

Forest Conservation Advisory Committee

Minutes June 18, 2013

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ATTENDEES

Members

Bob Benson
Mark Buscaino
Kim Knox
Dan Landry
Brett Linkletter (DPWT), ex officio
Caren Madsen
Laura Miller (DEP), ex officio
Katherine Nelson, (M-NCPPC), ex officio
Jeff Schwartz
Jason Sheer
Doug Sievers (WSSC), ex officio
Clark Wagner

Absent members

Ginny Barnes
Andrew Der
David Kuykendall (DPS), ex officio
David Myers
David Plummer (MSCD), ex officio
Linda Silversmith
Kevin Smith
Dan Snyder

Others attending

Stan Edwards, DEP Staff
Wayne Noll, City of Rockville
Arlene Bruhn
Arvinth Somanathan, DEP Intern

MINUTES

- Meeting started at 7:09 pm
- Review of Minutes from previous meeting(s)
 - No Minutes available for November, March, April or May
- Review/discussion of Forest Conservation Advisory Committee (FCAC) Members Elements of a Comprehensive Urban Canopy Strategy
 - Member asked for Committee input on missing categories from list
 - Discussed Bottom Up Inventory
 - County's inventory was lost due to server crash
 - Most was retrieved, but lost 6 months of data
 - Took many, many months to clean up data
 - County has finally funded a new server
 - MNCPPC has a completed inventory that can be shared
 - Shows snap shots in time.
 - Member questioned Private Land Owner Incentives
 - Nothing on list about use of existing incentives for tree planting
 - Member stated list was missing individual goals
 - Frame work/snap shots??
 - Most densely or heavily planted areas have been target for incentives

- Member is looking for even distribution of incentives or availability of tree planting funds for lower income neighborhoods.
- Member suggested an update to the County's Forest Preservation Strategy (Strategy) for July's meeting
 - Member reviewed history Strategy and why it was put into place
 - 2000 Strategy set goals
 - 2004 Strategy reviewed progress
 - County's Strategy morphed into the FCAC
 - Strategy speaks toward street trees and funding needs
 - Gaps in suburban canopy 50% recommended, 39% actual (not sure which Strategy this generated from)
 - Member will provide a synopsis on Strategies
- Update on Legislation
 - June 24th, work session to be conducted
 - No change on bill
 - Parks to be exempt??
 - Council has provided no feed back
 - Up to Council if fees are to be changed
- Member recommended a field trip
 - Trip should be for educational purposes
 - Trip to be held from 5p-6p on a Tuesday prior to a FCAC meeting
 - A member recommended looking at a recent reforestation site
 - ICC reforestation site was suggested
 - WSSC stream restoration site was suggested
 - City of Rockville, King Farm or Fallsgrove suggested
 - City is very proud of tree conservation
 - Urban canopy sites were also recommended for field trip
 - Vote taken on field trip
 - 3 yes
 - 7 no
- New FCAC Member Interview Committee is meeting on July 16th prior to the FCAC meeting
- Volunteers sought for FCAC Chair and Vice Chair Nominating Subcommittee
 - Subcommittee to seek a Chair and Vice chair from the FCAC group
- Wayne Noll, City of Rockville made a presentation on Rockville's permitting and ordinances
 - Presentation to be made available on the FCAC website
- July meeting suggestions
 - Invite Hans Riemer to speak about recent legislation
 - Review Strategy
 - MNCPPC to present annual report on the Forest Conservation Program
- Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm