LSG LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

MEETING NOTES

PROJECT:	Frederick Douglass Park on the Tuckahoe		
PURPOSE:	Advisory Committee Meeting		
PREPARED BY:	Jasmine Chen	NEXT MEETING Day	November 13th, 2025
LOCATION:	Microsoft Teams	NEXT MEETING Time	
DAY &TIME:	Oct 9th, 2025 at 4:00PM	DATE PREPARED:	10/10/2025

Present:

Cassandra Vanhooser	Harriet Lowery
LaDarian Blake	Jasmine Chen, LSG
Peter Lesher	Casey Rauch, Rauch
Anne Kyle	Mark Burchick, ESA
Kenneth Morris Jr.	
Corey Pack	
Nate Hoxter	

1. General Updates

- **Site Plan Approvals**
  Site plan approvals are currently on hold pending signoff from the Health Department. Cassandra, Elisa, and Rauch are coordinating with Brennan Tarleton to determine the specific outstanding issues that need to be addressed.

- **County Council Meeting**
  An update on the park project will be presented to the County Council on October 28 at 2:30 PM.

- **Pollinator Meadow**
  - The 23-acre meadow area, including buffer zones, will be mowed biennially in March.
  - Spot herbicide application is scheduled within the next week.
  - Drill seeding is planned for the final week of October.
  - Monoculture swaths are being planted dramatic sweeps.

2. Interpretive Design Feedback

- **General Process**
  - Advisory Committee members should send all feedback on the interpretive design to Cassandra, who will compile and coordinate revisions.

- **Color Palette Suggestions**
  - Driving Tour Correlation: Color palettes for signage appears to be aligned with driving tour graphic. A description should be added for clarity.
  - Colors under *Tour 2* are too dark and need adjustment.

- **Frederick Douglass Representation:**
  - Stronger emphasis is needed on Douglass as a common narrative thread across all signage, especially on the ecological signs.
  - A younger image of Frederick Douglass is preferred, reflecting his time in Talbot County and resonating more with younger audiences.
  - If photographs from his youth are unavailable, consider sourcing artwork as a viable alternative.

- **Image Use & Permissions:**
  - Avoid AI-generated images and ensure proper permissions are secured for all imagery.
  - Specific concerns for AI-generated imagery were raised about photos used in *Meadow/Forest Concept #1, Intro Option #1*.
  - Kenneth has a collection of high-resolution images that may broaden and improve the image selection.
  - Mark Burchick will provide high-resolution images of nature specimens for use.

- **Background Images:**
  - Aerials of the park are well-received as background elements.
  - In *Option #4*, Douglass's image is placed in a way that suggests he is underwater
  - Avoid placing any overlay images behind Frederick Douglass's face.
  - Avoid over-saturation of Frederick Douglass's face such as completely blue or green, like on Intro Options #1 and #2
  - Photography treatments in the *Meadow/Forest* panel are preferred over *Upright Option #2*.

- **Design Elements:**
  - The filigree used in Intro sign option #4 is considered distracting and inappropriate given Douglass's modest beginnings—high-society motifs should be avoided.
  - The durability of the Lookout Points sign is a concern.
  - Ensure any steamboat model used in exhibits is historically accurate for the time of Douglass's life. Pete Lesher may be able to help with this.
  - The color of the boardwalk/forest trail sign is too dark and inconsistent with the intended theme.
  - The Meadow/Forest sign featuring the emerald ash borer was well-received.
  - The committee recommends connecting ecological narrative to the forest landscape Frederick Douglass would have known.
  - Consider referencing the "Roots of Resilience" and highlighting relevant species in the park.
  - The Water Access Panel is well received.