

ARBORETUM COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, March 15, 2023, 7-9 pm, Town Hall

Attending: committee members -- Sean Conlan, Jane Davenport McClintock; Council Liaison -- Gerilee Bennett

Executive Summary: We did not have quorum to make any decisions so we spent the meeting discussing Arbortum Committee projects with our new committee member Jane Davenport McClintock.

Topic	Action Item
Jan and Feb 2023 minutes couldn't be approved, not enough members present.	Defer approval to next month or vote by email
No resident issues	
No arborist report	Sean to discuss Spring tree walk with Phil
<p>Sean described the Arboretum committee's ongoing projects to Jane who has just joined the committee but has a background in environmental studies and assisted in the obtaining the CAP. 2023-2024 projects and priorities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Practical arboretum management – CAP, tree lifecycle issues and resident issues <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Update database with tree death codes b. Waverly streetscape c. Invasive treatment d. 5-year CAP update 2. Arboretum education <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Tree protection language b. Bugle articles 	
<p>The spring planting list was discussed by email and during the meeting. Some committee members had specific, and sometimes conflicting, views of what trees we should be planting (e.g., too many/not enough dogwoods). Jane argued for shifting the balance of plantings away from non-native trees and towards native species. In general, there is a desire to better understand the process for tree selection.</p> <p>Spring planting list was approved by email</p>	Sean to find a time to have an in-depth discussion of tree selection prior to summer break
Educational outreach was discussed. Jane suggested drafting a list of topics for Bugle articles and selecting 5 to pursue.	Sean to start a poll of article topics
This is the second meeting where many committee members could not attend. Prior to the next meeting, I'm going to make a few changes:	Sean to poll committee members about whether Wednesday is still a good

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Arboretum committee meeting will be emailed to the committee no later than April 11 with a poll to determine who is available 2. If we don't have quorum, I will cancel the meeting unless there are pressing issues 	<p>time to meet and whether our meeting frequency is still good.</p> <p>Sean to send out attendance poll for April meeting</p>
<p>Next Meeting April 19</p>	<p>Sean to send out minutes and double check Town Hall reservation</p>

Abbrev.

CAP=Comprehensive Arboretum Plan

GPCAN=Garrett Park Climate Action Network

MOU=Memorandum of Understanding

LUAC=Land Use Advisory Committee

POSCO=Parks and Open Spaces Committee

SHA=State Highway Administration

SOW=Statement of Work