

ELECTRONIC MEETING SCRIPT

Fairfax County Tree Commission

September 17, 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.

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.

Virtual gavel passed to Vice-Chairman McGlone, so that Cathy Ledec may be heard making the requisite motion.

Cathy Ledec moved that each member's voice can be adequately heard by each other member of this the Fairfax County Tree Commission.

No nays-Motion Approved-**Bob Vickers 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, Cathy Ledec moved 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. Cathy Ledec further moved that 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 1 877-336-1829 Participant Access Code: 7703575. It is so moved.

Cory Sutter seconded; no nays-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.

Laura Beaty seconded; no nays- motion carried unanimously.

Fairfax County Tree Commission
Electronic Meeting Format
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 17, 2020- 2:03pm-4:31pm

Toll Free Call in 1 877-336-1829
Participant Access Code 7703575

PRESENT:

Catherine Ledec, Chair Mt. Vernon District – Alexandria, VA
Jim McGlone, Vice-Chair, VA Dept. of Forestry – Franconia, VA
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
Jeanne Kadet, Braddock District- Annandale, VA
John Burke, Fairfax County Park Authority- Arlington, VA
Brenda Frank, VA Cooperative Extension- Mclean, VA
Kevin Holland, Mason District – Falls Church, VA

ABSENT:

Vacant-Hunter Mill District

OTHERS:

Linda Barfield, Urban Forester II, UFMD – Lorton, VA
Brian Keightley, Director UFMD – Fairfax Station, VA
John Friedman - Site Code and Development Branch, LDS – Clifton, VA
John Burke, Fairfax County Park Authority-Fairfax, VA
Charles Smith, Branch Chief, Stormwater Planning- Fairfax, VA
Jerry Stonefield, Site Code and Development Branch, LDS, Fairfax, VA
Hugh Whitehead, Urban Forester III, UFMD, Herndon, VA

GUESTS:

Cindy Speas - Faith Alliance for Climate Solutions-Fairfax, VA
Brett Leslie - Fairfax County Resident-Vienna, VA

Chair Ledec called the monthly meeting of the Fairfax County Tree Commission to order at 2:03p.m. on September 17, 2020 via Electronic Meeting.

Public Comment: Introduction of guest who stated were there to listen in. No other comments offered.

Approval of Minutes

Some minor revisions were suggested. Motioned for approval of the July 2020 as amended meeting minutes. All were in favor. Motion carried for approval of the July 2020 amended meeting minutes.

Brenda Frank motioned for approval, Bob Vickers Seconded; no nays-motion carried unanimously.

Green Initiative 5a-Report Back to Board of Supervisors (BOS)

The draft Green Initiatives 5a Report was presented and revisions discussed. A discussion was had about draft report to be sent to the BOS.

Jim McGlone motioned for approval to finalize and send to BOS, Cory Sutter Seconded. No nays-motion carried.

2020 Friends of Trees Awards

Three nominees were presented. A discussion about nominees received and criteria of applicants as volunteers versus private sector followed and recommended for agenda at next meeting.

Cory Sutter motioned for approval of nominees, Laura Beaty Seconded; vote of 6 nays versus 8 yes for Nominee #1 (Basheer and Edgemoore), Nominees #2 (Dragan Momcilovic) & 3 (Friends of Accotink Creek) received no nay votes-motion carried unanimously.

Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP) III Planting Requirements

The background and status update were given on the Potomac Work Area for Virginia's Final Phase III Watershed Implementation Plan WIP on actions the jurisdictions intend to implement before 2025 to meet the goals of the Chesapeake Bay TMDL.

(<https://www.deq.virginia.gov/Programs/Water/ChesapeakeBay/ChesapeakeBayTMDL/PhaseIIIWatershedImplementationPlanning.aspx>)

Discussion on a possible app for tree planting data.

Other Business- None

UFMD Directors Update

- Fall tree planting activity dates with Boy Scout and other volunteers for schools and the Supervisor District offices programmed with Hugh Whitehead.
- Working on contract with Virginia Tech to study soil specifications in DEQ biofiltration recommendations Appendix 9A and conflicts with tree areas.
- Working on a possible contract with a third party for tree planting on private property.
- BOS approved family leave which may impact workloads and staffing.
- It appears high risk tree increase due to early drought, wet summer, and oak decline.
- Working on Budget-Stormwater funds tied to residential real estate tax-no major changes in short term. Waiting to see long-term effects to budget.
- Spotted Lantern Fly-working with Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and bioherbicide for removal of tree of heaven
- 5-year tree canopy fly over delays due to cloudy. LIDAR data not impacted. Looking for other possible resources for data collection.

Commissioner Activities and Comments on e-reports

- Cory Suter-expressed interest in protecting trees in state utility corridors. Brian to send info about Dominion Energy.
- Brenda Frank-reported Extension noticed many phone calls regarding the dying of oak trees. Continue to be vigilant for Spotted Lanternfly. The Master Gardeners groups virtual plant clinics on-going.
- Laura Beaty-reported on ongoing efforts at Blake St. Park and invasive management especially Wisteria and Tree of Heaven. The Providence Supervisor Office tree planting.
- John Burke-Invasive Plant Program is up and running, training on prescribed burn training given to staff by Jim McGlone, VA Dept. of Forestry (VaDOF), focusing on understory and meadows, education and outreach regarding upcoming 2020 bond and Natural Resource management plans.
- Jeanne Kadet-Burke tree planting. Give away of 200 trees and Tree Basics Booklet in a George Mason University parking lot October 24th, Lake Accotink dreading will involve considerable mature tree removal, still under consideration.
- Rick Healy-stated that no Annual EQAC report will be prepared or published for 2020. Formal letter of reasoning will be sent to BOS.
- Kevin Hollard-working with Hidden Oaks Nature Center on invasive removal and tree planting.
- Monica Billger-discussed engaging distance online learners, importance of getting kids outside and coupon for seedlings program.
- Jessica Bower-Started an educational podcast recording about outdoor adventures. The podcast is called 'Virginia Outdoor Adventures'.
- Jim McGlone-VaDOF annual acorn drive. Bins are located behind the Herrity Building garage for drop off. Requesting one species of acorn per double/triple paper bag. Crepe Myrtle bark scale breakout in Alexandria, Fairfax, and Prince William County.
- Karen Campblin-Nothing to Report this month
- Cathy Ledec-Publication '2021 Fairfax to Zero' by Faith Alliance for Climate Solutions
 - <https://faithforclimate.org/fairfax-to-zero/>

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 4:31 was made by Cory Sutter, Laura Beaty 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	<p>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.</p> <p>Virginia's Final Phase III Watershed Implementation Plan</p>
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>