

Meeting Minutes

City of Takoma Park Tree Commission

14 July 2009

Members present:

Pat Howell, Co-Chair

Carol Hotton, Co-Chair

Betsy Strickler

Melanie Fosnaught

The meeting came to order at 6:30 in the Atrium Room of the Takoma Park Community Center. The hearing scheduled for that evening had been cancelled only a few hours prior to the meeting, so no formal agenda had been established. Highlights of that discussion were as follows:

- The members discussed the status of the Champion Trees contest, expressing concern that no entries had been received. It was agreed that Melanie Fosnaught would follow up with the editor of the City of Takoma Park Newsletter to have a reminder notice published.
- A question was raised regarding legal liability of individual Tree Commission members in (hypothetical) cases where a permit appeal had been denied and a tree subsequently fell, causing damage or injury. The consensus was that any liability claims would be addressed by the City's legal counsel, and the commissioners agreed to verify this with counsel at the first opportunity.

The meeting concluded at 6:54.