

District of Columbia Urban Forestry Advisory Council Meeting Agenda

DATE: Friday, January 14, 2022

TIME: 10:00 AM – 12:00pm

LOCATION: Web-Ex

Meeting Chair - DDOT	Earl Eutsler	Earl.eutsler@dc.gov	202.673.6813
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MEETING TITLE:	UFAC Winter Meeting, Web-Ex		

Council Members:

Steve Saari, DOEE	Patrick Campbell, NPS	Nathan McElroy, Pepco
Earl Eutsler, DDOT	Maureen Alonso, GSA	Dennis Chestnut, comm. rep.
Brent Sisco, DPR	Maureen Holman, DC Water	Delores Bushong, comm. rep.
Angela Scott, DGS	Mark Buscaino, Casey Trees	Brenda Richardson, comm. rep.
		Carol Herwig, comm. rep

Invited Guests:

Robert Corletta, DDOT	Stephen Gyor, OP	Peter Norden, DPR
Joi Ruffin, DCPS	Matt Weber, DOEE	Kasey Yturalde, DDOT
Stephanie Free, NCPC	Sally Claggett, USFS	Julie Mawhorter, USFS
Phillip Rodbell, USFS	Nancy Sonti, USFS	Mary Pat Rowan, community
Kelly Collins Choi, Casey Trees	Rob Shaut, Casey Trees	Iris Allen, MD DNR
Ashlyn Pouvaranukoah, UDC	Annie Acostia, community	Allison Clausen, community

SCHEDULE:

TIME	Agenda Item
10:00-10:10	Welcome, Introductions & Minutes– Jim Woodworth, DOEE (10 min)
10:10-10:25	Forest Health updates – DDOT Urban Forestry Division (15 min)
10:25-10:40	Langdon Park Forest Patch project update - partners (15 min)
10:40-10:50	Trees, Streams and Beavers – DDOT/DOEE (10 min)
10:50–11:00	Urban Wood Reutilization partnership with USFS and Architect of the Capitol (AOC) – DDOT UFD (10 min)
11:00-11:50	District's urban tree canopy change analysis – DDOT UFD (50 min)
11:50 – 12:00	Other items and issues (10 min)

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from Kasey Yturalde (privately): 10:56 AM

Hi Jim, do you save the chat? or can I save it? Want to make sure I don't miss any of these suggestions/questions

to Kasey Yturalde (privately): 10:57 AM

i'm not sure the best way to do it. you can select all and copy and paste it into a word doc.?

from Julie Mawhorter to everyone: 10:57 AM

Many thanks to Earl for stepping up to lead out on this nationally - the innovative work you've already been doing with urban wood is what made this possible!

from Dennis Chestnut to everyone: 10:58 AM

What about the kiln at IDEA Public Charter HS? Will they be involved?

from Dennis Chestnut to everyone: 11:00 AM

Thanks Earl!

to Kasey Yturalde (privately): 11:01 AM

at the end of the meeting i will grab and copy paste again.

from Kasey Yturalde (privately): 11:03 AM

Ah, OK, I'll do so close to the end of the meeting

from james woodworth to everyone: 11:05 AM

i believe that is correct!

from Steve.Saari to everyone: 11:20 AM

What is wrong with Princeton elms?

from Mark Buscaino to everyone: 11:20 AM

They're not scholarly enough. Harvard Elms are far better!

from Steve.Saari to everyone: 11:21 AM

Earl, can you share the presentation by email after the meeting?

from Dennis Chestnut to everyone: 11:22 AM

How much impact does street tree pruning by Pepco contractors have on. the canopy? They chop them up pretty bad in my neighborhood.

from Brenda Lee Richardson to everyone: 11:22 AM

Remarkable.

from Allison Clausen to everyone: 11:22 AM

Wow. That is awesome!

from Spenser Balog to everyone: 11:22 AM

Incredible

from Steve.Saari to everyone: 11:22 AM

Do we now make the developer plant these areas with construction?

from Dennis Chestnut to everyone: 11:24 AM

Can the Dr. Seuss trees that Pepco pruning is creating be removed and replaced with under-story trees?

from Steve.Saari to everyone: 11:25 AM

Har, har, Mark!

from Mark Buscaino to everyone: 11:27 AM

sorry - couldn't help myself. Most but not all Princeton's have narrow branch angles that tend to weaken and split, which can compromise the entire tree. You can see this on some of the Langdon Elms, as well as those along Barracks which was the first planting we did many years ago...

from Steve.Saari to everyone: 11:28 AM

Thanks!

from Delores bushong to everyone: 11:31 AM

Why aren't more small trees planted to replace those large ones that have to be removed so that the canopy coverage that the large trees provide now. One for one replanting means decreased canopy.

from Delores bushong to everyone: 11:33 AM

Thanks Earl for explaining why RIA is a special case. Hope that continuous strips can replace tree boxes.

from Dennis Chestnut to everyone: 11:35 AM

The wires are on the south side of my street. The trees on the north side aren't impacted and grow well. The ones on the south side are pruned by pepco. The way pepco prunes the trees, they don't trim what grows toward the homes from the public space. Uneven growth.

from Steve.Saari to everyone: 11:39 AM

I noticed as you scrolled a fair amount of tree loss on Roosevelt Island. Is that due to loss of ashes?

from carol herwig to everyone: 11:41 AM

didn't nps also do some serious invasive removal at roosevelt

from Steve.Saari to everyone: 11:42 AM

Agreed!

from Kasey Yturalde to everyone: 11:45 AM

<https://iucnurbanalliance.org/promoting-health-and-wellbeing-through-urban-forests-introducing-the-3-30-300-rule/>

from james woodworth to everyone: 11:50 AM

Kasey, can you also drop the link here for Earl's arcgis storymap?

from Dennis Chestnut to everyone: 11:54 AM

Trees support stormwater management, is more planting in the floodplain areas being considered?

from Nancy Sonti to everyone: 11:56 AM

Amazing presentation Earl despite the technical difficulties!

from Delores bushong to everyone: 11:57 AM

Thanks so much Earl for the presentation. Loved being able to see the changes over time. Great tool for figuring out what to do next.

from Rob Shaut Casey Trees to everyone: 11:58 AM

Thanks Earl, no worries. Way to adapt on the fly - very informative.

from Stephen Gyor to everyone: 11:58 AM

Great presentation Earl!

from Julie Mawhorter to everyone: 11:59 AM

Agreed - we're excited to hopefully feature DC's canopy data/change story in our spring Chesapeake Tree Canopy Network newsletter

from Steve.Saari to everyone: 11:59 AM

Unfortunately I need to run to another meeting. Thanks, Earl and all!

from Rob Shaut Casey Trees to everyone: 12:00 PM

Thanks Jim

from Julie Mawhorter to everyone: 12:00 PM

Thanks all!

from Matt Weber to everyone: 12:00 PM

Nice presentation, Earl, thank you very much. Showed the good, the bad, and potential!

from carol herwig to everyone: 12:00 PM

Thanks all