

TREE COMMISSION MINUTES
January 9, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT Rick Ayers, Providence District
 Jim McGlone, Vice Chair, VA Dept. of Forestry
 Jeanne Kadet, Braddock District
 Butch Loughry, Fairfax County Park Authority
 Chet McLaren, At-Large
 Jerry Peters, NV Soil & Water Conservation District
 Eleanor Quigley, Mt. Vernon District
 Bill Schoonmaker, Sully District
 Robert Vickers, Chair, Dranesville District

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jeff Allcroft, Environmental Quality Advisory Council
 Dean Dastvar Springfield District
 Joan Huber, VA Cooperative Extension
 Mekell Mikell, Lee District
 Scott Pearson, Mason District

VACANT POSITIONS: Hunter Mill District

STAFF PRESENT: Michael Knapp, Director, UFMD
 Joan Allen, Urban Forester II, UFMD
 Hugh Whitehead Urban Forester II, UFMD
 Bruce McGranahan, Site Code Research and Development Branch, LDS

Call to Order

Chair Vickers called the meeting to order at 7:34 pm.

Review/Approval of November, 2013 Minutes:

The December minutes were approved.

Chair Report

Chair Vickers introduced the new Providence District Tree Commissioner, Rick Ayers.

Chair Vickers discussed the Tree Preservation and Tree Planting Awards and his desire to make them more meaningful to the recipients by increasing the marketing and publicizing the awards. There was a discussion on the effort needed to continue to edit and revise the awards for the next year.

Chair Vickers also discussed the Friends of Trees Awards. The commission agreed to encourage their District Board of Supervisor to provide nominations for this year's awards.

Chair Vickers requested the commission to review the UFMD and Tree Commission webpages and send recommendation to Urban Forester Allen.

Presentation on the County's New Stormwater Management Ordinance and Urban Forestry

Bruce McGranahan presented the new stormwater management ordinance. He compared the new ordinance with the current ordinance and discussed how it will impact the county and state.

Calendar of Reoccurring Tree Commission Events

Commissioner Quigley shared a calendar of reoccurring Tree Commission events in an old email and thought it would be a useful tool. Commissioner Quigley requested commissioners to email edits to the calendar before the next meeting.

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Peters in conjunction with Commissioner Loughry, Park Authority staff, and Reston Association staff was able to cut 5 tree cookies from a Virginia pine. The tree was a state champion until it had fallen from storm damage a few years ago. The tree cookies will be sanded and hopefully displayed in high visibility areas.

Commissioner Quigley made a suggestion to have a post action meeting for all those involved with the Tree Preservation and Tree Planting Awards to discuss lessons learned and things to improve.

Vice Chair McGlone updated the commission on the interview process for the new director of UFMD.

Commissioner Schoonmaker described a road widening project adjacent to Park Authority property in the Sully District that has resulted in many trees being cut down.

UFMD Report

Director Knapp announced that this was his final commission meeting and his last day with the county is January 24th. He will be starting a new job with Montgomery County working with the Division of Permitting Services.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 9:42 pm.

Addendum:

After the meeting Jim McGlone suggested that the Tree Commission's awards programs be publicized on the web site(s).