

BHCA Greening Advisory Committee Policy

The Greening Advisory Committee shall be a committee of the Bolton Hill Community Association (BHCA) to advise the BHCA Board of Directors on the strategic maintenance and improvement of public green spaces in Bolton Hill. It shall consist of six to eight BHCA members, including the BHCA Treasurer and at least two additional members of the BHCA Board of Directors.

The Greening Advisory Committee works in coordination with individuals, BHCA committees, and other organizations engaged in activities affecting public green spaces in Bolton Hill, such as the Bolton Hill Garden Club, Midtown Community Benefits District, and Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks. It shall facilitate the development of ideas for maintaining or improving public green spaces and make funding recommendations for them to the BHCA Finance Committee and Executive Committee. In addition, it shall help connect residents who take an interest in public green spaces; inform the Bolton Hill community about proposed and active greening projects; identify individuals to lead budgeted greening projects using existing leadership to the extent feasible; oversee the effective implementation of those projects; and enhance relationships between BHCA and individuals and community associations in adjoining neighborhoods through greening activities.

The Greening Advisory Committee shall create a transparent process for receiving and reviewing written funding requests from BHCA members for public green spaces in preparation for BHCA's annual budgeting process and, when necessary, interim requests outside the budgeting process. The Greening Advisory Committee may recommend to the Executive Committee to approve interim and unbudgeted requests less than \$500. These unbudgeted requests approved by the executive committee may total no greater than \$1,500 over a 12-month period. For interim requests greater than \$500, Greening Advisory Committee recommendations to the Executive Committee are subject to approval by the Board of Directors.

In its funding recommendations, the Greening Advisory Committee may consider amounts and allocations from different sources of funding for public green spaces, including, but not limited to, annual BHCA dues or donations and the BHCA Greening Funds, such as the Greening and Tree Fund and Northern Bolton Hill Parks Fund. The BHCA Greening Funds are restricted to expenditures that beautify public green spaces in Bolton Hill, including parks, gardens, and tree wells. The Greening and Tree Fund shall be sustained with individual donations. The Northern Bolton Hill Parks Fund expenditures are restricted to public green spaces north of McMechen Street. Any funds subject to a fiscal sponsor agreement with BHCA shall continue to be disbursed according to the terms of the said fiscal sponsor agreement.

Adopted September 6, 2022. May be changed or rescinded by a majority vote of the Board.