

## District of Columbia Urban Forestry Advisory Council meeting minutes—DRAFT

Call to order: 3:00PM, April 10, 2019

### Council Members (\* if in attendance):

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

### Invited guests (present or on phone):

Sally Parker, DCPS	Julie Mawhorter, USFS	*Steve Saari, DOEE
Bill Brower, DC Water	*Maureen Alonso, GSA	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	*Italia Peretti, Casey Trees	*Patrick Campbell, NPS
*Liz Matthews, NPS		

### Quorum:

Presentation and Discussion of NPS long-term regional vegetation surveying

- 430 plots every 4 years ('06-'09)
- 33 in DC; 19 in ROCR
- Beech recruitment; EAB ash decline; vine explosions
- Deer management – Damien Ossi requested on behalf of DOEE director Wells for cooperation on deer management in other parts of DC, esp. east over Anacostia.

Sharing of slide show from St. E's field trip

Arbor Day & Earth Day announcements

- Festivities at Oxon Run Park; Arbor Day Eve Canopy Awards; Park inventory at Judiciary Square

Brief discussion of new developments/initiatives to incentivize tree planting

Small Cell/5-G update on public process

Extreme Heat brief discussion

- Need to link UFAC efforts to resiliency plan
- Difficulty in prioritization of tree planting (heat/UHI or other factors) but many voluntary and targeted outreach efforts to point to
- Now is the “Golden Age of Tree Planting” for DC; 96% stocking of street scape
- Concerns expressed about long term, cumulative impacts of “right tree, right place” under wires and 5-g infrastructure roll-out.

**Meeting adjourned at approximately 5:00pm**

Next date & location meeting: TBD October, 2019