

Fairfax County Tree Commission

Meeting Minutes

October 17, 2019- Room 232-Government Center Complex (GCC)

Members Present

Catherine Ledec, Chair, Mt. Vernon District
Jeanne Kadet, Braddock District
Jerry Peters, NV Soil & Water Conservation District
Rick Healy, Environmental Quality Advisory Council
Robert Vickers, Dranesville District
Dragan Momcilovic, Hunter Mill District
Laura Beaty, Providence District
Jim McGlone, Vice Chair, VA Dept. of Forestry
Karen Campblin, Sully District
Monica Billger, At Large

Members Absent

Vacant Seat, Springfield District
Vacant Seat, Virginia Cooperative Extension
Jessica Bowser, Lee District
Kevin Holland, Mason District

Staff Present

Hugh Whitehead, Urban Forester III, UFMD
Linda Barfield, Urban Forester II, UFMD

Call to Order

The monthly meeting of the Fairfax County Tree Commission was called to order at 7:35 p.m. on October 17, 2019- in suite 232 of the GCC by Chair Ledec.

Public Comment:

None.

Approval of Minutes

Chair Ledec presented the September minutes for review. Some edits were noted.

Commissioner Peters motioned for approval of the revised September 2019 minutes that was seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried for approval of September 2019 minutes.

Legislative sub-committee

Vice Chair McGlone reported on committee meeting held on 10/15 and draft letter to BOS Legislative Committee set to meet next on 10/22. Infill and single lot development tree canopy and land use space issues discussed, and ideas generated. Request to make 15.2-961 more widely known for greater mutual support included in draft language. Whip III (Watershed Improvement Plan-Phase 3) mentioned. RPA encroachment issues discussed. Setbacks discussed. Commissioner Peters motioned for sending a letter to BOS Legislative Committee prior to Tuesday, Oct. 22 that was seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried for approval of finalizing and sending letter to BOS Legislative Committee.

UFMD Report

Due to the unexpected absence of Director Brian Keightley, there was no report given for October.

Other Business

Commissioner Momcilovic made a presentation on trip to Croatia, European Ash, and Infill Development project in Hunter Mill District.

Commissioner Reports

See e-reports

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m. by Chair Ledec. The next general meeting will be at 7:30 on November 21, 2019, in the Government Center Complex (GCC) **Room 232**.

Appendix I
Fairfax County Tree Commission e-Reports
October 17, 2019 Meeting

<p>Monica Billger</p> <p>At Large</p>	<p><i>No report</i></p>
<p>Jeanne Kadet</p> <p>Braddock District</p>	<p>I participated in and helped distribute 150 Tree Basics booklets at the Plant Nova Natives program on <u>HOA's and Condo Associations: Sustainable Solutions to Landscaping Headaches</u> (October 4 and upcoming Nov. 2). The goal is to educate, encourage and support HOA board members to incorporate more "green infrastructure/natural landscaping" practices into their common grounds landscaping: https://www.plantnovanatives.org/symposiums-for-hoa-and-condo-assoc-</p>
<p>Robert Vickers</p> <p>Dranesville District</p>	<p><i>No report</i></p>
<p>Dragan Mocilovic</p> <p>Hunter Mill District</p>	<p><i>No report</i></p>
<p>Jessica Bowser</p> <p>Lee District</p>	<p><i>No report</i></p>
<p>Catherine C. Ledec (Chair)</p> <p>Mount Vernon District</p>	<p>1. <u>Land Use Cases:</u></p> <p>A. Huntington Metro – Avention An application for a multi-story residential building at the south end of the Huntington Station is in process with the County. This is adjacent to a tree-covered conservation area and FCPA property that should be protected. Early comments submitted to support denial of the waiver request of transitional screening. Planted areas are critical to reducing the urban heat island effect in this heavily concrete and asphalt covered area.</p> <p>2. <u>Grant Awarded for Tree Planting grant for Carl Sandburg Middle School:</u> planting will occur in November 2019.</p>

	<p>3. <u>Natural Landscaping Comprehensive Plan Amendment Stakeholder workshop.</u> Representing myself I attended this in August 2019.</p> <p>4. <u>Board of Supervisors Environment Committee (October)</u> – attended in support of UFMD Staff report on TC Survey on tree planting activities in the County.</p> <p>5. <u>All members of the Tree Commission are invited:</u></p> <p>2019 Mount Vernon District Environment Expo: How YOU can act on Climate Change Saturday November 16, 2019 from 8am to 12 noon at Walt Whitman Middle School on Parkers Lane in Alexandria. We hope for a session on trees and how they can help reduce the impacts of climate change.</p> <p>6. <u>Fairfax County Environmental Excellence Award</u> – CLedec named as a recipient of this county award for 2019 to be celebrated on October 22, 2019 at 7pm.</p>
<p>Laura Beaty Providence</p>	<p>Sept. 25, 2019 Attended Planning Commission hearing on a request by Toll Mid-Atlantic LP Company to increase density on their site on Thompson Route 29 Property. I made a short statement requesting the commission to consider the loss of trees on the site and their value that would be lost for the whole area. Suggested that if fewer houses were built, additional large canopy trees could be saved and more could be planted. I spoke as a resident of Fairfax County. Planning Commission approved the company's request.</p> <p>Oct. 22, 2019 Attended a sub-committee meeting of the Tree Commission to discuss possible legislative options for greater protection of trees located on in-fill properties. A number of ideas were considered.</p>
<p>VACANT Springfield District</p>	<p><i>No report</i></p>
<p>Karen Campblin Sully District</p>	<p><i>No report</i></p>
<p>Kevin Holland</p>	<p><i>No report</i></p>

Mason District	
Jim McGlone (Vice-Chair) VA Department of Forestry	<i>No report</i>
Richard (Rick) Healy EQAC	<i>No report</i>
VACANT Fairfax County Park Authority	<i>No report</i>
Jerry Peters NVSWCD	<i>No report</i>
VACANT Virginia Cooperative Extension	<i>No report</i>