

**James Arnold Mansion - Landscape Master Plan**

The following notes were recorded during the Public Meeting at the Arnold Mansion on Sunday afternoon, 3 June 2018. *Subsequent comments in response have been added in italics.*

- The New Bedford City Council is open to collaborating with JAMI on this project and looking to open a dialogue.
- There is a desire to having a “boulevard look” along Orchard Street.
- City is equally concerned about condition of Orchard Street and the absence of a continuous sidewalk, the lack of more street/shade trees, more consistent lighting, and the need for improved curbing. Looking forward to developing a plan with JAMI for DPI work as the Arnold Mansion Landscape Master Plan moves forward.
- City of New Bedford has an Adopt-a-Tree program that provides opportunity for residents to have the city plant a tree (different species from which to choose) in front of their property (*or elsewhere?*) with a contribution of \$200.
- Where are we (the city) with an improved tree ordinance? City is looking to update. *Nb. Mayor’s office asked Paul Pawlowski to consider taking a lead on this following article in the Standard - Times from May 2017. There is a group working to develop a draft Tree Code.*
- New Bedford’s Urban Forest needs to have more public education and resident empowerment.
- City administration should put pressure on the Utility Companies to underground all overhead wire services – including cable.
- Be more sustainable. *By all means. We hope to set standards for the City here.*
- Will the Arnold Mansion focus on a broad horticultural presence? *Yes. JAMI hopes to have a more defined program of horticultural education and community involvement at the same time we meet in the Fall to present and discuss the Landscape Master Plan Options for Development.*
- What kind of plants did the Arnold’s have? There was a strong interest in edible fruits – apples, pears, grapes. *JAMI plans to have researched a list of plants used and proposed in the Fall.*
- The Arnolds had a broad spectrum of native and non-native trees and plants – let’s continue this diversity. Welwood Young, a Scottish gardener, was one of 7 full-time gardeners working for/with James and Sarah Arnold.
- The Olmsted group and their contemporaries – Friends of Buttonwood Park has a list of specimen plantings recommended for use. *There is a list prepared by Warren Manning, landscape Architect for Buttonwood Park.*
- Create and follow-through with a Landscape Master Plan here and city-wide.

- Will JAMI reach out to adjacent property owners within the original 11 acres to see if they have trees or shrubs of Arnold period significance? *Yes, we shall be sending a note to each and organize another information session like this one.*
- JAMI sees this location as a potential hub for horticultural and other related continuing education programs – and a growing relationship with the Arnold Arboretum in Jamaica Plain.
- How will you integrate ample parking within the green space of the future garden(s)? *This will take careful analysis of city requirements for parking based on building use, and negotiation with the city permitting authorities considering the capacity of nearby on-site parking. And, use of public parking lots and garages linked by small trolley buses.*
- The building's front door is heavy and tough to open. *Yes. Accessibility requirements are being assessed and we expect that the front door will be adjusted to make its opening and closing much easier to use.*