

District of Columbia Urban Forestry Advisory Council meeting minutes—DRAFT

Call to order: 3:00PM, October 17, 2018

Council Members (* if in attendance):

*Jeff Seltzer, DOEE	*Perry Wheelock, NPS	*Nathan McElroy, Pepco
*Earl Eutsler, DDOT	Robin Snyder, GSA	*Dennis Chestnut, comm. rep.
*Brent Sisco, DPR	*Maureen Holman, DC Water	*Delores Bushong, comm. rep.
Zach Dobelbower, DGS	*Mark Buscaino, Casey Trees	*Brenda Richardson, comm. rep.

Invited guests (present or on phone):

*Sally Parker, DCPS	*Julie Mawhorter, USFS	Steve Saari, DOEE
*Bill Brower, DC Water	*Kathryn Roos, DDOT	*Russell Clark, GSA
*Meghan Davis, DGS	Jamie Donovan, DGS	Weston Starbird, DGS
Kasey Yturalde, DDOT	Robert Corletta, DDOT	*Chris Shaheen, OP
Stephen Gyor, OP	*Deborah Shapley, RMA	Philip Rodbell
*Jess Sanders, Casey Trees	*Rob Shaut, Casey Trees	

Quorum:

Approval of July 10, 2018 minutes

Resolution: approval of UFAC Meeting Minutes for July 10, 2018. Upon a motion moved by Jim Woodworth, and seconded by Mark Buscaino, by unanimous vote of all members present, the Committee approved the UFAC Meeting Minutes of July 10, 2018.

Discussion of fall 2018/FY19 tree planting outlook:

- Perry Wheelock: NPS – late spring/early summer 2018 247 trees in Capital Hill/Penn Ave SE area via contractor; Beach Drive – 269 via contractor.
- Rob Shaut: Casey Trees – 500 so far in fall; expect 2k for fall and 2k for spring 2019.
- Earl Eutsler: UFD 625 todate; 40-50/day ramping up to 100/day thru spring for a total of 8,500.
- Russ Clark: GSA – TBD; will look into and report back.
- Deborah Shapley: Restore Mass Ave – no plantings to report in 2018; 3 trees planned for 2019 (3223-3228 Mass Ave); but Mass Ave undergoing plans for repaving – Mass Ave Rehabilitation Plan; discussions underway for promoting structural soils and tree preservation. Also funding award and plans underway for Dupont tree/storm water plaza.

DC Water Biosolids program update – Bill Brower

Q: Brenda: Who gave stamp of approval?

A: Bill: there are permits for DC/MD/VA. Highly regulated; highly tested. Jeff: also DOEE has allocated some \$ in FY19 for additional studies.

Q: How spec for contractors? Or DCPS?

A: Fresh Bloom v. Cured; also blended. Fresh Bloom is 30% solids, and can be delivered in bulk by cubic yard or ton; Mix 20% with existing soil; UFD has used at time of planting in 1:3 or 1:4 ratio blend w/existing soil. Top dressing for trees, mixed w/mulch in ½" layer. Cured can be purchased OTC in small bags at garden centers. Can be custom mixed w/sand/mulch/wood chips etc.

More details here: <https://www.dewater.com/biosolids> and <http://bloomsoil.com/>

Q: Earl: what is the whole life cycle?

A: Bill: 160 tons per year; most go to farms in VA/land application; 10 tons become Bloom; small amount bagged. Goal is to promote like Milorganite. <https://www.milorganite.com/using-milorganite/what-is-milorganite;>

Q: Earl: DPW Zero Waste stream – does this factor into their plans?

A: Bill: lots of calls, conversations on-going; not yet, but down the road, very likely.

***DPW zero waste stream - Possible issue topic for future meeting.**

DDOT, Small Cell presentation (Kathryn Roos, DDOT)

Q: Brenda: concerns about more poles on streets

Q: Delores: concerns about requests for pruning trees, standards?

Q: IS it possible to have more detailed analysis of impacts on street trees??

Q: How would poles be prioritized? Eg existing pole, new pole, alley pole?

A: FCC regulation dictates that local jurisdictions implement. Expecting 2-2.5 k new installations. Pruning standards already exist (e.g. ANSI and ISA BMPs); tree and planting location interactions are being vetted internally at DDOT Public Space committee via Earl at UFD. Public space is an essential and finite resource of the District. DDOT information posted at: <https://ddot.dc.gov/smallcell>

Lots of unknowns and uncertainty remain. High interest in organizing future advocacy. Of note, CM Mary Cheh to convene public roundtable on November 19, 2018.

A: public comments from Jeff Marootian posted here: https://ddot.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/ddot/release_content/attachments/DDOT%20Testimony%20for%20Small%20Cell%20Roundtable%20Final.pdf

Meeting adjourned at approximately 4:40pm

Next meeting: January 16, 2019, 3pm-4:30pm

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At our July meeting, Perry Wheelock expressed an opportunity for NPS to share some of its own monitoring data, so as a result, we will be hosted by and hearing a presentation from Patrick Campbell, Chief - Natural Resources & Science.

- Pat Campbell (Chief of Natural Resources) to talk about inventory management in Rock Creek Park.
- Nathan McElroy –SAFI/SADI reliability stats
- Earl Eutsler – master plan revision?