

Approved:

Attendees: Commissioners Charlie Challstrom, Georgette Cole, Peter Nagrod, and HPC Chairman Bob Booher, and resident Joan Mahaffey.

Call to order 7:30 pm.

Agenda, unchanged, approved by consensus.

Minutes of 24 April, unchanged, approved by consensus.

We resumed with MP working draft 042419 (distributed 4/30/19) starting with Section 1.3, then 5.

Section 1.3 The Woods Committee recommended the FR Zone designation for the East and West Woods be changed to Forest Preserve (FP) for greater protection. Commissioner Challstrom expressed grave reservations about such a change and the proposal was not accepted.

We began Section 5 with suggestions from Forestry and Beautification. The majority of changes in Section 5 were made by F&B or by the Historic Preservation Commission. The latter are largely a result of research done by the consultants working on the new material to incorporate into the Washington Grove submission for the National Register of Historic Places. A description of the new dog park was submitted by Christine Dibble.

Notes: It was suggested the Town add a sign reinforcing the Montgomery County leash policy in Woodward Park.

Charlie will prepare a resolution for the Town Council to officially terminate Woodward Park at Center Street, and recognize both Zoe Wadsworth Park and MacGregor Park as existing within the East Woods. F&B will look into the history of the creation of these parks for the MP. The history and name of the McCathran Woodland Park on Maple Avenue should also be clarified, possibly by resolution. HPC suggested language for the Washington Grove Conservation Meadow Park but this paragraph will be used in Section 6 (environmentally sensitive areas).

Georgette will integrate the current changes into a 051519 draft for circulation to Commissioners and posting to the Town web site before the next work session.

Adjourn 9:45 pm.

Our next meeting will be July 17. We are taking a break in June, and then will continue to meet on the third Wednesday of the month. The next session will start with Section 6.

Submitted by Georgette Cole