

**Fairfax County Tree Commission
Electronic Meeting Format
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 18, 2021
Toll Free Call in 1 888-270-9936
Participant Access Code 224765**

Call to Order

Chair Ledec called the November meeting of the Fairfax County Tree Commission to order at 7:04 p.m. on October 21, 2021, via Electronic Meeting.

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 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 Roll Call Below

At this point, I will pass the virtual gavel to the Vice-Chairman McGlone, so that I may be heard to make the requisite motion.

I move that each member's voice may be adequately heard by each other member of this the Fairfax County Tree Commission.

*Second: Commissioner Vickers
All in favor, none opposed, motion passes*

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PRESENT:

Catherine Ledec, Chair Mt. Vernon District-Alexandria, VA
Jim McGlone, Vice-Chair, VA Dept. of Forestry-Franconia, VA
Cindy Speas, At-Large-Falls Church, VA
Jeanne Kadet, Braddock District-Annandale, VA
Robert Vickers, Dranesville District-Great Falls, VA
Bret Leslie, Hunter Mill District-Vienna, VA
Laura Beaty, Providence District-Fairfax, VA
Cory Suter, Springfield District-Fairfax, VA
Rick Healy, Environmental Quality Advisory Council-Annandale, VA
John Burke, Fairfax County Park Authority-Arlington, VA
Jerry Peters, NV Soil & Water Conservation District-Great Falls, VA
Brenda Frank, VA Cooperative Extension-McLean, VA
Kevin Holland, Mason District-Falls Church, VA
Jessica Bowser, Lee District-Fairfax, VA

ABSENT:

Karen Campblin, Sully District

STAFF:

Brian Keightley, Urban Forest Management Division
Tiffany Gregory, Urban Forest Management Division
Joan Allen, Urban Forest Management Division

GUESTS:

Renee Grebe, EQAC

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Public Comment:

None

Approval of September & October Minutes

Defer September minutes approval due to not being posted online (request was made to DIT) until December meeting.

Chair Ledec, ask for any changes/edits to the October minutes. No changes or edits were offered.

Commissioner Vickers moves to approve October meeting minutes, Commissioner Beaty seconds, no opposition, motion carries

Integrated Pest Management Program Update – Joan Allen

Presentation on Spotted Lanternfly and Tree of Heaven.

SLF creates concerns for agricultural commodities such as vineyards. Feeds on trees-maple and black walnut and Tree of Heaven, its more preferred host.

Where has it been seen?

Travel corridors: highways & rail lines, industrial areas and areas where you would pick up commercial industrial goods. Prince William County found SLF first in our area and has continued to find it throughout their County.

What can we do to stop SLF?

Scrape it, Squish it. Keep an eye out for them and don't move firewood. Report to Fairfax County or VDAC/VA Coop Extension/

Egg masses can be found on any surface-patio furniture or deck BBQ.

Friends of Trees Update

Script has been written and PowerPoint is being created. To be sent to Channel 16 for finishing and presentation. Should be ready in January for presenting.

Q & A and Discussion

McLean Citizen Association (MCA) Resolution

Commissioner Vickers

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McLean, Great Falls and Herndon Citizens association met and reviewed the resolution and is in support of the resolution. Encouraging other Commissioners to try to bring attention to and get support for the resolution from their districts HOAs and Citizens Associations.

Commissioners Discussion

Who 'Staff' is, and will 'Staff' have time and resources to review the Resolution recommendations?

The BOS will have to decide if this change can be implemented after Staff reviews and makes recommendations on the MCA Resolution.

Nominating Committee for Tree Commission Officers

Officers for January 2022. Appoint a nominating committee that receives nominations for Chair and Vice Chair.

Chair Ledec will be relocating and will not be running again for Chair for 2022. She will remain the Commissioner for Mount Vernon District until her relocation.

Friends of Trees Awards Program Update – Jeanne Kadet and Laura Beaty

Cons: Too much load on the UFMD staff for the award process

Doesn't seem to be changing behaviors

Not enough nominations or publicity.

Revisions: Simplify award process. Encourage enhancing and expanding the quality and quantity of urban forest, change behaviors through education, expand nomination categories

Examples of projects that can be nominated & Criteria:

Preservation, planting and educational projects, innovative tree care projects

Questions & Unknowns:

How to Advertise/engage the public? Pamphlet?

Accept applications all year instead of during a short window of time?

Subcommittee of Tree Commissioners to assist and review UFMD Staff to narrow down nominees?

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How to measure the success of the awards? Based on nominations?
Requesting comments by December 10 on program update.

UFMD Directors Report-Brian Keightley

- Current UFMD office vacancies-Hiring new staff including promotions
- General Assembly Update: Trees as a Stormwater BMP's stakeholder advisory group. Met and made a consensus to recommend trees as a BMP for credit or phosphorus reduction in the Virginia runoff calculation. Did not recommend run off production credit for volume.

Commissioner Activities

Commissioner Ledec

Tree Commission to co-sign the support letter with EQAC for Plant NOVA Natives tree campaign.

Commissioner Speas motions to co support Plant NOVA Trees Campaign, Commissions Peters seconds, none opposed, motion carries.

Invitation to Active Fairfax to present in December or January

Commissioner Speas

Volunteers her time to assist with other District events and efforts

Commissioner Burke

32000 trees (oak species) being planted in the next few months at Laurel Hill and other sites.

Announcements

None.

Adjournment

0900pm