

## **Public Space Advisory Committee Report - March 8, 2016**

- (1) Recent low activity due to winter and lack of an Oakland Mills crisis
- (2) Intervention last fall with regard to change in mowing of Open Space near Gales Lane/Rosinante Run. Worked with OSMD to resolve the issue.
- (3) Recent "new" issue - silt runoff into Pond in back of Stevens Forest Elementary School. Reported to CA OSMD. They are cooperating.
- (4) "New" way to contact CA OSMD - send email to [open.space@columbiaassociation.org](mailto:open.space@columbiaassociation.org)
- (5) Submitted some comments last fall regarding the FY 17/18 CA budget as endorsed by the OMVB.
  - Recommend that budget categories most supported by residents (CA Open Space, Neighborhood Pools, After School Activities) have a higher budget priority than capital Expenditures that benefit only a low percentage of Columbia Residents
  - Latest CA budget has two new major Capital projects - Splash Down renovation and a new Tennis bubble (????)
  - At the same time, funding for Open Space Management seems to have continued pressure to reduce. CA is apparently pushing the use of contractors rather than its own experienced staff.
- (6) The PSAC continues to meet with Dan Damore every two months to discuss these and other issues