

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

TREE COMMISSION MEETING

Wednesday, April 13, 2022

7:00 PM – on Zoom

MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT: Meipo Martin, Ward 2; Paul Obrien, Ward 4; Bart Sheard, Ward 3; Xavier Blake Sparrow, Ward 3; James Woodworth, Ward 2; Gorky Villa, Ward 2; Marty Frye, Urban Forest Manager (UFM); Jayson Perkins, City Attorney.

ABSENT: none

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes for March meeting (Bart Sheard)
2. Public Comments – none.
3. Urban Forest Manager Report (Marty Frye)
 - No updates on pending appeals
 - Marty shared email with commissioners regarding education functions of the commission as follow-up from prior meeting.
 - Reflects review of website and code, conversations with Jessie, Meipo
 - Comments and questions welcome
 - Main intent is to guide department with respect to education role
 - Arbor Day tree walk is scheduled for 4/23
 - Departing from DPW parking lot
 - 3-5 mins per group; 2 groups confirmed
 - ◆ CCAN, Jesse Buff and Mike Tidwell
 - ◆ Friends of Native Trees in Takoma
 - Private property plantings concluded today with 36 trees planted
 - ~40 ROW trees planned for April/May
 - ~40-50 trees tentatively identified for large parcel pilot
4. Continuing discussion of Commission responsibilities regarding community outreach and education (Meipo Martin)
 - “To preserve, protect and promote the urban forest”
 - Is education and outreach part of the Commission’s charge?
 - Yes, in an advisory capacity to the city
 - Can bring ideas and recommendations to city council and/or UFM
 - Conservation Montgomery (Caren Madsen) confirms that tree care classes are offered at a rate of \$20/participant (actual costs are approximately \$150/hr for 3 hours (1 hour prep+travel, 2 hour class) for \$450/class)
 - Regarding website content
 - Meipo will take a pass @ suggested edits

- Share ideas with Marty; review with TC at a next/future meeting
5. Consultation with City Attorney to occur in closed meeting session.

ADJOURN: approximately 7:49 PM