

Fairfax County Tree Commission

Meeting Minutes

July 18, 2019 Room 122 Herrity Building

Members Present

Catherine Ledec, Chair, Mt. Vernon District
Jeanne Kadet, Braddock District
Jerry Peters, NV Soil & Water Conservation District
Laura Beaty, Providence District
Rick Healy, Environmental Quality Advisory Council

Members Absent

Dragan Momcilovic, Hunter Mill District
Jessica Bowser, Lee District
Jim McGlone, Vice Chair, VA Dept. of Forestry
Karen Campblin, Sully District
Kevin Holland, Mason District
Monica Billger, At Large
Rick Ayers, Springfield District
Robert Vickers, Dranesville District
Vacant Seat, Virginia Cooperative Extension
Vacant Seat, Fairfax County Park Authority

Staff Present

Brian Keightley, Director, UFMD
Joan Allen, Forest Pest Branch Chief, UFMD

Guests

None

Call to Order

Chair C. Ledec called the monthly meeting of the Fairfax County Tree Commission to order at 7:30 pm on 7/18/19 in Room 122 at the Herrity Building. Quorum was not obtained. There were no guests or public comment.

Public Comment

None.

Approval of Minutes

Due to lack of quorum the June 20, 2019 minutes were not approved.

Presentation on Climate Adaptation for Fairfax County Urban Forest

Joan Allen reported on a recent training course she participated in with other UFMD that was led by the USDA Forest Service. A list of recommended tree species which will likely adapt to future conditions in Fairfax County was developed. Goal is to maximize conservation of existing forest ecosystems and review recommended tree species planting list in PFM. There was a discussion of invasive and noxious species management and the importance of public education to reduce threats to native species.

UFMD Report

Brian Keightley discussed the following in his report:

- UFMD staff member Linda Barfield received both an Outstanding Performance Award (OPA) and a Team Excellence Award (TEA) for her work on the Reston Specific Streetscape.
- There has been an increased number of hazard tree report across the County.
- Jack Baggett (UFII) has laterally transferred from Forest Pest to Forest Conservation Branch.
- There is an Urban Forester II vacancy position open in Forest Pest.
- Chapter 12 edits to the PFM have been endorsed by the Engineer and Survey Review Committee (ESRC). Planning to bring these edits to Planning Commission in the near future. Hugh will give update next meeting.
- On June 25 and 27, several members of the Forest Pest Branch will be cross training with the National Park Service (NPS) at Shenandoah National Park.
- The Tree Planting in Fairfax County survey is live, there have been approximately 10 respondents so far.
- UFMD has asked to be on the October 19 BOSEC Agenda for the Tree Action Plan and the Green Initiatives 5: Tree Planting
- Brian attended the Sully District Land Use Meeting
- Tour of Casey Tree Farm in Berryville in October

Commissioner Reports

See e-Reports dated 7-18, 2019 were distributed.

Jeanne Kadet - updated the group on the publishing of the Tree Basics Book. She also reported on code compliance violations, one of which is for 26,000 square feet of land disturbance which is being monitored by LDS.

Cathy Ledec – Virginia Cooperative Extension may have a new representative. Two state champion large swamp chestnut oaks, Friends of Huntley Meadow Oaks received some pro-bono work to do health assessments. Cathy Ledec will share dates of the assessment.

Rick – On July 9th EQAC had its first joint meeting with BOS about the balance of economic development and the environment.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m. by Chair Ledec. The next general meeting will be at 7:30 on Sept. 19, 2019, in the Herrity building, room 122.