

Forest Conservation Advisory Committee
Minutes
November 19, 2013

ATTENDEES

Members

Carole Ann Barth
Bob Benson
Mark Buscaino
Andrew Der
Caren Madsen
Laura Miller (DEP), ex officio
David Myers
Katherine Nelson, (M-NCPPC), ex officio
John Pierson
David Plummer (MSCD), ex officio
Jason Sheer
Doug Sievers (WSSC), ex officio

Absent members

Ginny Barnes
Rebecca Harris
Kim Knox
David Kuykendall (DPS), ex officio
Dan Landry
Brett Linkletter (DPWT), ex officio
Michael Osmun
Jeff Schwartz
Dan Snyder
Clark Wagner

Others attending

Stan Edwards, DEP Staff
Dale Tibbitts, Council Staff

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The Forest Conservation Advisory Committee met as scheduled on November 19, 2013. No items were voted on during the meeting.

The WSSC representative presented information regarding WSSC's Consent Decree and the Forest Conservation Act. The potential impacts to forests of implementation of the Consent Decree were discussed.

Laura Miller is to email the Committee all draft minutes. The Committee is to review the minutes and their approval will be on the agenda for January's meeting.

The discussion regarding a recommendation to the County Executive for the positions of Chair and Vice Chair was deferred to the January meeting.

The schedule for next year will be reviewed at the January meeting.

Bob Benson and Caren Madsen volunteered to serve on a subcommittee to interview candidates for the vacant positions on the Committee.

The Committee's annual report was discussed. It was agreed that the Committee provide a brief summary of successes relating to trees and forests to the County Executive to possibly include in his annual report to the County. This information should be forwarded to the County Council as well. To this end, send bullets of items to highlight successes for this year to John Pierson. The Committee planned to work on a letter by email, then finalize it and vote on it at the January meeting.

Last month's minutes indicated that the Committee would continue the discussion on the Forest Preservation Strategy and Update. However, this discussion was postponed. The Committee did discuss street tree inventories and potential planting programs.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 21, 2014.