

Fairfax County Tree Commission
Non-business Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 24, 2023
9:30 am – 10:00 am

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors held its regularly scheduled business meeting on Tuesday, October 24, 2023. Current and past Tree Commissioners were invited to attend the 9:30 pre-business session in order to receive a Proclamation honoring the 50th Anniversary of the Tree Commission’s service to the county.

Six Tree Commissioners attended: Kevin Holland, Jeanne Kadet, Bret Leslie, Perry Rhodes, Cindy Speas, and Cory Suter.

Below is a photo of the event and the proclamation language.

No motions were made, discussed or voted on by Tree Commissioners concerning Tree Commission business.



County of Fairfax Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors chartered the 11-member Tree Commission in August 1973 to advise on implementation of the newly enacted Tree Planting and Preservation Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the commission has since expanded to include representation from every magisterial district and one at-large member, along with state, regional, and county agency representatives; and

WHEREAS, in 2005 then chairman of the Board of Supervisors, Gerald Connolly, asked the Tree Commission to develop a Tree Action Plan to manage and enhance the county’s forests and trees, a plan which was adopted by the Board in 2006 and subsequently amended in 2020; and

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WHEREAS, the Tree Commission facilitates the Friends of Trees Awards and authors and sponsors a public education pamphlet “Tree Basics,” which is one of the county’s most widely-distributed and popular information brochures; and

WHEREAS, the Tree Commission promotes the goals of One Fairfax by ensuring that under-served neighborhoods benefit from tree preservation and planting goals in programs such as the Community-wide Energy and Climate Action Plan which seeks to extend the overall tree canopy to 60%, with a minimum of 40% canopy coverage in every census block; NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors on behalf of all Fairfax County residents, does hereby congratulate the Tree Commission on its 50th anniversary, and does honor and celebrate all who work to preserve, protect and expand our urban forest.

Jeffrey C. McKay, Chairman
Fairfax County Board of Supervisors
October 24, 2023

