

TREE COMMISSION MINUTES

June 15, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT Jeanne Kadet, Braddock District
John Stokely, Fairfax County Park Authority
Catherine C. Ledec, Mt. Vernon District
Robert Vickers, Chair, Dranesville District
Jerry Peters, NV Soil & Water Conservation District
Dragan Momcilovic, Hunter Mill District
Jim McGlone, Vice Chair, VA Dept. of Forestry
Karen Campblin, Sully District
Jessica M. Bowser, Lee District
Rick Healy, Environmental Quality Advisory Council
Sheila D. Allen Virginia Cooperative Extension, Fairfax County
Kevin Holland, Mason District
Tom Fleury, Providence District

MEMBERS ABSENT: Chet McLaren, At-Large
Rick Ayers, Springfield District

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

Call to Order

Vice Chair McGlone called the meeting to order at 5:22 pm.

Minutes

The May minutes were reviewed and approved.

Friends of Trees Award Nominations

Vice Chair McGlone informed the Commission that there were 7 nominations for Friends of Trees Awards. Commissioner Fleury motioned to accept all 7 awards a together, second Commissioner Ledec. Motion passed unanimously.

Tree Preservation and Planting Awards Process Update

Commissioner Kadet spoke to the Commission regarding the new form. Commissioner Kadet would like other Commissioners to send their suggested revisions and edits for the form to her by Monday June 19, 2017. There was a discussion to have the form on-line as a fillable document and to add a cover sheet.

The time line for the 2017 award process was discussed with the Commission looking at the third week in January 2018 as the timeframe for the ceremony and working back to allow for time to collect and evaluate the awards. A couple of dates were conveyed to the Commission as benchmarks. First, September 1st or the 15th as the deadline for receiving the submissions and second, to save the date of October 12th for site visits.

UFMD Report (Keith Cline)

Keith Cline mentioned to the Commission that Hugh Whitehead is working on the final updates to the Tree Action Plan. There was a discussion on the review and comment process of the Plan.

Commissioner Reports

- Commissioner Holland – Informed the Commission that he will be meeting with Nick Drunasky, Urban Forester II, to discuss a project in Mason District.
- Commissioner Kadet – Mentioned she had received a 2011-2015 canopy comparison from Keith Cline that shows a 2% drop in canopy coverage in her District.
- Commissioner Allen – Announced that the Braddock District Tree Forum will be held on October 4th.
- Chair Vickers – Informed the Commission that Mr. Jeff Kirwan who was associated with Virginia's Big Tree program and had spoken at several Fairfax County schools, is available for speaking engagements again.
- Commissioner Ledec – Mentioned there will not be a tree forum in Mt. Vernon this year and she is working on a tree giveaway program.
- Vice Chair McGlone – Had several items to bring to the Commission's attention:
 - The NOVA Round Table has been rescheduled for July 12th in Manassas
 - Last Saturday, June 10 was the Back to the Bay event
 - A landowner in Fairfax County is attempting to have their 400 acres become certified as an official Tree Farm.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 6:13 pm.