

**Tree and Landscape Board
Davis Hall, City of College Park
March 20, 2019**

<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"/>
04/30/2019	John Lea-Cox, City Forester	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08/30/2017	Christine O'Brien, member	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10/31/2019	James Meyer, member	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Andrea McNamara, CBE representative	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

	Carleveva Thompson, Contract Secretary	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Ms. Alexander called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

1. Approval of January Meeting Minutes: The minutes of the January 16, 2019 meeting were reviewed.

Motion: Accept January meeting minutes as written.

Moved: Dr. Lea-Cox

Second: Ms. O'Brien

Aye: Unanimous

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

2. Public Works Department Report: Ms. Alexander shared the following highlights:

- The landscape crew are currently working in various locations performing spring cleanup.
- Installed six new combo receptacles and a bench on the bike trail in Calvert Hills.
- The Hollywood dog park project is currently in progress.
- The Crystal Springs playground project started on March 18th.
- The field lights at Duvall were repaired.
- Contract mowing in the right of way and on the athletic fields to begin in April.
- There is currently one vacancy on the landscape crew.
- The landscape crew has been working on Calvert Row median. James Adams Park and Duvall Field have been completed. The crew has started on the bike trail in Calvert Hills.
- The brush pile at DPW has been processed into wood mulch.
- Compost is on sale with a 25% discount when picked up until the end of April.
- The food scrap drop-off at Davis Hall will begin in April.
- April is cleanup month for Public Works. Drop-offs of trash and bulky material will be available.
- The shredding truck will be at Davis Hall on April 20th.

- Good Neighbor Day is on Saturday, April 13th. There will be playground mulching projects as well as cleanup and planting projects.
- The tree canopy assessment report and presentation is scheduled for the April 16th City Council Worksession.

3. CBE Report: Ms. McNamara shared the following highlights:

- On April 10th, there will be a solar panel co-op education session at Davis Hall.
- On May 11th, there will be a Green Housekeeping Workshop at City Hall from 10:00 a.m. to Noon.

4. Old Business

a. Arbor Day

Ms. Alexander did not receive a reply from Holy Redeemer and contacted St. Andrews Church on College Avenue as a potential site location. Arbor Day will be held on Friday April 26th at 9:30am.

b. Trees removed in the City

Mr. Meyer expressed concern for the removal of trees at the future Hillel site on Yale Avenue as well as trees removed at 49th and Hollywood Avenue. Ms. Alexander suggested Mr. Meyer meet her at the location to review the locations of where the trees were removed.

c. Tree Removal Policy

Ms. Alexander pulled city codes from various cities and has asked the Board to review other city municipal tree removal policies. Board members were assigned the following cities to review:

Ms. O'Brien: Greenbelt, University Park, and Mount Rainer

Mr. Meyer: Cheverly, Bowie, and Berwyn Heights

Ms. McNamara: Laurel, Riverdale Park, and New Carrollton

5. Other Business

a. Hazelnut trees

Mr. Meyer suggested hazelnut trees be planted within the City. Ms. Alexander commented those type of trees are usually not selected as street trees, but can possibly be planted on the bike trail.

6. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held on April 17, 2019.

7. Adjournment

Dr. Lea-Cox motioned to adjourn the meeting. Second by Ms. McNamara. The meeting adjourned at 8:52pm.