

MINUTES OF THE LAND USE COMMITTEE MEETING 10-25-2018

The meeting was held at 7 pm in the Town Hall. Present were Dedun Ingram and Lees Hartman, co-chairs; Tom Collins, Kathy Flaxman, Rod Henderer, Eric Murtagh; Edamarie Mattei from Backyard Bounty; Kirk Renaud, Town Council, and Barney Rush, Council liaison.

Zimmerman Park Path: Edamarie Mattei was present to discuss the Zimmerman Park path that will lead to East-West Highway. Backyard Bounty's focus will be on design/aesthetics. They will develop a design that works with the Sustainable garden and other plans for the park. When the design has been developed and approved by the Town Council, an engineering firm will prepare the detailed specs. The goal is to build a usable and safer path by the start of school in the fall of 2019.

LUC reviewed with Edamarie a list of criteria for the path.

Discussion of the path concluded and Edamarie Mattei left at 8:00 pm.

Minutes of the September meeting were approved as circulated.

Dog Exercise Area: In response to requests at the public DEA forum to further consider sites other than Zimmerman Park for its location, LUC is revisiting alternate sites. They include four sites owned by the Town (Rosemary Circle, Rosemary Triangle, Tarrytown Park, and Zimmerman Park) and five owned by the County (Chevy Chase Elementary School playground, "point" at the back of the CCES playground, Lawton Center tennis courts, area behind the tennis courts, and Elm Street Park). All sites have room for a DEA of at least 6000 sq ft.

A set of 28 criteria to use in evaluating the sites for suitability as a DEA site have been developed as well as a scoring and weighting scheme.

The evaluation criteria and a spreadsheet with some of the objective criteria (e.g. size) already filled in were distributed. The committee went through the process of evaluating Rosemary Circle. Maps of all sites were reviewed by the Committee. Committee members will individually score the remaining 8 possible sites and submit the results before the next meeting, at which time the scoring will be compared and any disagreements discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Next meeting will be Thursday, November 8 because of the Thanksgiving holiday.