

**Minneapolis Tree Advisory Commission (MTAC)**

**Thursday, January 16, 2025 – 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 December 19, 2024: MTAC Co-Chair Marrari.**  
-Call to Order.  
-Acceptance of December, 2024, MTAC Minutes by Secretary Sersland.
- 5:40 **Introductions, appointments: Co-Chair Marrari and Co-Chair Keane**
- 6:00 **MPRB Forestry Update: Sustainable Forestry Coordinator Philip Potyondy**
- 6:15 **City Trees Update: City Trees Sydney Schaaf**
- 6:35 **2025-2026 MTAC Goals discussion**
  - Desires for 2025-2026 Appointment Season
- 7:00 **MTAC Adjourn: MTAC Co-Chair Marrari**

***Proposed MTAC Meeting Dates in 2025 (3rd Thursday of Month)***

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

**MTAC MEETING ZOOM LINK**

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1. Citizen Representative – At Large: **Erika Commers**
2. Citizen Representative – MPRB Commissioner District 1: **Drew Peterson**
3. Citizen Representative – MPRB Commissioner District 2: **Giuseppe Marrari\***
4. Citizen Representative – MPRB Commissioner District 3: **Karl Kussow**
5. Citizen Representative – MPRB Commissioner District 4: **Mary Bolla**
6. Citizen Representative – MPRB Commissioner District 5: **Tim Keane\***
7. Citizen Representative – MPRB Commissioner District 6: **Barb Schlaefer**
8. MPRB Commissioner – District 1: **Meg Forney**
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: **VACANT**
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:

- How does Forestry handle
  - o Tree Pruning
  - o Tree protective wraps
  - o Soil condition changes in various areas of MPLS.
- 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
- Filling vacant seats, attendance requirements?
- Arbor Day planning