

## **Meeting Minutes**

### **City of Takoma Park Tree Commission**

Minutes of Meeting Held April 13, 2010

Minutes by Betsy Strickler

#### **Members present:**

Carol Hotton, Chair

John Hemphill

Melanie Fosnaught

Betsy Strickler

The meeting came to order at approximately 6:45 in the hallway outside of the Atrium Room of the Takoma Park Community Center. Highlights of the discussion were as follows:

Members discussed the two programs being undertaken by the arborist, i.e., the survey of the City's urban forest trees and the aerial imaging of the City's tree canopy. It was agreed that these projects presented a good opportunity for community outreach, as well as an opportunity to work with the arborist and contribute to his efforts. The possibility of recruiting volunteers, such as college students or boy/girl scouts to assist with the survey was also discussed. The members decided to discuss the matter with the arborist to find out the timetable for the projects and how the Commission might be able to assist.

Members also discussed other outreach vehicles:

1. Members recognized that the City's website would be useful to disseminate information about the Tree Ordinance, as well as other tree-related issues. John agreed to investigate how to go about creating a Tree Commission page or adding content to the City's page.
2. Members discussed the possibility of participating in the City's Fourth of July parade. Betsy agreed to investigate the procedure and deadlines for signing up.
3. Members discussed giving away seedlings left over from the City's Arbor Day celebration at the TPSS Co-op's Earth Day celebration. Carol agreed to contact the arborist to advise him that we would like to do so.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:10 p.m.