



## Takoma Park City Council Meeting – January 9, 2019 Agenda Item 2C

### **Voting Session (Consent Agenda)**

Resolution Appointing a Member 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: John Russell Barnwell (Ward 2), Carol Hotton (Ward 3); Bruce Levine (Ward 3), and Tina Murray (Ward 4). There is one vacancy on the Commission. The term of the vacant position will expire in 2021.

The City Council has received and considered the applications received to date.

### **Council Priority**

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

### **Environmental Considerations**

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 Considerations**

N/A

### **Racial Equity Considerations**

Currently, there is a lack of diversity on this committee. All members are white. Council and staff should seek out opportunities to recruit people of color to serve on all boards, commissions, and committees.

### **Attachments and Links**

- Draft Resolution

Introduced by:

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND**

**RESOLUTION 2019-  
APPOINTING A MEMBER 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 City Council to staggered three-year terms; and

WHEREAS, there is one vacancy for a term that will expire in 2021; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has considered applications received to date.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND THAT Nancy L. Cohen, resident of Ward 1, is hereby appointed to the Tree Commission for a term that will expire on September 30, 2021.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019

Attest:

Jessie Carpenter, CMC  
City Clerk