



- **Welcome:** Start Time: 5:30pm
- **Attendance:** Erik Dihle, Matt Rescott, Ray Iturralde, Amanda Cunningham, Fred Chalfant
- **Guests:** Thayer Young, Gabriella (BTT rep), Sam (City Forestry/TreeBaltimore), Dan (Director of Forestry), Chris Forester-Smith, Cindy Herrera
 - Introductions
 - Highlight youth members if present
- **Treasurer's Report** [Amanda]
 - Expenses: \$0
 - Deposits \$50 donation from Fred. Also got to test the new system
 - New state system: Bill.com
 - Balance: \$6,850.74
 - No bills or action for this month.
 - Fred - request to make a donation to the Big Tree program. Proposes \$100 to assist with website upkeep, renewals, supplies, etc. NRCC credit from overpaying in 2022 for a whole student's rate. Passes.
- **Working Groups' Updates**
 - Engagement - no comments
 - Youth Members [Anika and Sarai]
 - Sam Seo agreed to be POC
 - Recruited by previous youth members
 - One of the original youth members, Cat (Fiona Chisum) and NRCC camp participant. Mom said it changed her life and gave her a direction in life. Will pursue NR in college. Maybe she can come to speak about her NRCC experience at the February meeting.
 - Advocacy [Matt]
 - Tree Ordinance Committee
 - A separate committee, Erik, Amanda, Sam, Matt, Gary Letteron, Katy Louter, Katie Smith-ham (BWB)
 - 2 primary pieces of legislation. 1. Public tree bill ROW and parkland to codify current Rec and Park policy. Moving forward in Forestry. 2. Private property tree bill, Katy L lead. Meeting a few weeks ago. Katie has action items. Will work on passing the public land bill first.
 - Notre Dame tree removals letter





- Are we supposed to be looking into? Amanda - campus wants to be transformed/developed. Wanted to change their Forest Conservation area to another spot. Want to cut down a grove of old trees. A letter was to be written opposing tree removal.
 - Erik to learn more and then possibly follow up with draft letter?
Follow up with Zoe.
 - Meet w. Administration [Erik]
 - FB taking stronger stance on things. Will work with Anne to make sure in lane with State.
- **Seasonal Program Updates**
 - TreeBaltimore [Sam/Fred] <https://www.treebaltimore.org/treeevents>
 - Wrapping up Fall. Delayed tree delivery. Good start to Spring planting and will order more. 700-800 b&b trees currently in nursery. At least another 2,600 additional trees to be ordered container and b&b.
 - Big Tree Program [Fred]
 - No activity since the December report.
 - Fred will be sending out an invite to the Winter Gathering as a group.
 - NRCC [Sandy / Matt - Deadline? Procedure?]
 - Sandy's note prior to the meeting: "Nine applications have come in for NRCC 23. Please start recruiting Baltimore City candidates. Also, I really hope that more than 3 or 4 of us plan to attend the March 9 State Forestry Meeting. Thanks, Sandy"
 - Matt to send out 7/23-29, 2023 brochure to board and community teacher contacts.
 - <https://marylandforestryfoundation.org/index.cfm?event=nrcc>
- **Upcoming Events**
 - TreeBaltimore Winter Gathering, Feb 1st, 5:30-8:30, Cylburn's Vollmer Center
 - Pruning Party - Feb 19th, 12:00-2:00, Ednor Gardens
 - Loch Raven, Alameda and 35th (Street Trees)
 - Fred will send out an address for reference.
 - Arbor Day, Apr 27/28 [Discuss - Hampden Elementary?]
 - James Wolf very active 4/27 event - do we want this to be the FB Arbor Day event?
 - Looking for alternatives. Think we shouldn't do City High again.
 - Amanda has an idea on the East Side, memorial for lady on Herring Run Board. Amanda can talk to Barbara about getting kids involved.
 - Will revisit this at February meeting
 - Market Day, May 13th, 8:00-2:00 [Discuss - New tabling design/materials?]





- TreeBaltimore bring in trees night before
- At Cylburn will be requesting volunteers.
- New tabling materials and design - will discuss at next meeting
- Fred is worried that no trees have been ordered for this giveaway yet.
- **Noteworthy:**
 - Ethics form submittal
 - Arbor Day Poster Contest voting will be sent out by the end of the week - please vote!
 - New Baltimore “City Tree?”
 - Erik: Consider proposing to the Administration a replacement species to the current callery pear planted by William Donal Schaeffer in Federal Hill.
 - National Aquarium Henry Hall Fellows
 - FB meeting time, frequency and location(s)
 - Erik requesting feedback from members on ability to attend.
 - Lunch was proposed, like Montgomery.
 - Park Advisory Board
- **Propose Other Agenda Items:**

Kicked out of Google Meet: 6:32pm [But we finished the Agenda items!]

