

Parks and Green Spaces Committee
Thursday, March 7, 2019

4:00 p.m. – Village Hall

Attendance; Susan Kilborn, Co-Chair, Margo Kingston, Co-Chair, Carol Coffin, Jorie Jurgens, Mildred Vance and Ellen Sands, Municipal Operations Coordinator

Susan Kilborn called this first meeting of 2019 to order. Margo Kingston opened up the discussion by describing the Committee's goals for the 2019-2020 year. We plan to monitor the condition of the benches in each of the parks and green spaces. Mildred Vance has volunteered to be the Committee Photographer and will photograph the benches. Also, the Committee plans to visit each of the parks and green spaces. At the next meeting on April 4, weather permitting, we will visit the Brookville Road Dog Park, the Betty English Garden and the Newlands Park which are all located east of Connecticut Ave.

Our third meeting of the year is scheduled for Thursday, May 2 at 4 PM. We plan to visit the Buffer Green Space to view the "signs project" for labeling plants and shrubs there. This labeling project has already been completed in the Betty English Garden. Hopefully, the water run-off problem in the Buffer will have been corrected by May.

The next subject was the donation of two chairs for the False Cypress Right of Way. Timothy Harr and his siblings donated the chairs to honor their mother. The chairs which cost \$570 each are sold by **Country Casual**. The chair donation was enthusiastically approved by the Board of Managers at their meeting on March 11.

Ellen Sands suggested that Liriope might be better suited as a ground cover for the area at the pedestrian entrance to the Buffer. The Mondo Grass which was planted in the Fall appears to be eaten by small animals.

Susan Kilborn announced that the annual pruning of azaleas at Chevy Chase Circle is scheduled for Saturday, May 4 from 9:30 – 12 noon. The Friends of Chevy Chase Circle have asked us to come join the fun as well as to advertise this azalea pruning event on the Circle.

We discussed meeting jointly with the Friends of the Chevy Chase Circle as well as with the Village Environment and Energy Committee. We decided to plan for joint meetings later in the year if these committees are in agreement.

Finally, we tackled some important new business; considering plans for an Arbor Day event, similar to the one held last April. A banner will be unfurled, more tree labels may be added. We will discuss this with Philip Webre, Chair of the Tree Committee and further decide where to hold the event and which date would be best. This year, the official Arbor Day is April 26.

Respectfully Submitted by Susan Kilborn and Margo Kingston