



Arboretum Committee

Tuesday, February 23, 2016
Town Offices, Penn Place
7:30 p.m.

Agenda

Consideration of minutes Group

Current projects

- **Keswick Street:** Group
 - **Final** consideration of species for odd-numbered side
 - **Bring paper copies for group if you have new suggestions**
 - Final decision tonight

- **Rokeby (north) Montrose (south) gardens:** Group
 - Project planning
 - Entire committee?
 - Project-specific workgroup?

- **Tree replacements** Phil

- **Outreach and education** Jenny, Kathy
 - Conversation(s) with Barbara Shidler, Els Benjamin
 - ✓ Possible collaboration with GP Archives
 - Presence on town website
 - Spring Tree Walk

Longer-term projects Group

- How to complete/achieve these without undue volunteer burden?
 - Arboretum database
 - Corresponding tree numbering
 - Mapping/platting town property, rights-of-way

- **GPAC-member “street adoption”** still under consideration? Group

Future meeting dates

March 22, 2016
April 26, 2016
May 24, 2016
June 28, 2016

December 2015 minutes:

Members present: Kathy Benjamin, Bill Elwood, Michael Spekter, Pat Keating, Jenny Krivanek, Gene Swearingen. Guest: Ellen de Bremond Cortes

The committee entertained a request from neighbors to revitalize the landscape at the south end of Montrose Avenue that separates the Town from the unincorporated County and Parkside. Members discussed past and future improvements, drainage issues, and potential ways to improve the property. The Committee assured the representative that GPAC would prioritize this project once it completed pending planning priorities and ensured that the area indeed is town property. Members debriefed one another on the November tree walk and discussed whether a counterpart spring walk would be worthwhile. Phil Normandy reported that our database continues to be updated and that there are approximately 180 trees planted over the past two years that require identification tags. Members discussed the Keswick poplars removal and entertained suggestions for “power-wire friendly” plants for the even-side of the street. Members concurred that native hibiscus trees were inappropriate but crepe myrtle trees were a suitable option; members agreed to bring other options to the January meeting. Kathy Benjamin and Jenny Krivanek are working on opportunities for the Outreach/Education subcommittee. Gene Swearingen assured the members that the town budget will be able to provide supportive resources for GPAC work including a clear mapping of town property and rights of way. Though members agreed on the idea of assigning town streets to members for monitoring and reporting to the Committee, we also agreed to postpone the discussion due to missing members and lack of time.