

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

CITY COUNCIL AND TREE COMMISSION JOINT MEETING

Monday, November 14, 2016 – 7:30 PM

**Azalea Room
Takoma Park Community Center – Sam Abbott Citizens' Center
7500 Maple Avenue**

AGENDA

7:30 PM

1. Introductions (10 minutes)

City Council: Mayor Kate Stewart, Councilmembers Peter Kovar, Tim Male, Rizzy Qureshi, Terry Seamens, Jarrett Smith, Fred Schultz

Tree Commission: Colleen Cordes, Carol Hotton, Gresham Lowe, Denny May, Tina Murray

Staff: City Manager Suzanne Ludlow, Deputy City Manager Jason Damweber, Public Works Director Daryl Braithwaite, City Attorney Kenneth Sigman

7:40 PM

2. Role of the Tree Commission (15 minutes)

- What improvements can be put in place to help the Tree Commission do its work?
- Discussion of opportunities to increase transparency, communication, and documentation.
- Should the role of the Tree Commission be expanded?

7:55 PM

3. Role of the Urban Forest Manager (new title for City Arborist) (15 minutes)

- Responsibilities and expectations

8:10 PM

4. Priorities for the City (20 minutes)

- Discussion of opportunities for outreach and education.
- Tree Commission recommendation to devote more resources and attention to maintaining current canopy and caring for newly planted tree replacements.

8:30 PM

5. **Discussion of Issues Related to Pepco, WSSC, and other Public Utility Projects** (15 minutes)

8:45 PM

6. **Tree Ordinance** (15 minutes)

- How's it working overall?
- Should there be a process for appeals other than appeals of tree permit decisions?
- Should there be a process for hardship appeals?

9:00 PM

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