

# Meeting of the Town Council Monday, October 14, 2024, 7:30 p.m.

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## Agenda

All documents marked with an asterisk (\*) may be obtained until at least March 1, 2025 here.

1. Call to Order ~ 7:30

2. Approval of the Agenda\*

5 min.

## Regular Business

3. Public Appearances

?? min.

Please note the time allowed to speak will be limited to **three minutes**. Also note: Written statements submitted as part of a public appearance will be noted in the minutes and will be available from the Town Office and on the Town website after the meeting.

4. September Treasurers Report\*

10 min.

5. Mayor's Report

15 min.

- a. Kudos
- b. Testimony to the Maryland Lynching Truth and Reconciliation Commission delivered by Councilor Barbara Raimondo on October 5.\*
- c. Green Bank Washington Grove Climate Resilience Project Status report.\*
- d. Energy Audit planned for McCathran Hall.
- e. *Sustainable Communities Grant award from Pepco\** \$10,000 for environ-mental stewardship purposes.
- f. *Streetlight Inventory* The Town and Pepco have finalized a comprehensive inventory of streetlights in the Grove.
- g. *Parliamentary procedure training* Held October 13.
- h. "State of the District" event at McCathran Hall to take place on Saturday October 19, 11 am 1 pm. The event is organized and hosted by District 39 State Delegate Gabriel Acevero and has the theme of "Sustainability and Climate Justice for All".

Residents and the public are invited to join invited participants at this informative event.

- i. *Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI)) education* session offered to residents on November 16, 9 am noon. Sign-up is required, and a registration form will be forthcoming.
- j. *Washington Grove Haunted Woods* To take place from 4 pm on Saturday, Oct. 26 at the Gazebo.
- k. *Trick-or-treating in the Grove* Will be held on Halloween, October 31, from 6 to 8 pm.
- **6. Status of the Washington Grove Connector Shared Use Pathway\***Jean Kapusnick, PE, Project Leader, Montgomery County Dept. of Transportation. Council Discussion.

#### **New Business**

**7. Proposal to Re-Publish "Grove Gatherings" (1975) by Rosalie Shantz\*** 15 min. Meredith Horan to present the proposal. Discussion.

## Old Business

- 8. Stormwater Infrastructure Maintenance Contract Award\*

  Award of contract. Council will take resident input, and hear from the RFP

  Group, who will report on bidder's references, suggest criteria for evaluating award of the contract and make a recommendation to the Town Council.
- **9. Restoration Plan for the Conservation Meadow\***Further discussion of the recommendation from the Meadow Committee to approve Phase I of the tree reduction plan proposed by Montgomery County Parks.

#### More New Business

10. Request to Remove Supporting Documents from the Town Website for Res. 2023-01, "Acknowledging Washington Grove's Racially Exclusionary Past and Committing to an Equitable and Inclusive Future"\* – Discussion and possible deferral to a future Town Council meeting.

# Other Regular Business

### **11. Town Council Reports\*** – Of note:

10 min

a. *Forestry and Beautification (Raimondo)*: Fall planting to total 13 trees and nine bushes.

b. Washington Grove Conservation Park – Meadow Committee (Grisham): Discussion of the meadow restoration proposal and dissemination of information. Also see Agenda item 9 above.

# 12. Approval of Minutes

5 min.

a. Town Council meeting September 9, 2024. (Possibly deferred.)\*

## 13. Next Meeting:

a. Virtual on Monday November 11, 2024, at 7:30 pm

14. Adjournment ~9:45 pm

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