



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) March 6, 2025, 1-3:00 pm

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

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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, Luiseno 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)**

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

B. Chair Report/Announcements - Joanne D'Antonio **(3 minutes)**

1. Sarah Wauters and Camille Kirk have been added to the CFAC ad hoc Subcommittee on Fire Recovery.

2. The Board of Public Works commissioners will come at the end of our CFAC meeting at 3 pm for a meet and greet with CFAC members. Commissioner Steve Keng has been assigned to CFAC. The BPW Commissioners toured the Palisades burn area on February 20th. The BPW President also requested our letter to Colonel Swenson, as did the Mayor.

3. The Mayor's Office has confirmed receipt of our up-to-date CFAC roster and we all are receiving the Mayor's emails to city commissioners. They apologized for the error in only sending to the CFAC members who were confirmed last year.

4. At an upcoming meeting, tentatively May 1st, we will have a presentation on Silva Cells.

5. Share Parks Assessment survey (5 min and 15 min versions)

<https://needs.parks.lacity.gov/early-2025-survey-short-version/>

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3. Motion to approve minutes of the CFAC Meeting held February 6, 2025. Lynnette Kampe [Draft Minutes Link](#) **(1 minute)**

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, maximum 10 min.)

6. Department Oral Updates - (10 minutes)

A. Recreation and Parks - Citywide Park Needs Assessment

B. Urban Forestry Division - # watering trucks? How much SRP tree watering
Also see A, B and H under pending items

C. City Forest Officer, Rachel Malarich - See Item 10

D. BPW New commissioners - Meet and greet after CFAC meeting

E. CityPlants - Need to arrange a CFAC field trip to Commonwealth Nursery

F. Department of Building & Safety (LADBS)

G. LA DCP - Update on Open Space Element

H. BOE - SRP FEIR released

I. Other Government Representatives

7. NEW BUSINESS

Special Guest Carl Mellinger RCA (Registered Consulting Arborist) TRAQ (Tree risk assessment qualified), Past President Western Chapter ISA (WCISA), Palisades Forestry committee, Founding Member of CFAC (15 min report + 10 min q&a)

Palisades arborists group formed to deal with tree inspection issues, and after a month that included tree removals that upset the community, there has finally been

interaction with Colonel Swenson.

8. Report and Motion to send letter of concern from CFAC Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Fire Recovery to Mayor Karen Bass - Michael Bircumshaw

Draft letter to Mayor Karen Bass (5 min):

[CFAC Letter of Concern Sub Committee on Fire Recovery.docx](#)

9. Discussion and possible Motion to approve letter to Councilmember Jurado re: the Onteora Hillside Development - Marianne King, Jack Smith (5 minutes) Link: [CFAC draft Onteora 2025 letter.docx](#)

Link: [2021 CFAC letter CFAC-Onteora_ Sept 2021 FINAL.pdf](#)

10. 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](#) (25 minutes + 10 minutes q&a)

11. CFAC priorities for 2025 - the anonymous survey is open to all – take survey here [Link](#) - Lynnette Kampe (5 minutes)

12. CFAC access to document records needed to do our work. Discussion. (5 minutes)

13. 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. Trees for Biodiversity motion (CFAC) & [CF: 22-1469](#) (sponsors no longer on City Council)
- 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. 24-1228 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

14. ADJOURNMENT *Next Meeting April 3, Regular Meeting*

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

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RECOMMENDED RESOURCES/READING:

Firescaping: Protecting Your Home with a Fire-Resistant Landscape, Douglas Kent