

**Neighbors of the Northwest Branch
Minutes of Board Meeting
December 6, 2022**

1. Welcome

Present on Zoom: Nora Swisher, Anne Ambler, Kem Morawski, Matt Boyer, Melissa Schweisguth, Ben Simasek

2. Treasurer's report

The treasurer's report from Larry Hush shows a balance of \$8,271.65 of our money, and \$100,000 from Springsong that we are to administer. We are entitled to 3% of the Springsong money. Melissa suggested that we add 3% to each invoice we handle. All agreed. Matt is to send Larry an email about our decision.

3. Greenscapes Sponsor

The Greenscapes symposium is on February 17, 2023 at Brookside Gardens. Sponsoring at the \$250 level gives us 3 free tickets, our logo on their website and a post on their Facebook page. We sponsored at this level last year. Vote was taken, and sponsoring at the \$250 level was decided.

4. City of Hyattsville's request for letter of support

Collin Morrison, Environmental Programs Coordinator, Office of Public Works for the City of Hyattsville talked to Nora recently. The City asked for a letter of support involving a project protecting trees by removing invasive vines from them. This matter will be explored further.

5. Next Meeting, January 3, 2023

We will ask Alexi Sanchez de Boado to talk to us a bit about an under-utilized advocacy avenue and engaging more with local governments. Nora will contact him.

Reminder: Next year is our 20th anniversary—do we want to do something special? Let's talk about this at our January meeting.

6. Presentation by Eliza Cava, Conservation Director of Nature Forward, on the interaction web report "The Story of Streams."