

Fort Ward Follow-up

from 03/30/20126 Monitoring Group Meeting:

- 1) Arboretum designation – any legal requirements impacting planting and /or tree replacement requirements in the park?

Staff Update: The Park was designated the City's Arboretum on the City's Arbor Day Celebration in 1983. Staff researched and found no legal requirements or restrictions related to planting and/or tree replacement.

- 2) Oakland Baptist Church Cemetery entrance– can we include entrance improvements in to the loop road paving project?

Staff Update: A draft plan for enhancing the entrance has been developed and shared with Mike Williams of OBC. Implementation of this plan is subject to site archeology investigation by OHA. RPCA staff will coordinate with OHA and OBC regarding the next steps in the implementation.

- 3) Craven Property/Playground hydro seeding – did we install mats before hydro seeding?

Staff Update: Area inside the loop road was mulched and hydro seeded. This area is now fairly stable but needs another application of hydro seeding – planned for this spring. Area outside the loop road near the playground did get erosion control matting and top soil before hydro seeding because of the steep slope. This area is now stable with good growth of grass. See pictures below.

Area near playground



Area near Craven property



- 4) Tree Planting – send information about the tree planting partnership project.

Staff Update: Staff is still working to finalize a memorandum of agreement (MOU) with the Tree Stewards group to partner for tree planting in Fort Ward. The group is expected to plant about 18 new trees in fall and be responsible for the care of these trees. All work will be coordinated with the approved management plan and OHA. City staff has completed the grinding of the tree stumps to prepare the locations for replacement tree planting this spring.