



## Community Forest Advisory Committee (CFAC) Regular Meeting Agenda

**Los Angeles City Hall - Room 361**  
**(In person attendance required for CFAC members to count toward quorum) May 1, 2025, 1-3:00 pm**

### **Zoom Video Conference 1 P.M. to 3 P.M. (Pacific)**

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**Community Forest Advisory Committee | Department of Public Works**

<https://dpw.lacity.gov/commissioners-boardroom/community-forest-advisory-committee>

CD 1 Angelic Perez	CD 10 Brent Green
CD 1 Lynnette Kampe, Alternate, Secretary	CD 10 Theresa Maysonet, Alternate
CD 2 Joanne D'Antonio, Chair	CD 11 Isabelle Duvivier
CD 3 Mihran Kalaydjian, Vice Chair	CD 11 Carolyn LoBuglio, Alternate
CD 4 Deanne Paul	CD 12 Marianne King
CD 4 Adele Slaughter, Alternate	CD 13 Scott Fajack
CD 5 Charles Miller	CD 13 Cyndi Hubach, Alternate
CD 5 Mindy Mann, Alternate	CD 14 Jack Smith
CD 6 Veronica Lopez	CD 15 Gwendolyn Henry
CD 7 Pablo Cardoso	Mayor's Representative Sejal Patel
CD 8 Robin Gilliam	Mayor's Rep. Michael Bircumshaw,
CD 9 Vacant	Alternate

**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.

### **1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

A. Call to Order - Chair Joanne D'Antonio **(1 minute)**

B. Roll Call and Determination of quorum (9) - Lynnette Kampe **(1 minute)**

*In the event there is no quorum present, Motion items and discussions of motion items will be tabled until the next meeting.*

**2. ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS** - We acknowledge the original stewards of what is now Los Angeles County: the Kizh-Gabrieleño, Tongva, Chumash, Tataviam, Kitanemuk, Serrano, Luiseño and Cahuilla people. We commit to uplifting the names of these lands and the community members from more than 200 [California First Nations](#) who reside among us, and we honor their [Traditional Ecological Knowledge](#). **(1 minute)**

Welcome Comments - Joanne D'Antonio, Chair **(1 minute)**

Chair Report/Announcements - Joanne D'Antonio **(7 minutes)**

1. Mayor's Office to reverse LAFD order to cut down eucalyptus, pines, cedars, acacia, etc. in LAFD private property brush clearance requirements sent to fire hazard areas  
[March 31, 2025 Fire Dept Notification .pdf](#)
2. Meeting to reassess tree removals on Van Nuys Blvd for East San Fernando Valley Light Rail (Metro design staff, CD 6, CFAC Chair, CFAC Reps Lopez and Miller, Van Nuys NC president and stakeholder)
3. Meeting with Metro re: Silva cells (Metro staff, LA Climate Reality, CFAC Chair)
4. Parks Assessment comments sent to Jessica Hensen (response received)
  - a. Planting native trees and plants
  - b. Artificial turf replacement
  - c. Retraining for responsible brush clearance
5. Appointment of Ad hoc Website Committee
6. Upcoming CFAC meetings: June: Eric Bruins and the BOE Street Design Manual. Tentatively Silva Cells presentation.

**3. Motion to approve minutes of the CFAC Meeting held April 3, 2025.** Lynnette Kampe(1 minute) [CFAC DRAFT \(REV\) Minutes 04.03.2025.docx](#)

**4. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS.** Limited to 2 min. per person, 16 minutes maximum.

**5. CFAC REPRESENTATIVES' ORAL UPDATES** (limited to 1 min. each, Total 10 min.)

**6. Department Oral Updates - (15 minutes)**

A. Urban Forestry Division - Update on DTLA tree destruction April 20/Budget allocation and replanting plan

B. Recreation and Parks - Budget allocation

C. City Forest Office, Rachel Malarich - Move PTO revision ahead of UFMP?

D. LASAN - Rachel Malarich to update for Amy Schulenberg (may postpone) -

2025 Biodiversity Monitoring Report released on LASAN biodiversity website

<https://sanitation.lacity.gov/cs/groups/public/documents/document/y250/mta0/~edisp/cnt104554.pdf>

E. CityPlants - checking with LA Conservation Corps for possible visit in June

F. Department of Building & Safety (LADBS) Permit procedure if street tree is at garage?

G. BOE - Street Design Manual in progress - report at June CFAC meeting

H. DCP - Michelle Levy Status of Landscape & Site Design Ordinance and Point System; new work on Low-rise Missing Middle Landscape Ordinance

I. Other Government Representatives

**7. Dr. Travis Longcore - Environmental scientist and ecologist. Adjunct faculty @ UCLA Institute of the Environment and Sustainability, and Science Director of The Urban Wildlands Group - (Q & A on Brush Clearance) (20 minutes)**

Please read his article linked below in Recommended Reading. Also, letter to CFAC from Petrichor, link also included, is very informative on this topic.

**8. CF 25-0002 S17 Resolution:**

[https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2025/25-0002-S17\\_misc\\_3-25-25.pdf](https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2025/25-0002-S17_misc_3-25-25.pdf)

Full Council File: [CF 25-0002-S17](#)

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=25-0002-S17>

Motion to oppose by endorsing LANCSA letter (CIS to be filed): [LANCSA letter re brush clearance resolution 2025 04-17.pdf](#)

(5 minutes)

**9. Fire Recovery Ad hoc Committee report - Michael Bircumshaw (4 minutes)**

Motion: Approval of letter to City Council re State brush clearance proposed regulations

[CFAC Fire Recovery Subcommittee Letter to City Council - Draft.docx](#)

**10. Brush Clearance Report - Cyndi Hubach (3 minutes)**

Fire Inspector's rescinding of Brush Clearance notice to Brentwood Homeowners Association, and her notification to Silver Lake.

**11. Fire Break Sign-on Letter - Charles Miller (4 minutes) Discussion and Possible motion to sign on to Joint Letter Opposing Damaging Fire Breaks in Santa Monica Mountains**

Letter: [Sign on Letter re LA Fire Breaks.pdf](#)

**12. DTLA Street Tree Attack – How to intercept future attacks - Possible Motion of CFAC's position.**

Motion to consider Council File 25-0441 regarding increased penalties for tree vandalism tied to TGF fees. Motion supporting if amended (Note: no criminal penalty is indicated in this motion or in the Municipal code cited)

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=25-0441>

(10 minutes)

**13. CFAC Priorities Survey Results - Theresa Maysonet (2 minutes)**

[CFAC 2025 Priorities Survey.pdf](#)

Motion to accept CFAC 2025 Priorities Survey Results.

**13. Nominating Ad hoc Committee report - Lynnette Kampe (5 minutes)**

**14. PENDING ITEMS - (time permitting)**

- A. Tree Guarantee Fee plantings and new fee structure
- B. Status of grants for biodiversity medians (LASAN & UFD)
- C. CD 8 Marqueece Harris-Dawson [CF 15-0499-S2 & Report backs](#)
- D. E. ROW (Right of Way) tree protection during construction draft guidelines - CFO
- F. ROW Master Species List implementation - UFD
- G. Implement Motion to BPW on providing tree removal transmittals to CFAC
- H. Update on Proposed median Survey - StreetsLA
- I. [SB 1425](#) – Open Space Elements of General Plan to be updated by 2026
- J. Negative impacts of Artificial Turf
- K. No tree removal notifications to CFAC and DONE - ways to deal with lack of notices
- L. Tree over-trimming by billboard companies - possible action?
- M. CF 24-1312 Withhold Certificate of Occupancy until mitigation trees are planted
- N. CF24-1228 amendment - tree spacing guidelines review
- O. Landscape and Site Design Ordinance and Point System
- P. BOE Street Design Manual
- Q. PTO revision

- R. CFAC Letters to be reports on Council Files instead of in Public Comment
- S. Request for representation on Mayor's ED 9 Group
- T. Van Nuys Blvd. trees - 500 trees to be removed by Metro
- U. RAP listing of special environmental park areas

## **15. ADJOURNMENT *Next Meeting June 5, Regular Meeting***

For questions regarding agendas, please contact Lynnette Kampe at [CFAC.CD01@gmail.com](mailto:CFAC.CD01@gmail.com). CFAC regularly meets on the 1st Thursday of every month. You may subscribe to receive future meeting agenda notification at:

<https://lacity.gov/government/subscribe-agendas/boards-commissions-committees> (Select the 4th box down.)

### **RECOMMENDED RESOURCES/READING:**

Los Angeles Does Not Need 700 Feet of Defensible Space

<https://travislongcore.net/2025/04/20/los-angeles-does-not-need-700-feet-of-defensible-space/>

Letter to CFAC from Studio Petrichor

[Studio Petrichor letter to CFAC: Response to Zone 0 \(and Zone 1\)](#)

CityWatch

<https://www.citywatchla.com/state-watch/30695-welcome-to-state-controlled-landscaping-where-even-your-potted-plants-require-government-approval>

From LA Audubon:

<https://sfvaudubon.org/plants-are-under-attack/>