

Mount Rainier Green Team & Tree Commission Meeting  
June 10, 2014, 7:00PM  
City Hall

Agenda:

**What:** Meeting with Pepco on vegetation management in Mt. Rainier

**Who:** Mt. Rainier Green Team, Tree Commission and the following Pepco representatives:

- Tami Watkins, Government Affairs
- Dan Landry, Senior Staff Forester
- Martin Lieb, Staff Forester

**When:** Tuesday, July 8th, 7:00 PM (note earlier time than regular GT meetings)

**Where:** City Hall

**Subject:** Pepco's short and long term strategy concerning vegetation management, removal timing considerations, information on Pepco's risk analysis modeling and approach to pruning and removal.

Meeting Actions:

1. Utilimap Qualifications: Maryland Tree Expert License. Who is licensed and accompanying Hugh as his supervisor in the field? My understanding from Marian is that the supervisor should have an active role in tree assessments. Main concern voiced at the meeting is that Hugh is unfamiliar with the law.
2. Mature Tree Designations. We are interested in knowing if this option was included in the mix for our City. Understanding if mature tree designation was included would help us understand Utilimap took a thoughtful and conservative approach. We would like a map or list of trees that meet this qualification.
3. High voltage lines. We discussed this at the end of the meeting. Something we've learned in the last week is that some lines are more valuable than others. In these locations Pepco will be more scrutinizing of vegetation. Therefore, we mentioned how it would be helpful to understand where these lines are so we can work this into our tree planning. For this item we would like a map as well.
4. Wildlife considerations. It sounds likely work will be delayed until August. End of July is when most bird fledging is complete. We as a city love our birds and want to protect them as much as possible. May we suggest that you consider a policy when it comes to tree removal and wildlife? Could be a long-term goal. Like you work with the Arbor Day Foundation, you could pursue working with the Audubon Society or another similar organization.

The remaining actions are copied from what Bryan sent in a separate email from yesterday. I've bundled them a few of them in some cases

5. Replacement of trees removed by Pepco. Both in public and private property, you mentioned the opportunity to get tree replacements. Could these replacements be more than one-for-one?

6. Underground power lines in Kaywood. We were excited at your offer to help understand where these lines are. Miss Utility has not been helpful. The streets in that area are public streets with no street trees. Is it possible to plant small trees under power lines? We would like to know where no power lines are located so larger trees can be considered. The streets in question are 4300 block Kaywood Drive, 4200 and 4300 blocks of Russell Avenue, 4300 block of 28th Place, 2700 block Webster St., 2700 block Upshur. I think here we'd need these areas to still be marked. My sense is this might warrant further discussion and site visit with Dan and Marty.

7. New question not discussed in meeting: Removals from MNCPPC parkland within the city. Can the city have Pepco plant street trees to replace those trees or is MNCPPC having replacements done in the same parks away from power lines?

8. New question not discussed in meeting: From the list of proposed removals, Queenstown Apartments will lose a number of trees. Will Pepco be replacing those trees on the apartment complex property, or can the city have trees planted along Chillum Road and Buchanan Street which are public property?

9. New question and partnership opportunity. The city is about to retrofit Buchanan Street as a "green street" with grant funds. Perhaps Pepco would like to become a partner in this?