fruit that will have to be cleaned up. The Community for a Better Environment (CBE) is looking for volunteers for the plantings. Mr. Krouse suggested making this project a long-term plan and eventually filling in spaces as plants need to be replaced. He also suggested planting larger stock so that the fruit will ripen sooner as well as larger planting holes. Mr. Beavers is working with someone at the University of Maryland who may have an ongoing pool of volunteers; however, the city staff will have to supervise them in the evenings or weekends, which will involve overtime costs. Permaculture plantings will begin this fall.

III. Tree Canopy

Chairperson Wimer suggested the following aspects for improving the tree canopy:

1. Encouragement to plant on private land
2. Planting more trees on public land
3. Utilizing the tree inventory

The members in attendance suggested focusing efforts as follows:

1. Subsidizing the cost of the tree with incentives; take preorders from an approved list of trees
2. Residents will be responsible for picking up and planting the trees on their property; resident will receive the incentive if the approved tree lives at least 1 year
3. Have trees available for fall planting

There will be further discussion on this topic with a full quorum.

IV. Median Fencing

A 5' fence will be erected between Knox and Hartwick Roads to prevent citizens from jaywalking and possibly being struck by cars. In addition a traffic light will be installed at Hartwick, and the speed limit in that area has been reduced to 25 mph.

V. Miscellaneous

Chairperson Wimer had copies of the meeting rules and guidelines, which will be distributed to members at the next TLB meeting.

VI. Adjournment

The TLB meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m. The next TLB meeting is scheduled for September 10 at 7:00 p.m. in City Hall.

Minutes prepared by Debra Pinkett, Contract Secretary for the City of College Park