



Fredrick Douglass Park on the Tuckahoe
Advisory Committee Minutes
August 13, 2026



Called to Order- The meeting was called to order by LaDarian Blake

Members in attendance: Corey Pack, Nate Hoxter, Harriett Lowery, Jasmine Chen – LSG, Amol Deshpande – LSG, Director Emily Gilmer, Asst. Director LaDarian Blake

Liberty Tree Update

Kristen Goller provided an update on the Liberty Tree.

- Planting/dedication ceremony scheduled for September 3, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.
- DNR will assist with planting the tree, and a plaque will be installed prior to the ceremony.
- Staff will distribute a save-the-date and formal invitation.
- The committee discussed providing remarks and information about the park during the ceremony.

Erosion Control Update

- County Engineer Josh Elliott is preparing a report outlining erosion-control options.
- The committee will review the recommendations and select a preferred option once the report is received.

Interpretive Panels – Signs 6 & 7

Jasmine Chen presented updated designs for the interpretive panels.

- The committee reviewed the two overlook panels and discussed historical accuracy, design, and maintenance.
- The committee agreed to remove the clear acrylic panel and frame from the overlook design.
- Members will review the complete signage package and submit comments by August 21, 2026.
- Emily will compile the comments and provide them to the design team.
- The Pollinator Meadow sign has been fabricated, and staff will attempt to install it before the September 3 Liberty Tree ceremony.

Next Steps / Future Meetings

- The committee will continue meeting every other month on the second Thursday at 3:00 p.m.
- Next meeting: October 8, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.
- The committee discussed the National Park Service/Freedom Day application. The next anticipated filing opportunity is January.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned following completion of the agenda.