

**Minutes of the Tree and Landscape Board  
Davis Hall, City of College Park  
January 15, 2020**

<u>Term Exp.</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
N/A	Brenda Alexander, Public Works Assistant Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04/30/2021	John Lea-Cox, City Forester	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04/30/2021	Christine O'Brien, member	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10/31/2021	James Meyer, member	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04/09/2021	Janet Wagner, member	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04/30/2021	Rashawna Alfred, member	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04/30/2021	Todd Reitzel, member	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Andrea McNamara, CBE representative	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Oscar Gregory, CBE representative	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	City Planning Representative	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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	Carleveva Thompson, Contract Secretary	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Scott Somers, City Manager	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Kristina Bigby, Assedo Consulting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Patrick Smith, Assedo Consulting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Ms. Alfred called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

- 1. Approval of Meeting Agenda:** The agenda for the January 15, 2020 meeting was reviewed.

**Motion:** Accept January meeting agenda as presented.

**Moved:** Dr. Lea-Cox

**Second:** Ms. Alfred

**Aye:** Unanimous

**Nay:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

- 2. Presentation on Calvert Hills Drainage Project**

Ms. Bigby from Assedo Consulting presented to the TLB the Calvert Hill drainage project. The presentation covered proposed work on Guilford Run to improve storm water flow to mitigate flooding in the Calvert Hills neighborhood. The project is currently in the design phase. The presentation covered the proposal to increase the channel size to improve water drainage, which will involve removal of trees that have grown in the channel. Estimated start of project is Fall 2020, with estimated completion in May 2022. The plan originally had 300 trees impacted but the design was changed to preserve those trees. Based on the current plan, approximately 80 trees and about 1/3 of an acre of forest area would be removed. The Board requested to have Assedo Consulting present another presentation once the project plan is final.

- 3. Landscaping plan for new City Hall**

Mr. Somers presented the landscape plan for the new City hall building. The design currently shows trees and vegetation planting areas to help with storm water management. Tree types planted will include Magnolia Green Shadows, Princeton Elm, Nyssa Sylvania, Betula Nigra "Duraheat", Chionantus (small trees planted to avoid the power lines but will be in way of pedestrians), Autumn Brilliance, and Cercis. Larger trees will

be in tree pits. Mr. Somers asked the Board to review the tree list and to provide questions or comments to Ms. Alexander.

**4. Approval of November Meeting Minutes:** The minutes of the November 13, 2019 meeting were reviewed.

**Motion:** Adopt November meeting minutes as presented

**Moved:** Ms. Alfred **Second:** Dr. Lea-Cox

**Aye:** Unanimous **Nay:** 0 **Abstain:** 0

**5. Approval of December Meeting Minutes:** The minutes of the December 4, 2019 meeting were reviewed, and corrections were made.

**Motion:** Adopt December meeting minutes as amended.

**Moved:** Ms. Alfred **Second:** Ms. O'Brien

**Aye:** Unanimous **Nay:** 0 **Abstain:** 0

**6. Public Works Department Report: No report provided**

**7. CBE Report:** Mr. Gregory shared the following highlights:

- Ongoing business of CBE brochure
- Curb side pickup of food waste and bulk trash
- Earth Day Activity, Trash and Treasure – not throw away everything
- Green Award nominations
- Greenhouse gas and specific recommendations to Mayor and Council.
- Refrigerant management
- Renewable energy
- Water quality
- Educational workshop on pesticide use and how to avoid using them.
- College Park clubhouse
- Walkable car free streets in College Park

**8. Old Business**

**a. Updates to the TLB Recommendations**

Ms. Alexander created a new document on Google Docs for the Board to review. Ms. Alexander reviewed a part of the code that states Prince George's county should be contacted prior to removing trees from a property and the owner needs to receive an exemption from the County. Board members are to review the documents and make comments or produce a new recommendation document.

**9. Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting will be held on February 19, 2020.

**10. Adjournment**

Ms. Alfred made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Second by Ms. O'Brien. The meeting adjourned at 9:13p.m.