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PARKS AND GREEN SPACES COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2023

AT 4:00 PM, THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Jacqueline Parker, Director of Municipal Operations,
Ellen Sands, Project Manager for the Buffer and for the Boxwood Area restoration
Carol Coffin, Jorie Jurgens, Margo Kingston

Margo Kingston opened the meeting by introducing Ms. Parker who will be our new Committee Liaison to the Village Staff. Ms. Parker who prefers that we use Jackie has an extensive history with Chevy Chase Village beginning with work in the police station and moving on to a number of positions within the Village staff. Parks and Green Spaces Committee work will certainly bring a colorful feather to her cap.

Ellen Sands briefed us on the current status of the Buffer Drainage project. The Board has given the Engineering firm, CPJ Associates, approval for the project AND their design development is proceeding. These plans include proposed infrastructure work, grading and preliminary planting recommendations. The firm will recommend the use of heavy plastic pipes that have been found to be more resistant to deterioration than concrete pipes. Upon completion these development stage plans will be circulated to this Committee as well as to abutting neighbors for comments, and finally to the Board for its approval to proceed to pricing and a contract. This two-year project is still in the planning stage and work may not start until late summer.

Committee members wanted to plant more ferns in the now faltering fern bed near the mall parking entrance to the Buffer but Ellen Sands felt that this

planting
of the drainage project is completed.

should be postponed until the current stage

Ms. Sands then continued with information on the status of the plans for the “Boxwood Area” near Chevy Chase Circle between Magnolia and Grafton Street.

The Board of Managers authorized the removal of the current boxwood (which is diseased) as well as the hardscape layout as presented during their April 10 meeting. The new sidewalks will be brick to match the brick sidewalks throughout the Village. Staff has contacted the sidewalk contractor for pricing and is coordinating with the Village Arborist and landscape maintenance contractor to schedule removal of the boxwood. Great care will be taken to protect the root system of the beautiful Heritage oak which dominates this corner of Connecticut Ave. During the June Managers Meeting the landscape architect will propose a plan for plants, their habits and location to ensure that the desired elevation of this park can be achieved. It is recommended that members of this Committee attend the Managers meeting scheduled for June 12.

Ellen Sands reminded us that for the Village to continue its status as a “Tree City” there must be an active tree project within the Village. She recommended that the Committee organize a game like “Find the Tree.” One of our beautiful Village trees will be selected for presentation in each month’s Crier. This presentation will include lots of clues and hints but no address. It will be up to the Criers faithful readers to “find” the tree. Not only will this be fun but a good excuse for some pleasant walks and we will learn more about our wonderful Village trees. Also we will maintain the village’s prestigious standing as a “Tree City.” This will be a committee - wide project, so begin thinking of beautiful trees to be honored in this “game.”

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 14 at 4 PM. The location will be announced in advance of the meeting.

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***Respect science, Respect nature,
Respect each other***

Respectfully Submitted

Margo Kingston