

Forest Conservation Advisory Committee

Notes

March 21, 2017

ATTENDEES

Members

David Gill
Dan Landry
Laura Miller (DEP), ex officio
David Myers
Katherine Nelson, (M-NCPPC), ex officio
Frank Parker
Doug Sievers (WSSC), ex officio

Absent Members

Carole Ann Barth
Jean Cavanaugh
Moshe Landman
Brett Linkletter (DPWT), ex officio
Chris Myers (DPS), ex officio
Kathleen Samiy
Jeff Schwartz
Matthew Wessel

Minutes

The Forest Conservation Advisory Committee met as scheduled on March 21, 2017. Quorum was not met.

The committee continued to discuss and revise a letter to the County Council requesting funding and resources for trees and forests across the County. All present were satisfied with the language. David M. planned to check in with Brett and Katherine agreed to check in with Parks about budget data for the letter. The committee agreed to finalize the draft through email and an on-line meeting.

The members present explored the possibility and process for changing the enabling legislation for the committee. We considered updating the language from the dissolved Department of Economic Development to the new Office of Agriculture, reducing the number of members, combining some of the types of members, and reducing the number of required meetings per year. Katherine planned to check in with the Planning Department to see if these amendments could be pursued along with changes they are planning. Laura planned to follow up with the Office of the Boards, Committees, and Commissions.

The tentative agenda for the April meeting is to discuss the tree impacts of the Purple Line with MTA's environmental supervisor assigned to the project. Jean is waiting for confirmation from the MTA representatives. Katherine Nelson plans to present the Forest Conservation Law's annual report in May, or April if the representative of the Purple Line declines.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 18, 2017, from 7:00 to 8:00 pm. It will be held in the small conference room at the DEP offices.