



# Arboretum Committee

**Tuesday, March 22, 2016**  
Town Offices, Penn Place  
**7:30 p.m.**

## Agenda

**Consideration of minutes** Group

## Current projects

**Spring Tree Walk for Saturday, May 22, 1-3 p.m. ☺**

- **GPAC-member “street adoption”** Group
  - Volunteers
  - Assigned
  
- **Keswick Street:** Group
  - **Final** consideration of species for odd-numbered side
  - **Bring paper copies for group if you have new suggestions**
  - Final decision tonight
  
- **Montrose south gardens:** Group
  - Neighbors’ request for action
  - Current state of space
  - Project planning
  - Entire committee or project workgroup?

**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

## Future meeting dates

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

## February 2016 minutes:

**Members present:** Kathy Benjamin, Bill Elwood, Jenny Krivanek, Ron Landsman, Jill Lisle Stevens

**Town staff:** Elizabeth Henley, Gene Swearingen.

**Guests:** Gideon Kantor, Bonnie Tyler

The committee greeted our visitors from Neighbors Helping Neighbors. Members revisited the remaining selections for the east/odd-numbered side of Keswick Street. As only one selection remained from the previous list, Jill volunteered to provide a list from a book lent by Councilman Hans Wegner and would send the book's citation to the membership so each may purchase one for personal use. The group agreed to postpone action until the March meeting.

Given the many possibilities posted by the south Montrose Avenue request, the members agreed to postpone discussion until the March meeting. Members, including Bill, agreed to visit the site for a fully-informed discussion in March.

Consulting expert Phil Normandy proposed a list of trees to replace town specimens removed or to fill spaces freed by homeowners' tree removal. This topic generated substantive and related discussions. Of the list the Committee approved trees that were specified, but decided to wait to approve the tree options that had yet to be named.

Members also discussed the Arboretum Database. Phil clarified that the town had a current/updated database, though it also became clear that there are multiple versions circulating, including some incomplete versions. Elizabeth promised to share a complete (yet locked) version for the members' edification. The members also stated a desire for a map of town trees that would correspond to the database, though it remains unclear how such a map will be produced.

Providing and installing tags on trees planted over the last 1-2 years remains to be conducted—and unclear who will accomplish this task. Pepco recently marked trees within the town limits; Pepco will trim some and will remove those they have marked with blue dots, approximately 6-12 total trees. |

Outreach and Education chairwomen Jenny and Kathy described an opportunity for "oral history" conversations with El Benjamin and Barbara Shidler. The members were extremely enthusiastic about this opportunity and recommended including Marian Green in this endeavor. For maximum participation, this event(s) will occur at a more reasonable time, for example, a Saturday afternoon. We will share this opportunity with the GP Archives for their potential participation/collaboration. The Committee also agreed on a **Spring Tree Walk for Saturday, May 22, 1-3 p.m.**