

**AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR GREENSPACE
REGULAR MEETING / SITE VISIT**

**April 23, 2016
12:30 P.M.**

MINUTES

Members present: Brad Jones
Dee Merriam
Steve Sanchez
David Sacks

Members absent: Jennifer Pindyck

Item No. 1 Meeting Called to Order

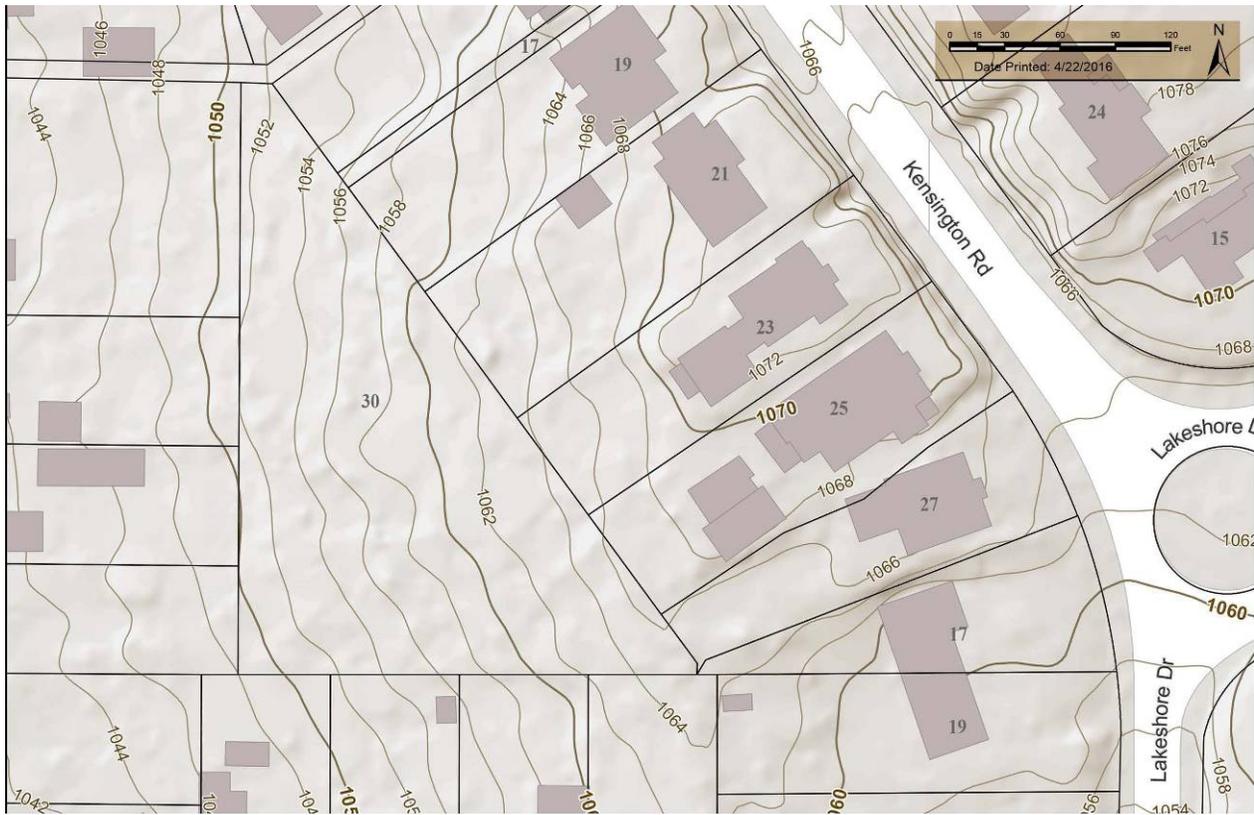
Item No. 2 Site Visit: Pocket Park at Kensington / Berkeley / Kingstone

The site was observed to have a number of nice hardwood trees. Undergrowth had been cleared by the City, providing good visibility (see photos, below). Surface was mostly mulch with stands of volunteer *Liriope* and other herbaceous plants. Three City-owned access ways are shown on County property maps - two to Kensington and one to Berkeley - but all are partially to completely blocked.

Public Comment at site: the following comments were offered:

- Jim and Cheri Hutchens, Kensington Road: Not afraid of the site having public access, would like for it to be used. Immediate neighbors / nearby residents are the most likely ones who would come here anyway.
- Lewis Rhodes, resident on Berkeley: Has never seen it this clear. Was originally opposed to the idea of clearing it, but is OK with it now.
- Lisa Shortell, Clarendon Place: Could it be made into a community garden?
- Richard Payne: Growing up in one of the abutting houses, it used to be great to come play back here. It was much more overgrown at the time.
- [Asked if they had any concerns about the site, only poison ivy was mentioned.]

Map of Berkeley-Kensington-Kingstone pocket park:



Photos of Berkeley-Kensington-Kingstone pocket park:



Typical conditions. (View from southwest corner of site - nearest to Kingstone/Berkeley intersection.)



Typical conditions. (Looking south from north end of site.)



Typical conditions. (Looking northwest along Kensington side.) Accessway to Berkeley, view out from site.



Accessway to Berkeley, views in.



Accessway to Kensington at north end of site.



Accessway to Kensington, one lot south from previous photo.

Item No. 3

Site Visit: Pocket Park at Kensington / Covington

The site was observed to have a denser stand of trees, mostly pines (some quite large), with dense undergrowth throughout much of it. Shadier, higher and drier-seeming than the Kensington-Berkeley site. The eastern half of the site tended to have a more open understory, with good visibility although walking was difficult outside of a few footpaths. Some dumping of yard waste was observed. The accessway from Kensington is currently somewhat passable, due to the adjacent lot having a house been cleared, with a new house under construction; the accessway from Covington Highway is blocked (see photos, below).

Public Comment at site:

[Kensington Road] stated they've only lived here a few months, didn't realize the property was City-owned, and liked having the woods behind their back yard.

Map of Kensington-Covington pocket park:



Photos of Kensington-Covington pocket park:



Accessway from Kensington, views towards pocket park



Accessway from Kensington, views toward street



Accessway from Covington, view towards street



Typical conditions, entering pocket park from accessway (view southeast along Kensington edge)



Typical conditions, central area of site



Informal access from abutting property (Covington side)



Typical conditions, southeast area of site

Item No. 4

Other Discussion

No other discussion.

Item No. 5

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.