

## Tree Advocacy Committee Meeting DRAFT minutes

3-13-25 6:30 PM, Vienna Community Center

All committee members were present: Chair- Roxanne Paul, Sammy Bryant, Sandy Shinn, Ken Foley, Aditi Chandra, John Shults, Chris Bredehoeft, Doug Noble, and Lea Giovanniello.

Staff present: Jeremy Edwards, Tim Koski, Matthew Fuller, Owen McCarty, and Leslie Herman.

**The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by the chair.**

1. **Comments from the public:** Resident Miguel Ordonez asked the TAC about resources for residents who want information on which type of trees are best to plant that are noninvasive and good for the tree canopy. The TAC and staff shared the different resources they were aware of and how they would want to put these resources on their web page.
2. **Approval of the Minutes:** Ken Foley motioned to approve the minutes from 2-27-25 meeting; Chris Bredehoeft seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.
3. **Presentation from Steve Briglia, Town Attorney:** Steve briefed the TAC on the legal guidelines for being on a town board and commission. He discussed open meeting laws, Dillon's rule, quorums, and basic procedural guidelines to assure that the TAC is functioning legally.
4. **Nomination for Vice-Chair:** John Shults was nominated as vice-chair. Roxanne Paul motioned to appoint; Sandy Shinn seconded. The vote passed unanimously. Doug Noble Abstained.
5. **Presentation from Brian Land:** Mr. Land did research based on the TAC's inquiry from his previous presentation. He presented his findings on how other local jurisdictions deal with residents not wanting their local government to plant trees on the towns right of way in front of their house. The TAC was interested in this process because of Vienna's opt-out policy which prevents trees from being planted. Mr. Land shared the responses he got from Falls Church, Fairfax City, and Arlington. The TAC wants to do more research into this topic before a formal report is presented to the town council. They will re-visit this topic when they have more time to dedicate an entire meeting to it.

6. **Green Expo:** The chair discussed plans for the TAC to have a table at the upcoming Green Expo. The group brainstormed ideas for what they would want to have at their table as well as who would want to volunteer to be there.
7. **Arbor Day:** Another upcoming event for the TAC is arbor day. The committee discussed the logistics of doing their own tree giveaway to residents.

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:02 pm**