

Fairfax County Tree Commission Meeting Minutes

April 19, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT: Monica Billger, At-Large
Karen Campblin, Sully District
Kevin Holland, Mason District
Rick Healy, Environmental Quality Advisory Council
Jeanne Kadet, Braddock District
Dragan Momcilovic, Hunter Mill District
Jerry Peters, NV Soil & Water Conservation District
John Stokely, Fairfax County Park Authority
Catherine Ledec, Mt. Vernon District
Robert Vickers, Chair, Dranesville District

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rick Ayers, Springfield District
Jessica Bowser, Lee District
Jim McGlone, Vice Chair, VA Dept. of Forestry
Vacant, Providence District

STAFF PRESENT: Keith Cline, Director UFMD
Linda Barfield, Urban Forester II, UFMD Liaison

Call to Order

Chairman Vickers called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm

Minutes

The March minutes were reviewed and approved as amended.

Springfest

Chairman Vickers mentioned will step up the table (Sully Historic Site) with Commissioner Ayers and will bring outreach materials. Commissioner Kadet reported on logistics sent to volunteers. She will send again and asked all Commissioners to stop by if possible (Saturday, April 21).

Tree Action Plan update

Chairman Vickers reported that the final draft is due at the end of week (April 27). He will send to Commissioners for review. Next steps is a preparatory meeting with Supervisor Grosse to get approval prior to presenting to full BOS. There is no date established for the meeting to date, understands Director Cline is setting up the meeting. Chairman Vickers acknowledged the stakeholders participation such as Park Authority and Charles Smith-Stormwater Planning. He stated that the implementation section is the most challenging.

Possible May agenda items discussion

Update to TC website

Possible tree care publication for new homeowners

Request/discussion-presentation on i-Tree by Rachel Griesmer-Zakhar

UFMD Report

Director Cline made the Commission aware of 2 items. First, Rachel Habig-Myers finalized the TC Liaison job description and distributed a copy for the Commissioners. Second, update on the status of two incidents of possible violations to the Tree Conservation Ordinance during the development process where trees have been removed on private property without an approved plan. Fines or civil penalties could be \$1,000./tree applied to the property owner.

Also looking at a new case where property owner removed all trees on property and how relates to land disturbance greater than 2,500 s.f. interpretation and erosion and sediment control regulations. Commissioner Stokely mentioned the Forestry section of the State Code regulations which establish timeframes for clearing for forestry operation practices. He will research the section and will send to Director Cline.

Chairman Vickers moved to postpone other items on agenda until May meeting, was seconded and all in favor to close the meeting early.

Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Prepared by: Linda Barfield