



Takoma Park City Council Meeting – October 18, 2017 Agenda Item 4

Voting Session

Resolution Providing for Appointments to the Takoma Park Tree Commission

Recommended Council Action

Adopt the resolution.

Context with Key Issues

The Takoma Park Tree Commission was established to preserve, protect, and promote the urban forest and to hear and rule on appeals of certain tree permit decisions. The Commission is comprised of five members appointed to staggered three-year terms. Current members are: Carol Hotton (Ward 3); Denny May (Ward 1) and Tina Murray (Ward 4). Two members' terms expired on September 30, 2017.

The City Council has reviewed applications received and selected for appointment Mr. John Russell Barnwell (Ward 2) and Mr. Bruce Levine (Ward 3). If appointed, their terms will expire on September 30, 2020.

Council Priority

Engaged, Responsive and Service-Oriented Government; Environmentally Sustainable Community

Environmental Impact of Action

The Tree Commission plays an important role in the environmental sustainability of the City by educating residents on the value of trees in an urban environment and by facilitating the application of the Tree Ordinance.

Fiscal Impact of Action

N/A

Racial Equity Impact of Action

We do not believe that this action will disproportionately impact any particular group.

Attachments and Links

[Link to Tree Commission Web Page](#)

Draft Resolution

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Approved by: Suzanne R. Ludlow, City Manager

Introduced by:

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

**RESOLUTION 2017-
PROVIDING FOR APPOINTMENTS TO THE TREE COMMISSION**

- WHEREAS, the Tree Commission was established to preserve, protect, and promote the urban forest of the City of Takoma Park; and
- WHEREAS, the Commission is responsible for hearing and ruling on appeals of tree permit decisions; and
- WHEREAS, the Tree Commission is composed of five members appointed by the Council to staggered three-year terms; and
- WHEREAS, terms of two members expired on September 30; and
- WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed applications received and has selected two candidates for appointment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND THAT the following individuals are appointed to serve on the Tree Commission:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Ward</u>	<u>Term Expiration</u>
John Russell Barnwell	Ward 2	September 30, 2020
Bruce Levine	Ward 3	September 30, 2010

Adopted this __ day of _____, 2017.

Attest:

Jessie Carpenter, CMC
City Clerk