

Fairfax County Tree Commission

Meeting Minutes

3/21/2019 Room 122 Herrity Building

Call to Order

The monthly meeting of the Fairfax County Tree Commission was called to order at 7:37 p.m. on 3/21/2019 in 122 Herrity by Chairman Catherine Ledec.

Present

Jeanne Kadet, Braddock District
Catherine Ledec Mt. Vernon District
Dragan Momcilovic, Hunter Mill District
Jerry Peters, NV Soil & Water Conservation District
Robert Vickers, Chair, Dranesville District
Jessica Bowser, Lee District
Kevin Holland, Mason District
Monica Billger, At Large
Brian Keightley, Director, UFMD
Hugh Whitehead, Urban Forester III, UFMD
Jay Banks, Urban Forester III, UFMD

Absent

Rick Ayers, Springfield District
Karen Campblin, Sully District
Rick Healy, Environmental Quality Advisory Council
Jim McGlone, Vice Chair, VA Dept. of Forestry
John Stokely, Fairfax County Park Authority
Vacant Seat, Providence District
Vacant Seat, Virginia Cooperative Extension

Guests

None present

Natural Landscaping at County Facilities

Hugh provided the Commission with a handout with a draft description for the County Comprehensive Plan Amendment for Natural Landscaping.

Approval of Minutes

The February Minutes were tabled after some minor discussion.

Survey Monkey questions to stakeholders: (Yellow sheet)

The Commission had a brief discussion on the text of a survey and its distribution. The Chair asked for Commissioners to provide her with their input to the document.

Public comments form: (Blue sheet)

The form would be for development of a process to have public discussion at the Tree Commission meetings. The Chair asked for Commissioners to provide her with their input to the document.

UFMD Report

Brian mentioned the following in his report

- He attended the NVCT lunch
- Joan Allen is the new Branch Chief of Forest Pest
- He had a meeting with Supervisor Gross regarding the Tree Action Plan
- No Z-Mod update
- Second round revisions by UFMD to the PFM will be starting
- He recently gave a Fairfax County Pod-cast
- Will attend a forum at the upcoming Chesapeake Bay Network meeting

Commissioner Reports

E-reports were distributed, a brief explanation by each reporting Commissioner was made.

Commissioner Peters mentioned the NVSWC seedling sale.

Commissioner Vickers informed the Commission he will be hosting a tree walk in Great Falls in Apr-May.

Commissioner Momcilovic commented that tree loss has been very significant during the past 25 years.

Commissioner Kadet mentioned she will be looking for coverage at the 2019 Springfest celebration and she needs questions for the quiz wheel.

Chair Ledec asked Commissioners if they were aware of the County's listserv opportunities.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m. by Chairman Catherine Ledec. The next general meeting will be at 7:30 on April 18, 2018, in the Herrity building, room 122.