

# Minneapolis Tree Advisory Commission

## Membership Roster for 2025

The Minneapolis Tree Advisory Commission (MTAC) was established in 2004 by the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board (MPRB). The charge of the MTAC is to provide advice on the enhancement of the Minneapolis urban forest and its long-term health. The goals are to coordinate issues related to trees across City jurisdictions; to evaluate issues related to trees; to report annually to the MPRB and City Council; and to explore new ways to acquire resources that increase support for urban forest establishment and management.

There are currently 18 voting MTAC members representing specific agencies and geographic areas of the City. These are as follows:

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: **Chris McMaster**
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**

Members of the MTAC are all volunteers. Meetings are held at the Mary Merrill Headquarters Building located at 2117 West River Road N. from 5:30PM to 7:00PM on the third Thursday of each month (with adjustments for conflicting holidays). Those interested in attending a meeting remotely should request a Zoom link by emailing [forestry@minneapolisparks.org](mailto:forestry@minneapolisparks.org).

\* Co-Chairperson

<https://www.minneapolisparks.org/park-care-improvements/trees/minneapolis-tree-advisory-commission/>

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