

## **Advisory Committee on Trees – February 23, 2021**

Call to order 7:13PM via Zoom

Present: Brian Townsend (staff liaison and assistant Director Public Works and Parks), Charles Jackman (chair), Robert Trumbule (member)

Not present: Ethel Dutky (recorder)

Reviewed and approved January 19, 2021 minutes with corrections.

### **Old Business**

#### 1. MAGLEV Task Force Work Session – February 10, 2021

Charles, representing ACT, attended (virtually) a City Council Work Session on Wednesday, Feb. 10, focused on the recently released Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the MAGLEV. There is a 90-day comment period for the EIS, which ends April 22, 2021. The law firm (Jill Grant & Associates LLC Attorneys at Law) representing the City of Greenbelt has indicated that there are a number of issues, which could be raised in opposition to the construction of the MAGLEV. Currently, it is unclear which major concerns should be pursued as reasons to oppose the MAGLEV project. A number of trees in Greenbelt and nearby will be impacted if the MAGLEV project is undertaken.

#### 2. Arbor Day (April 10, 2021)

Arbor Day plans were discussed. Possible planting sites are near the Community Center and in a children's play area, known as A Block Playground, near the intersection of Ridge Road and Crescent Road. The tree planting event on Arbor Day this year would be kept fairly small with only ACT members, City Council, and Public Works staff participating because of the pandemic. A limited number of trees (five or less) would be planted during this event. A variety of trees were discussed for planting including: locust, Shantung maple, 'Rising Sun' redbud, 'Appalachian Spring' dogwood, 'Wildfire' black gum (tupelo), Kentucky coffee, and Dove trees. The site, number, and variety of trees to plant on Arbor Day in Greenbelt were not resolved at the meeting.

### **New Business**

#### 1. PEPCO replanting of dead trees

Stumps will be removed on Ivy Lane in the spring. Replacement trees will be planted soon after.

#### 2. Roosevelt Center

Two dying trees were removed in Roosevelt Center. These will be replaced with Bloodgood London planetrees, which are resistant to the disease anthracnose.

Adjourn 9:10 PM

Next meeting, via Zoom: Monday, March 15, 2021 at 7PM

Submitted by Charles Jackman