

**Minneapolis Tree Advisory Commission (MTAC)**

**Thursday, September 19, 2024 – 5:30 p.m.**

Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board, 2117 West River Road, Minneapolis MN  
Virtual by Zoom Video Call (See Below for ZOOM Link)

**AGENDA**

- 5:30 **MTAC September 19, 2024: MTAC Co-Chair Marrari.**  
-Call to Order. Roll Call & Welcome MTAC Guests.  
-Acceptance of July, MTAC Minutes by Co-Chair Keane.
- 5:40 **MPRB Forestry Update: Sustainable Forestry Coordinator Philip Potyondy**
- 6:00 **City Trees Update: City Trees Sydney Schaaf**
- 6:10 **Discuss MTAC Presentation to Public Health and Safety Committee**
- 6:20 **New & Future MTAC Business: MTAC Co-Chair Marrari**
  - Presentation to Mayor Frey
  - MTAC appointments
  - What should we focus on in 2025/2026
- 7:00 **MTAC Adjourn: MTAC Co-Chair Marrari**

***Proposed MTAC Meeting Dates in 2024 (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of Month)***

January 18	July 18
February 15	August 15
March 21	September 19
April 18	October 17
May 16	November 21
June 20	December 19

**END OF MTAC August 15th, 2024, AGENDA**

**MTAC MONTHLY ZOOM LINK**

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1. Citizen Representative – At Large: **Tim Keane \***
2. Citizen Representative – MPRB Commissioner District 1: **Chris Linde**
3. Citizen Representative – MPRB Commissioner District 2: **Giuseppe Marrari \***
4. Citizen Representative – MPRB Commissioner District 3: **John Kruse**
5. Citizen Representative – MPRB Commissioner District 4: **Mary Bolla**
6. Citizen Representative – MPRB Commissioner District 5: **Carol Sersland**
7. Citizen Representative – MPRB Commissioner District 6: **Barb Schlaefer**
8. MPRB Commissioner - District 1: **Billy Menz**
9. City Council Member or designate: **Katie Cashman** - City Council Member / Ward 7
10. Tree Care Professional member: VACANT
11. Minnesota Shade Tree Advisory Committee member: **Steve Nicholson**
12. City Trees Program Coordinator: **Sydney Schaaf**
13. Business / Development representative: VACANT
14. MPRB Director of Forestry: **Ralph Sievert**
15. City Public Works representative: **Steve Collin**
16. Mayor or designee: **Don Willeke**
17. University of Minnesota representative: **Peter MacDonagh**
18. Minneapolis Public Schools representative: **Curt Hartog**

Detailed Questions:

- Carbon Credits Update and status, MPLS Green
- How do we understand the number of trees planted in 2022 survived in 2023/4
- More discussion on what is considered native (is shagbark hickory or KY coffee tree native?)
- Specifics on the Cargill distribution status: #of property owners/trees/dollars remaining in the fund
- Details on IRA/US Forest service grant. date proposal response submitted, application process for property owners, limits on the fund distribution, 2700 is the number of trees - any estimate of the number of properties?

Parking Lot:

- Discussion on subcommittees and rules associated with running them
- Park board appointing an arborist available to citizens in need (unmotivated by financial gain)
- Advice/guidance on tree watering and the upcoming growing season.
- Becca Nash( [becca.nash@lccmr.mn.gov](mailto:becca.nash@lccmr.mn.gov)), invitation to discuss trees with her (651 296-6264).
- UPDATE: Green Minneapolis Carbon Offset tree planting and funding program
- Moving the meetings to the South Side Operation Center?
- Arbor Day planning
- Discussion on respecting/saving/recognizing park board heritage trees
- Downtown Improvement District and inviting them to a meeting.
  - Planting downtown resilient trees

- Understanding specific challenges trees face downtown
- Better outreach, tree adoption.