

ELECTRONIC MEETING SCRIPT

Fairfax County Tree Commission

June 30, 2020

From the Chairman:

To conduct this meeting wholly electronically and to effectuate both the emergency procedures authorized by FOIA, the Fairfax County Tree Commission to make certain findings and determinations for the record. It's a bit cumbersome, so I ask you in advance for your patience.

Audibility of Members' Voices

First, because each member of the Fairfax County Tree Commission is participating in this meeting from a separate location, we must verify that a quorum of members is participating, and that each member's voice is clear, audible, and at an appropriate volume for all of the other members. Accordingly, I am going to conduct a roll call, and ask each the Fairfax County Tree Commission member participating in this meeting to state your name and the location from which you are participating. I ask that each of you pay close attention to ensure that you can hear each of your colleagues. Following this roll call, we will vote to establish that every member can hear every other member.

See Attendance for Roll Call.

At this point, I will pass the virtual gavel to the Vice-Chairman, so that I may be heard to make the requisite motion.

I move that each member's voice may be adequately heard by each other member of this the Fairfax County Tree Commission.

Motion Approved

Cory Suter seconded. Motioned Carried Unanimously.

Need for an Electronic Meeting

Second, having established that each member's voice may be heard by every other member, we must next establish the nature of the emergency that compels these emergency procedures, the fact that we are meeting electronically, what type of electronic communication is being used, and how we have arranged for public access to this meeting.

Therefore, I move that the State of Emergency caused by the COVID-19 pandemic makes it unsafe for the Fairfax County Tree Commission to physically assemble and unsafe for the public to physically attend any such meeting, and that as such, FOIA's usual procedures, which require the physical assembly of the Fairfax County Tree Commission and the physical presence of the public, cannot be implemented safely or practically. I further move that this the Fairfax County Tree Commission may conduct this meeting electronically through a dedicated audio conferencing line, and that the public may access this meeting by calling 1 866 434 5269 Participant Access Code: 3743216. It is so moved.

Bob Vickers seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Need to dispense with FOIA's Usual Procedures to Assure Continuity in Government/Continue Operations

Finally, it is next required that all of the matters addressed on today's agenda must address the Emergency itself, are necessary for continuity in Fairfax County government, and/or are statutorily required or necessary to continue operations and the discharge of the Fairfax County Tree Commission lawful purposes, duties, and responsibilities. It is so moved.

Jim McGlone seconded; motion carried unanimously.

**Fairfax County Tree Commission
Electronic Meeting Format
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 30, 2020- 2:00pm-4:00pm**

**Toll Free Call in 1 866 434 5269
Participant Access Code 3743216**

PRESENT:

Catherine Ledec, Chair Mt. Vernon District – Alexandria, VA
Jim McGlone, Vice-Chair, VA Dept. of Forestry – Franconia, VA
Kevin Holland, Mason District – Falls Church
Laura Beaty, Providence District – Fairfax, Virginia
Rick Healy, Environmental Quality Advisory Council – Annandale, VA
Jerry Peters, NV Soil & Water Conservation District – Great Falls, VA
Monica Billger, At-Large - Alexandria, VA
Robert Vickers, Dranesville District - Great Falls, VA
Jessica Bowser, Lee District – Alexandria, VA
Karen Campblin, Sully District – Fairfax, VA
Cory Suter, Springfield District – Fairfax, VA
John Burke, Fairfax County Park Authority

ABSENT:

Vacant, Hunter Mill District

OTHERS:

Linda Barfield, Urban Forester II, UFMD – Lorton, VA
Brian Keightley, Director UFMD – Fairfax Station, VA
Tiffany Thrasher, Administrative Assistant, UFMD - Culpepper, VA
Hugh Whitehead, Urban Forester III, UFMD – Lovettsville, VA
John Friedman - Site Code and Development Branch, LDS – Clifton, VA
Jan Leavitt - Site Code and Development Branch, LDS – Haymarket, VA
Ellie Coddling, Land Development Services – Fairfax, VA
Charles Smith, DPWES

PRESENT WITH AUDIO DIFFICULTIES:

Jeanne Kadet, Braddock District
Brenda Frank, VA Cooperative Extension

Chair Ledec called the monthly meeting of the Fairfax County Tree Commission to order at 2:00p.m. on June 30, 2020 via Electronic Meeting.

Public Comment:

No Public Comment

Approval of Minutes

A motioned for approval of the January 2020 amended meeting minutes and Approval of February 2020 Meeting Minutes. All were in favor. Motion carried for approval of the January 2020 amended meeting minutes and Approval of February 2020 Meeting Minutes

Bob Vickers motioned for approval, Rick Healy Seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Green Initiative 5a-Report Back to Board of Supervisors

A discussion was had recapping the history of the of the Green Initiative 5a and progress so far. A draft created by Jim McGlone and will be distributed after this meeting. Commissioners were asked to review the draft material and send comments or edits to Brian Keightley, and will be compiled before the July 13, tree commission meeting.

No action items.

Proposed Revisions to Tree Commission Charter

Discussion with LDS staff to assist the Tree Commission move charter and changes to go from the Zoning Ordinance to the Tree Conservation Ordinance, Chapter 122, of the Code of the County of Fairfax, Virginia. LDS staff will assist moving the change through the Office of the County Attorney and to the Board of Supervisors for approval

No action items.

2020 Friends of Trees Awards

Defer discussion for August meeting as nomination form just got posted to the public and is active with a nomination deadline of July 15.

No action items.

Other Business

Staff from Land Development Services, DPWES Stormwater Planning, and Urban Forestry discussed the proposed revisions to RPA Replanting Requirements in preparation for questions and discussion at the July 2020 Tree Commission meeting.

Commissioner Activities and Comments on e-reports

Chairwoman Ledec encouraged Tree Commissioners to forward their monthly e-reports to Brian Keightley. Congratulations to Karen Campblin for winning the Volunteer Fairfax award for 2020 for the Sully District.

VCE reported that plant clinics being conducted virtually, information on website and facebook page.

Urban Agriculture Workgroup partnered with NVSCD on sustainable garden tour this year, promoted sustainable practices and edible garden plants and trees.

A discussion was had about adding organic materials to tree pits to improve tree growth.

UFMD Directors Update

- UFMD office has never closed, but staff have been at maximum practicable telework since March 19.
- Herrity Building is currently closed to the public.
- Assistance from a distance – admin staff has modified phone system so that customers can leave a message and its immediately forwarded to the appropriate party.
- 100% electronic plan review, with occasional excepts. Only accepting electronic plans.
- Field staff as never stopped working; allowing vehicles to be staged at facilities across the counties.
- About a quarter staff dealing with childcare issues because of schools being closed down.
- \$100,000 in FY21 budget to work Virginia Tech on bioretention tree pits and soils.
- Stormwater fund is strong, no increase in fees in FY21
- We do not anticipate bringing staff back into the office full-time until COVID passes or there is a vaccine.
- New Urban Forester I, Alyson Breeding
- Conversation of Urban Forester I from limited-term (part-time) to merit (full-time with benefits)

Announcements

None.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made by Jim McGlone, Jerry Peters seconded; motion carried unanimously.

**Fairfax County Tree Commission e-Reports
June 2020**

Monica Billger At Large	<i>No report</i>
Jeanne Kadet Braddock District	<i>No report</i>
Robert Vickers Dranesville District	<i>No report</i>
<i>vacant</i> Hunter Mill District	<i>No report</i>
Jessica Bowser Lee District	<i>No report</i>
Catherine C. Ledec (Chair) Mount Vernon District	<i>No report</i>
Laura Beaty Providence	<i>No report</i>
Corey Suter Springfield District	<i>No report</i>
Karen Campblin Sully District	<i>No report</i>
Kevin Holland Mason District	<i>No report</i>
Jim McGlone (Vice-Chair) VA Department of Forestry	The Virginia Department of Forestry has regulated 2 small lot logging jobs this year. Logs from these jobs were sent to commercial mills. Diverting urban wood to more productive uses than landfills and firewood has been a goal of the Department for several years and this marks the first time an operator has come to Fairfax County to work on tracts less than 10 acres.
Richard (Rick) Healy EQAC	<i>No report</i>
John Stokely Park Authority	<i>No report</i>
Jerry Peters NVSWCD	<i>No report</i>
Brenda Frank Virginia Cooperative Extension	<i>No report</i>