



**Community Forest Advisory Committee (CFAC)
Minutes
April 3, 2025, 1-3:00 pm**

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 present: Angelic Perez, Lynnette Kampe (Alternate, not counted toward quorum or voting upon arrival of primary rep.), Joanne D'Antonio, Mihran Kalaydjian, Deanne Paul, Adele Slaughter (Alternate), Charles Miller, Veronica Lopez, Theresa Maysonet (Alternate), Isabelle Duvivier (virtual, not counted toward quorum), Carolyn LoBuglio (Alternate), Marianne King, Cyndi Hubach, Alternate), Gwendolyn Henry, Sejal Patel (virtual, not counted toward quorum), Michael Bircumshaw (Alternate)

Guests: Rachel Malarich, Barbara Broide, Nate Hayward, Kat Superfisky, Hugh Kenny, Marie Cobian, Patrick McMabell, Ann Rubin, James Komen, Andreas Kemkes, BPW Guest, Nick Grimm, Emily, Michael, Barbara, Delia Arriaga, Monica Ramirez, Angelo Yenko, Darrell Field, Wendy Rosen, Jonathan Weiss, Kathy Schreiner, Emily Loughran (may be partial list)

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

A. Call to Order at 1:00 - Chair Joanne D'Antonio

B. Roll Call and Determination of quorum (9) - Lynnette Kampe - Quorum present at 1pm, additional members arrive by 1:10.

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](#).

- A. Welcome Comments - Joanne D'Antonio, Chair - CFAC members: use 2025 Drive except to access historical documents.
- B. Chair Report/Announcements - Joanne D'Antonio
 - 1. Attended RAP Commission meeting this morning re: Brush Clearance Contracts. Mariposa cannot be blocked from contracts since they have not had due process to respond to complaints.
 - 2. CEMO Climate Equity LA webinar today April 3rd – 3:30 - 5:00 Rachel Malarich, Edith de Guzman, and Monica Dean will be speaking: Zoom link provided Update on accessing documents from the City of Los Angeles - make Public Records Request and I can let the Deputy City Attorney know you are a CFAC member and that will expedite the request.
 - 3. Upcoming CFAC meetings: May - Travis Longcore q&a on brush clearance; June - Eric Bruins and the BOE Street Design Manual. Tentatively Silva Cells presentation.
 - 4. Tree Removal notifications - explanation of ordering of listings - search by CD <https://app.powerbigov.us/view?r=eyJrIjoiYzdiNWZhZjltYzkyMC00MzFjLWJkMjltOTE3MzFjMDZhNzUyIiwidCI6IjcxMjFjOjY5LTlkYTEtNGM1Ny05NTBjLTI4YmE3NDdiZTYwMyJ9>

3. Motion to approve minutes of the CFAC Meeting held March 6, 2025. Lynnette Kampe [Draft Minutes](#) Correction: Francis Place. Moved by Theresa Maysonet, seconded by Mihran Kaladjian. Approved as corrected.

4. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS. Issue of trees removed illegally. Angelo Yenke of Streets LA will look into it. Healthy trees removed from Pacific Palisades Park – Carolyn LoBuglio to contact Marie at RAP.

5. CFAC REPRESENTATIVES' ORAL UPDATES - CD 2- RhodesPark got 46 trees,. 20 native on plan, but needs to be checked. LASAN Biodiversity Report advises 70% native; CD4 Ventura Blvd. part of a 17 mile streetscape planting plan of palms and Chinese pistache. Adelle Slaughter will draft a letter recommending natives. CD5 - Event held with over 300 volunteers, 200 native plants, 100 varieties. Theodore Payne Native Garden Tour this weekend; kick-off at Westwood Greenway. Apr. 26 Francis Pl. native street tree pilot planting begins at 10. CD10 SLA Tree Coalition planting with Hancock Garden Club & Elementary School. CD11 Isabelle Duvivier will draft a letter discouraging planting of palms. Will plant oaks in Venice Pollinator Corridor. Landscaper illegally cut City trees without a permit. Max. fine \$2,000 per offense, not per tree. CD12 CF- 25-0002 S17 Councilmember Lee introduced motion for 700' brush clearance from structures for MRCA. Ad hoc Brush Committee to report back to CFAC on this motion. Comment: no enforcement for maintenance of required parking lot trees.

6. DEPARTMENT ORAL UPDATES -

A. LA DCP - Update on Open Space Element - Delia Arriaga - Response to SB 1423 to increase equity for parks & natural space. Outreach in 2024, subscribe to contact list; draft release in coming months. Working with other departments and Kat Superfisky, Urban Ecologist.

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220SB1425

[Initial Summary](#)

[Engagement Tab linked here](#)

[Historical reference: Open Space Discussion Paper 2017](#)

https://planning.lacity.gov/odocument/b4199e59-9e91-4d30-b83c-fd42c30254d3/1Open_Space_Discussion_Paper_APRIL2017.pdf

CFAC Comment: ED1 allows for reduced open space in affordable housing. Response: Open Space plan is long term; ED1 is immediate.

B. Urban Forestry Division - Angelo Yenke & Nate Howard - Palisades Fire update: 4,483 street trees assessed, 65% need to be monitored, 23% need structural pruning, 8% need[ed] removal, 4% stumps to be removed. Some new growth is being seen, restricted access to the area reduces risk as trees recover. Q's: watering during summer? Debris in parkways? A: Budget, perhaps Resilient Palisades can help. The Army Corps follows strict guidelines, will monitor their contractors.

C. Recreation and Parks - Citywide Park Needs Assessment survey ongoing

D. City Forest Office, Rachel Malarich (see report below)

E. LASAN - Rachel Malarich to update for Amy Schulenberg (postponed)

F CityPlants - Need to arrange a CFAC field trip to Commonwealth Nursery

G Department of Building & Safety (LADBS) Present, but no report

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

I. Other Government Representatives

7. CITY FOREST OFFICER RACHEL MALARICH SPECIAL REPORT - Urban Forest Management Plan (UFMP) pre-draft presentation. For your review:

[Draft UFMP Executive Summary for CFAC_01.2025.pdf](#) Tanzi Cole will not be replaced, so it's a 2-person OFM team. 4 Pillars: Planting, Maintenance, Preservation & Engagement. 2,500+ surveys returned. Ecosystem approach including non-city actors. Tree benefits correlate to size. Strategic Plan has a 50-yr time frame; implementation 5-yrs, dept. 10-yr plan. Canopy target 25% city wide, min. 15% by neighborhood, current average is 22.8%. Key issues: preserve, create large spaces, enhance maintenance fund, fund tree experts in depts., educate & engage. LA has met 5 of the top 7 recommendations in the First Steps Report and 2 are in progress. Comments: Natives called for in workshops and need to appear in Executive Summary. Smaller natives for smaller parkways. Trim cycle should be called "inspection & trim." Public Bond needed. Higher canopy goals encouraged.

8. Fire Recovery Ad hoc Committee report - Michael Bircumshaw - Concerns: watering, PTO, CalFire Defensive Zones. Working with Edith DeGuzman - 88% of fire area trees just need pruning & maintenance. The Army Corps is pruning in building footprint, some private contractors are going corner to corner removing trees.

9. Brush Clearance Ad hoc Committee Report - Cyndi Hubach [Zone Zero Webinar to be held on April 7th](#), 10a-4p PDT (there was also one in March). Written comments will be accepted at PublicComments@bof.ca.gov .

Motion to send CFAC comment letter on Zone 0 to State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection. Draft letter:

[CFAC-Zone0Comments_032725.docx](#) Moved by: Charles Miller, seconded by Gwendolyn Henry. Passed unanimously. Minor edits to strengthen language will be reviewed by Joanne D'Antonio and Cyndi Hubach.

Informative article that interviews a restoration ecologist:

<https://www.kcrw.com/news/shows/kcrw-features/invasive-plants-santa-monica-mountains>

10. CFAC Native Street Tree Pilot Project report. Earth Day Tree Planting event in Palms on April 26 Charles Miller 10700 block of Francis Pl.; 13 native species proposed, including Macdonald Oak.

11. CFAC Priorities Survey Results - Theresa Maysonet - (postponed)

[CFAC 2025 Priorities Survey.pdf](#)

12. Appointment of Nominating Committee - Joanne D'Antonio appointed Lynnette Kampe, Carolyn LoBuglio, Mihran Kalaydjian.

13. PENDING ITEMS - (postponed)

- 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

14. ADJOURNMENT at 3:05. Moved by Gwendolyn Henry, seconded by Deanne Paul. Passed unanimously. ***Next Meeting May 1, Regular Meeting***

For questions regarding agendas, please contact Lynnette Kampe at 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: Various City of Los Angeles street design information sites:

<https://completestreetdesignmanual.engineering.lacity.gov/>

[Complete Streets Design Guide](#)

[Tree Well](#)

<https://streetsla.lacity.org/right-of-way-landscaping>