

Fairfax County Tree Commission Meeting Minutes

March 15, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT: Karen Campblin, Sully District
Kevin Holland, Mason District
Rick Healy, Environmental Quality Advisory Council
Jeanne Kadet, Braddock District
Jim McGlone, Vice Chair, VA Dept. of Forestry
Dragan Momcilovic, Hunter Mill District
Jerry Peters, NV Soil & Water Conservation District
John Stokely, Fairfax County Park Authority
Catherine Ledec, Mt. Vernon District
Robert Vickers, Chair, Dranesville District

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rick Ayers, Springfield District
Monica Billger, At-Large
Jessica Bowser, Lee District

Vacant, Providence District

STAFF PRESENT: Keith Cline, Director UFMD
Jay Banks, Urban Forester II, UFMD Liaison
Hugh Whitehead, Urban Forester III

Call to Order

Chairman Vickers called the meeting to order at 7:31pm

Minutes

The February minutes were reviewed and approved as amended.

Presentation

Developer/Builder Scott Murray discussed with the Commission his perspective on the Tree Preservation and Planting Awards (TPPA).

Tree Commission Retreat

Will be held April 19th, Conference Room 8 at the Government Center, from 2pm – 5pm. Chairman Vickers, discussed potential agenda items. There may be a short business meeting afterwards.

Tree Action Plan

Hugh is still working on updating. The Commission deliberated on the final process and distribution to the Board of Supervisor's Environmental Committee.

Tree Awards

The Committee working on the Awards discussed changes to the form with the Commission. The TPPA form has been reviewed and revised to look for projects that go above and beyond minimum requirements. And how to spread interest in the awards among smaller builders.

Springfest 2018

Chairman Vickers credited Commissioner Kadet on her efforts in working to pull everything together. The Commission has a great location and a wide range of activities planned. Event is April 21st.

UFMD Report

Director Cline made the Commission aware of 2 items. First, Joan Allen was promoted to UF III and there is now an open UF II position to be filled in Forest Pest. Second, there will now be violations issued for INF plans where trees have been removed without an approved plan.

Commissioner Reports

Vice Chair McGlone, shared that there will be a new VDOF UF Specialist in the Warrenton office starting April 10th. Second, VDOF has a cost sharing program to treat EAB. Contact his office for details.

Commissioner Ledec, informed the Commission that Solarize Fairfax County will be on April 2nd. She encouraged Commissioners to reach out to their Board of Supervisors and discuss solar/tree conflicts.

Commissioner Peters, made the Commission aware of the Soil and Water Conservation Districts seedling sale.

Chair Vickers, briefly went over a draft job description for Commissioners and he will distribute to the entire Commission for input.

Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 9:5pm.