



Members: Zoe Gensheimer (Chair), Fred Chalfant, Matt Rescott, Amanda Cunningham (Treasurer), Charlie Murphy, Jill Jonnes, Anne Gilbert (Secretary), Ted Martello, Erik Dihl, Sarah Lord, Katie Lauter, Sandy Sparks, Sylvester Myers, Rob Black

Guests: Tess Loys, James Wolf, David Meshoulam, Chris Forester-Smith, Duncan Stuart, Lee Truelove, Phillis Fung

Youth Members: Nayev Pumphrey, Maxine George

Start Time: 5:30

- **Welcome** - 5 min
 - Introductions:
 - Share your name, role and/or skills and interests

- **Presentation** - 20 min
 - David Meshoulam from Speak for the Trees Boston and the Urban Ecology Collaborative
 - American Forests Tree Equity Score (exists for all major urban centers across the country) Who has access to the benefits of big healthy tree canopy? - encourage everyone to explore and adjust your planting strategy.
 - <https://treeequityscore.org/>
 - <https://www.americanforests.org/tools-research-reports-and-guides/tree-equity-score/>
 - Learn more about Speak for the Trees Boston: <https://treeboston.org/>
 - Partnership with community orgs in EJ neighborhoods through EPA Grant. Developing tree walks where community members share. Learning from residents about their history/experience and use that as a way to grow together
 - Looking at various immigrant groups and working on making content accessible to other languages/ improving communications
 - Host tree planting and giveaways
 - Training and skills for workforce development: <https://treeboston.org/get-involved/tutc/>
 - Adopt-A-Tree : <https://treeboston.org/get-involved/adopt/>. Also check out NYC street tree census with adoption option:
 - The Urban Ecology Collaborative hosts monthly webinars on tree topics that are open to all: <https://urbanecologycollaborative.com/>





- UEC Videos from past presentations:
<https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLthWo9sv-9bI9HyKUnmB7niIa2wFOWUYD>
- UMass Amherst has regular Urban Forestry webinars:
<http://www.urbanforestrytoday.org/>
- Smithsonian Magazine: <https://www.smithsonianmag.com/science-nature/the-old-man-and-the-tree-180979242/>
- Massachusetts has the oldest ordinance for protection of public trees: regulates all public shade trees. Private property: cambridge and somerville have them
- Maryland also has solid tree protection:
<https://dnr.maryland.gov/forests/Pages/programapps/newrtlaw.aspx> Links to the 4 MD state tree laws - <https://dnr.maryland.gov/forests/Pages/Urban-Community.aspx>
- Questions? Contact: David@treeboston.org

- **Treasurer's Report** - 5 min (Amanda)
 - Balance: \$7,450.67
 - Expenses: NRCC tuition and web expenses.
 - Income: \$175 donations from members

- **Working Groups Update** - 10 min
 - Report out from 4 working groups (as applicable)
 - Advocacy Committee - Katie
 - Tree Ordinance
 - 4 part strategy, Forest Conservation update:
 - Forestry Dept drafted a bill for park property, waiting for approval from the Director.
 - Draft bill for private property, in progress with edits and questions. Will be broken out into 3 sections all proposed at the same time, cutting on private property, funding, review disputes. Mark Conway will champion the bill if the City Council Chair doesn't want to.
 - **Soon we will need more involvement and testifying will be coming up in the near future. Will need A LOT of support!**





- Katie presented to Baltimore County about ordinances while they are thinking about updating their regulations.
- We will send out a 1 pager fact sheet
- Timeline is still unclear
- Telling stories about large tree removal: relaying these testimonials - Amanda would be interested in writing these up.
- Engagement Committee
 - Pruning Party in Edmondson Village 2/27:
 - **Please RSVP here:**
https://docs.google.com/forms/u/2/d/1Y_zlgEym-2gX-XE7BHVWvGJAllqqhhrP9XaD8GKqTMQ/edit?usp=drive_web
 - **Rent tools from the Tool Bank. Looking for a point person to place this order.**
 - Forestry Board Arbor Day Planting - City College Highschool
 - Both FB Youth Members are part of the Environmental Club, which is interested in an event.
 - Working on getting the school green certified and need an event for that application.
 - Tie project into existing champion trees
 - Trees? Need to order now from TreeBaltimore
 - Anne can also get Treemendous trees
 - Subcommittee: Sarah, Chris, Sandy, Amanda, Zoe G, Nayev, Maxine, Matt
 - **UPDATE: This event is confirmed for Friday, April 29th. 12 trees were ordered from TreeBaltimore. We will visit with the Enviro Club in advance to talk about the importance of trees on a Thursday at 2:45pm in March. If interested in taking part, please email Zoe.**
 - Arbor Day Tree Planting at Hampden Elementary/Middle School - James Wolf, Friends of Wyman Park
 - Friday, April 29th: Friends of Wyman Park- 150th Anniversary





- 1872 - James is submitting an MUCFC grant for planting at the school, Requires FB member signature
- Youth Committee
 - NRCC Applications for summer 2022 are now being accepted. Brochures and handouts can be downloaded from the website to aid in recruitment: <https://www.marylandforestryfoundation.org/index.cfm?event=nrcc>
 - Fundraising?
 - Cylburn Market Day is happening in-person on May 7. Has been helpful in the past for fundraising. Giveaway trees would need to be ordered now. Fred willing to lead champion tree walks for fundraising/ donation on Saturday.
 - We have 30 red maples to giveaway that we repotted last June
 - Another fundraiser? Second Sundays in GFLP on Mother's Day? Herb Fest (end of May)?
 - Subcommittee: Sandy, Amanda, Fred, Phyllis, Chris
- **Seasonal Program Updates** - 10 min
 - Tree Baltimore - SKIP
 - Big Tree Program - Fred - SKIP
- **Upcoming & "Bike Rack"** - 5 min
 - Vote for Arbor Day Poster: Don't forget to vote for the City's 5th Arbor Day Poster Contest Winner! Guest judge at the state final judging is Maryland's First Lady! Voting will close on Monday and I'll send out the winner to all after. <https://forms.gle/Vi4YuE37EXNjMh4h9>
 - At the next meeting can we talk about applicants for incoming youth reps for the board?
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https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfy5F0FTCv5La_uKyd03gphJ5PAD4jgSGBvBJntGDgb8_m2Aw/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0&usp=mail_form_link&urp=gmail_link

- Get involved! Volunteer this winter: <https://www.treebaltimore.org/treerevents>
- Check out this feature on one of our board members, Jenny Katz: <https://www.nationalparks.org/connect/blog/meet-npf-team-jenny-katz>





BALTIMORE CITY
FORESTRY BOARD

Meeting Agenda

January 25th, 2022 via Zoom

5:30-6:30 pm

- **Open Floor** - 5 min
- **Next Meeting:** February meeting will be replaced by Pruning Party on 2/27

End Time: 6:40pm

