

Environment Committee
Dufief Homes Association
June 22, 2024, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Minutes

Present:

Committee Members: Vin Kortraiah, Roger Rasnake, Moira Davenport

HOA President: Fred Mingo

Homeowner: Sana Kumar

Beautification of Dufief's traffic circles

The HOA is interested in improving the appearance of Dufief's traffic circles. In the last year, Fred has worked with the county to repair the pavement around several circles which had been damaged by trash trucks, snow trucks, etc. He has also requested replacement trees from the County but hasn't received a response yet. Fred proposed that the Green Team, at the HOA'S direction, take the lead in an initiative to beautify the circles. This could be done in a variety of ways - benches to encourage community interaction, replacement of dying trees, plantings, etc. Fred proposed that we seek a volunteer champion from the homeowners on each circle to take the lead.

The committee decided to send a survey to the homeowners on each circle to gauge interest in participating in this effort, to solicit ideas and to ask for volunteer champions. Our goal will be to have a few circles serve as pilot projects. We will also set up a database to log the circles and project status. The next Readwood will let the community know about this initiative and solicit input.

Renewal of Landscaping Contract for Common Area

The Environmental Committee is assisting the HOA Board in updating the Request for Quotes which will be given to interested landscape contractors this fall. The Committee will align the previous RFQ and the current PPR contract and also add new requirements to ensure ecological practices. It will also add requirements for management of the new pollinator gardens, the circles and annual renewal of mulch in the pond playground.

New Benches for Pond Area

It was decided that the HOA Board would handle this project.

Water Runoff and possible outside funding

Roger described grant funding sources that address issues related to excess water runoff from HOA common areas into local waterways. These include support from the Chesapeake Bay Trust and Sustainable Maryland. The committee will continue to explore possible projects that fit the grant criteria.

Green Team Projects

The Committee has scheduled an invasive weed removal event for Saturday, July 27, and two bird walks on Wednesday, September 18 and Saturday, October 5. These will be announced in an email to the community and in the next Readwood.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.