

**COMMUNITY FOREST ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CFAC)
MINUTES for THURSDAY, Sept 1, 2022, 1pm – 3 pm PT (virtual)**

Members of the public are invited to participate. Under the Brown Act, the Committee is prevented from acting on a matter that is brought to its attention during the General Public Comment period; however, issues raised by a member of the public may be added to the agenda for future meetings. Members of the public can also provide comments on an agenda item when it is being considered.

Guests/City reps. (partial list): Diana Nicole, Kathy Schreiner, Tom Williams, Michelle Barton. Norma Tanada, Lisa Fimiani, Ann Rubin, Charles Miller, Jack Smith, Nikki Ezhari, Glenn Bailey, Jeanne McConnell, Theresa Maysonet, Tanzi Cole, Kelvin Garvanne, Norman Tanada, Robert vanDehoek, J. Ross

AGENDA:

1. Call to order at 1:04.
2. **Motion to adopt the following finding/determination: Teleconference Meetings Pursuant to Assembly Bill 361. Shelley Billik, Chair moves, and seconded by Member Lynnette Kampe, that the Community Forest Advisory Committee and all subcommittees including ad hoc committees determine in accordance with Assembly Bill 361, Section 3(e)(3) that this advisory body has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency and that the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person and/or state local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.** Moved by SB, seconded by JD. Passed unanimously.
3. Welcome by Chair SB and acknowledgement of the First Nations to open with an attitude of respect for community members from the First Nations and their traditional ecological knowledge. New webinars are available on traditional fires management using controlled burning.
4. Roll Call and establishment of a quorum by Secretary LK

	P	A		P	A		P	A
Lynnette Kampe CD 1 (Secretary)	X					Lora Hall CD 13		X
Joanne D'Antonio CD 2	X		Robin Gilliam CD 8 David McNeill, ALT.	X	X	CD 14		
Jane Skeeter CD 3	X		CD 9 - Lila Higgins	X		CD 15 - vacant		
Katherine Pakradouni CD 4 Amber Hawkes CD4 Alt.	X		Brent Green CD 10		X	Cyndi Hubach Mayor's Rep -	X	
Shelley Billik CD 5 (Chair)	X		Isabelle Duvivier CD 11 (Vice Chair) Carolyn LoBuglio, Alt.	X				
CD 6 vacant			Mary Montes CD12	X				
			Scott Harmon Alt.		X			

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5. Adoption of Aug. 4 & August 25 (Special Meeting), Approval of Minutes as amended, Moved by SB, seconded by ID. Passed unanimously.

6. Chair Report/Announcements - strong letter written to City Planning Re; memo by Planning Director Vince Bertoni that stated without review that the outer corridor of Mulholland Corridor would no longer be subject to the Design Review Board. Hillside Federation subsequently sued and prevailed, reverting the memo. In Oct. our special guest Gabino from Spain will present on Barcelona superblocs. Kevin DeLeon CF 22 22 - 1924 has proposed a parkblock pilot for CD 14 and representatives will present in Oct.

7. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items within the committees jurisdiction: - Congress of Neighborhoods will have 2 related tree presentations, Sept 24th will Joanne and Charles Miller each presenting. El Serrano is reviewing a project on Mission Rd. with tall palms. Tom Williams proposes that they be removed and replaced with shade trees. Glenn Bailey reported that he did not receive the agenda thru the notification process and a tree removal notice was not received until after the specified date to comment and the notice did not say where on the property the trees were located, nor specifics about construction. Comment: extreme temperatures are accelerating species loss and all projects must be viewed through this lens. The historic District Landscape Design Booklet has recently been completed and mentions native plants and permits needed, but more could be done. It's listed as final but hasn't been distributed yet and needs review. Q: Is it lawful for homeowners to brick in parkways? A: not allowed; if a permit is requested it will not be allowed. A neighbor must complain to 311 or StreetsLA to get enforcement action. Other comments: Some people cannot open docx documents. Summer pruning should be avoided. Ca. Buckeye is summer deciduous but could be a good street tree.

8. Departmental Reports

Dept. of Recreation & Parks - no report

UFD - Nikki Ezhari - BPW has trust fund money for oak tree planting in disadvantaged Districts. Gregg Spotts has moved on and new hire will be in October.

City Forest Officer, Rachel Malarich - CalFire grant received for Management Plan requires outreach and education but only funds \$300,000. Additional funding from CalFire to the County will allow joint outreach and education. Management Plan needs to be adopted by the Council and public engagement is needed. Member concern that the need for public education (beyond "Trees are Good") is the first priority.

City Plants, Rachel O'Leary - no report

LASAN Biodiversity Group - Michelle Barton - this is the first official day of LA Biodiversity Blitz -Challenge to make 10,000 native observations. (lapl.org/bioblitz). Native Biodiversity Day is next Wed. Biophilic Cities presentation is being translated into 8 languages. LA plans to join Biophilic Cities Network: goals have been set thru Biodiversity Plan. Q: Can 40% tree canopy be included? A: short turn-around.

Other Government Representatives - none

9. New Business - Discussion, planning and possible motions:

- a. Discussion on initial recommendations and adjustments to the criteria for new map/street segments for Guarantee Tree Fee planting plan (CF 16-0461-S1) - Malarich - 2 segments: Street Tree removals not replaced on site - fee charges for planting, some with establishment, some with subsidized and/or no establishment provided (to be addressed). Second segment: 1 tree per 4 units, planting on-site encouraged but not in pots. New map of planting areas is being prepared. New planting plan will include a choice of 2 species selection, be 3-yr. plan, allowing for planting in the appropriate seasons and will include CFAC in planning. Timeline presented: Oct. site assessments, Nov. CFAC to review preliminary species selection, Community outreach through December. Jan./Feb BPW hearing, Council committee hearing and full Council approval. Q: can parkway be selected to allow for preservation of canopy? A: draft site criteria: Disadvantaged communities, low canopy areas, sites in the CD where the development took place, high-use corridors, prioritize largest parkway sizes; secondary corridors with smaller parkways if optimal species are not available for the primary corridor; efficiency of watering routes; collaboration with CDs and planting partners, coord. with CFAC. Community/CFAC comments: Multiple species on a street reduces pest impact. Value of natives for biodiversity needs to be provided when species are described. Disadvantaged communities do not have large parkways. When it goes to Council can we look at canopy replacement? Can large

parkways be reserved for native oaks that might not be available currently? Can some relatively affluent communities transfer their funds to more disadvantaged communities? Responses: corridors need not be single species. Largest parkways will be considered first, not limited to 10.' Some funding for concrete cuts. She will report next month on parkways. Trees have to be planted within the CDs that had the development that generated the funds for this program. Training planned to ensure fees are collected properly. Public Works Trust Fund - Norman Tanada, BPW, Financial Mgmt.: Fund has \$147M related to development. The Oak Tree Deposit Account has \$716K.

- b. Oral report on Oak Tree Deposits and forthcoming planting plan - Winter 2022 Norman Tanada, BPW, Financial Mgmt.: Fund has \$147M related to development. The Oak Tree Deposit Account has \$716K from the previous Oak Tree Ordinance. Research done on bonds for trees planted and surviving. (1986-2007) If not planted and/or not surviving the bond funds are not released and now are available for planting with 5 years maintenance. \$50K is an ongoing project, 154 new oak trees proposed for planting with \$666K that has been made available. CD 4 -3 trees, CD 5- 1 tree, CD11- 39 trees; CD12- 96 trees; CD7 (unallocated trees) - 15 trees. Median island locations and groupings prioritized.
 - c. Comment and recommendations letter to City & Zoo staff, and CF 21-0828 re: LA Zoo Vision Plan Alternative 1.5. A special meeting was held 8/25 and a vote was taken to send a CFAC letter based on the closing date for comments. Deadline extended with new hearing Sept. 12th and deadline Sept. 23rd. Several CFAC members toured the site, with zoo staff and particular interest in the Calif. planning area. Little shade. The 6 acre African Area previously proposed for development in an area with 95% of the oaks will no longer be developed. Draft letter circulated that supports Alternative 1.5 with amendments. CFAC comments: Joanne: Condor corridor on ridgeline is concerning. Public comments: D. Nicole, Audubon comments: letter states large areas needed for condor conservation - breeding is done in back house areas. Vegetative mapping should be done for all 16 or 22 undeveloped acres. Claim that benefits outweigh the costs is not calculated. 16 acres will be developed and wildlife cannot just move on. SB: Condor Corridor will allow for ADA with multiple egresses and viewing of condors. Other comments: open space is vital to wildlife even if not high quality. CFAC Comments: ADA is important but are there other ways? Unfair to say the 16 acres will be destroyed, more native habitat will ultimately be there, more oak trees, educational space. The CFAC letter calls for vegetative mapping and strongly states that the assessment is seriously flawed without mapping and that we are not giving carte blanche for development. Responses: CFAC is not supporting anything in the CA area beside animal care and necessary amenities. Excavated soil will stay on site. No motion made.
10. Ongoing & Pending Business - Discussion, planning and possible motions - postponed.
- a. CD8 Marqueece Harris-Dawson motion: CF 15-0499-S2 & Report back
 - b. Native Tree Motion
 - c. Tree Disclosure Statement & Tree Report Template for DCP & LADBS
 - d. Environmental Assessment Form – DCP (Dept of City Planning)
 - e. ROW tree protection during construction draft guidelines -
 - f. Inventory of City Medians by StreetsLA
 - g. Clean California Grants - UFD Medians
 - h. Tree removal transmittals motion to BPW
 - i. Proposed brush clearance guidelines
 - j. ROW Species Master List
 - k. SB 1425 - requires Open Space Elements to be updated by 2026
 - l. CF 03-1459-S3 - Strengthening the Protected Tree Ordinance, 8" DBH

Meeting adjourned at 3:26.

Next CFAC Meeting: October 6, 2022

Minutes prepared by Lynnette Kampe.