

Tree Advocacy Committee Meeting
6-12-25 Vienna Community Center 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Sammy Bryant, Aditi Chandra, Ken Foley, John Shults, Roxanne Paul, Lea Giovanniello, Sandy Shinn, and Chris Bredehoeft. Doug Noble was absent.

Staff Present: Jeremy Edwards, Leslie Herman, Matt Fuller, and Owen McCarty.

Minutes for Approval: Minutes were accepted unanimously.

- 1. Presentation by Town Arborist:** Matt Fuller gave a presentation about his job and the responsibilities that he manages daily, as well as longer term. He also provided a photo tour of the northside property yard where all his equipment is stored for him and his team. This presentation gave the TAC insight into what he has to manage and the challenges of his work. He also showed examples of “paper streets,” which provide opportunities for him and his team to plant trees on land that the town owns but is not technically being used as a street. Another part of the presentation was showing the software that has logged all of the trees that the town owns and the database he has access to.
- 2. Priorities/ Formation of Sub Committees:** In the last meeting, members shared their priorities for the TAC. Since Ken Foley was not present then, he shared his.
 1. Discourage builders from removing trees when building.
 2. Mitigate tree removal on all sites.
 3. Restore the tree canopyIn regards to the formation of sub-committees, the TAC has an upcoming annual report to council that Roxanne Paul said she will begin working on with input from other members. A subcommittee on education on invasive vines was formed, with members Lea and Sandy wanting to lead this. The formation of sub-committees will allow the TAC to make progress on its larger goals outside of just meetings. John Shults wanted to start a subcommittee to focus on planting initiatives. Jeremy Edwards shared that Fall Church funded planting initiatives by doing a coffee fundraiser. This was an idea that the TAC seemed to be on board with. Chair Roxanne Paul also shared that the TAC would be taking over the tree giveaway from the CSC in October. Chris Bredehoeft began talking about the formation of committees to begin working on the Urban Forestry Management Plan. They have to determine what date they will be using and how they will go about acquiring data. This brings up a larger topic of budget and how they will go about acquiring resources so that they can craft the highest

quality plan for the town. This will continue to develop as this is a large task to take on.

3. **Other Business:** Direction Herman shared some of the information that came out of the town's meeting with Dominion and Nova Parks this week regarding the replanting of trees along the trail. There was a group consensus that the TAC wants to have some sort of representation when it comes to this matter, as they are supposed to be advocates for the town's trees. Director Hermann shared that this was a closed-door meeting, but moving forward would see if it would be possible to have a TAC member act as a representative for these sorts of meetings. This stemmed into a larger conversation about how the TAC can collaborate with the Town Council on topics that fall under their area of expertise. Roxanne said she will send an email to the town council regarding the appointment process for their new student member and if they can have a member sit in for interviews. As well as having a member sit in at the meetings with NOVA Parks and Dominion to act as a liaison for the TAC.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.