

City of Takoma Park Tree Commission
Minutes of meeting September 8, 2009
Location: Takoma Park Community Center
Minutes by Betsy Strickler 9/8/09

Present:

Pat Howell, Co-chair, Carol Hotton, Co-chair, Melanie Fosnaught, Nicolien van Shouwen; and Betsy Strickler

The meeting was opened at 6:45 p.m. The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted by unanimous consent. Items on the agenda were discussed as follows:

1. Carol reported that she had received a message from Jesse Carpenter that the Tree Commission was expected to give an annual presentation to the City Council concerning the Commission's activities and accomplishments. The Commissioners discussed their activities, including the following:

- a. Drafting and approving a Mission Statement and By-Laws;
- b. Working with the City Arborist at the annual Arbor Day tree sapling give-away;
- c. Hearing four appeals from decisions of the City Arborist;
- d. Participating in the Takoma Park Street Festival and Folk Festival;

2. The Commission then discussed its participation in the upcoming street festival, and agreed that:

- a. Melanie would provide a canopy for use at the Tree Commission booth (#163);
- b. Betsy would provide a sign to identify the Tree Commission's booth, and a handout describing the benefits of being a "Tree City";
- c. Carol would provide handouts summarizing the Takoma Park Tree Ordinance and the purpose of the Tree Commission;
- d. Nicolien would investigate the availability of a display of aerial photographs showing the reduction of tree cover over the years, prepare a handout showing how to plant a tree, and attempt to locate the display used to identify the trees given away on Arbor Day;
- e. We would meet at Carol's house on Saturday to prepare for the tree-sapling giveaway.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.