



Takoma Park City Council Meeting – September 25, 2019 Agenda Item 5

Voting Session

Resolution Providing for a Reappointment 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), Tina Murray (Ward 4), and Nancy Cohen (Ward 1).

Ms. Murray's term will expire on September 30, 2019. She has applied for reappointment. Her application has been sent to the City Council for review.

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. 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-
PROVIDING FOR A REAPPOINTMENT 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, at present, there are no vacancies on the Tree Commission but there is one member serving a term that will expire on September 30, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Tina Murray has applied for reappointment to the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has considered her application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND THAT the following individual is reappointed to serve on the Tree Commission:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Ward</u>	<u>Term Expiration</u>
Tina Murray	4	September 30, 2022

Adopted this __ day of _____, 2019.

Attest:

Jessie Carpenter, CMC
City Clerk