

**Community Forest Advisory Committee (CFAC)
Meeting Agenda
May 7, 2026, 1-3:00 pm**

**Los Angeles City Hall - Room 361
(In person attendance required for CFAC member quorum)**

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

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

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) - (Adele Slaughter) **(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)**

3. WELCOME COMMENTS - Joanne D'Antonio, Chair (1 minute)

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

A. Letters went out: CFAC letter to UFD & BPW regarding proposed UFD tree removal changes and also letter to City Council

B. Sidewalk Repair Program Community Advisory Committee quarterly meeting was cancelled. They are expecting to expand committee membership/participation. Data for this quarter was to be sent – not received yet. Contacting SRP manager directly about issues raised at last meeting regarding planting

C. SB 707 and CFAC status - Request went to BPW President who deferred to City Council

D. Mayor's Proposed Budget - **suggest possible strategy for CFAC members/public speak to Council members regarding budget**

E. Other

4. MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES of CFAC Special Meeting April 9, 2026. (Adele Slaughter) (2 minutes) Insert Link: [w CFAC DRAFT minutes 4.09.2026.docx](#)

5. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS. (Limited to 2 minutes per person, 15 minutes maximum)

6. DEPARTMENT ORAL UPDATES (10 minutes)

- A. City Forest Office - Rachel Malarich (if back from Jury Duty) - Billboard trimming issues - covered in UFMP? UFMP Update on current progress
- B. CityPlants - status update Rachel Malarich
- C. Recreation & Parks - RAP Urban Ecologist?
- D. LASAN
- E. LADBS Department of Building & Safety
- F. Bureau of Engineering
- G. Dept. of City Planning
- H. Urban Forestry Division - Angelo Yenke, City Tree Inventory public access; also Item: Olympic Planting?

7. SUNSET BLVD. PLANTING - UFD will request an [Active Transportation Program](#) Grant for Cycle 9 for tree planting on Sunset Blvd in Silver Lake and Echo Park in 2029. Possible motion for CFAC input. Angelo Yenke (5 minutes)

8. MOTION TO APPROVE PROPOSED TREE GUARANTEE FEE REVISIONS LETTER - Charles Miller
[w TGF Revisions.docx](#)(5 minutes)

9. REPORT ON AD HOC GROUP MEETINGS WITH MAYOR RE: TREE PLANTING AND BIODIVERSITY- Charles Miller (5 minutes)

10. PRESENTATION - SHADELA TREE PERMITTING REFORM BRIEF - Mia Yancich (15 minutes + 5 minutes Q&A) Link: [ShadeLA Tree Permitting Reform Brief](#) Possible motion to send an advisory letter regarding the proposed Tree permitting Reform.

11. REDUCED REAR YARD SETBACK FOR SB79 PROJECTS. In Mid-May Planning to recommend to Planning Commission **4 ft rear setback rather than 15 ft**, currently required, to all areas impacted by the Implementation of SB 79, thus eliminating space for trees and yards. **Possible motion to send CFAC comment.** Marianne King, Ann Rubin (8 minutes)

12. MAYOR'S NEW CLIMATE ACTION PLAN - Discussion and Possible Motion (10 minutes) Link to full text: [Mayor Bass' - Climate Action Plan](#) - Adele Slaughter and Joanne D'Antonio
From the Plan: Objective 6: Enhance and connect green spaces and ecosystems across the city to strengthen neighborhood resilience, restore biodiversity, and promote wellbeing for people and nature. TARGETS/ACTIONS: a. Replace non-functional turf in City and commercial facilities and landscapes with California native or climate-adapted plants by 2027, prioritizing high-water-use sites and disadvantaged communities. d. Increase overall tree canopy cover to cover 25% citywide by 2035, ensuring at least 15% canopy in all neighborhoods, and prioritizing heat-vulnerable communities. e. Increase the City of Los Angeles' Biodiversity Index Score 35% by 2035 from the 2022 baseline.

13. ZONE 0 APRIL 23RD MEETING REPORT - Marianne King - Also, Discussion and Possible Motion to follow up meet with the LAFD Fire Marshal to create an alternate plan for City Los Angeles, per City Council motion that was passed. Joanne D'Antonio for Cyndi Hubach (5 minutes)

14. SUMMARY OF THE LOS ANGELES STREET DESIGN MANUAL City of Los Angeles Street Design Modernization Community Project Advisory Committee (CPAC) meeting process which ended last month. - Scott Fajack - (10 minutes) Possible motion to send comment.

15. CHARTER REFORM RECOMMENDATION TO THE COUNCIL TO SELL UNDEVELOPED PARK LAND CF: 26-0489 The Commission Report sets forth proposed revisions to Section 594, Control and Management of Recreation and Parks Lands (See page 59). The document is now open for public comment. Propose CIS to oppose the proposed amendment to Section 594 – Control and Management of Recreation and Park Lands. City of Los Angeles is “under-parked” – by any measure – compared to other cities. The mission should be to find ways to deploy unused property in ways that increase green space, provide habitat, and improve the quality of life in our Neighborhoods.

Charter revision conflicts with these policies and reports: [W CFAC's case to not sell parkland.docx](#)
Discussion and possible motion. Joanne D’Antonio (5 minutes)

16. EARLY PLANNING NOTIFICATION - Need to subscribe and track for trees. Marianne King
Instructions to subscribe: [PDF EN system sign up instructions \(2\).pdf](#) **SB 79 takes effect in July – effect on trees. (1 minute)**

17. PRESENTATION - 30 x 30 AMBASSADOR TRAINING - Sejal Patel (15 minutes)

18. CFAC REPRESENTATIVES’ ORAL UPDATES (limited to 1 min. each, Total 10 minutes)

19. PENDING ITEMS - (time permitting)

- A. Tree Guarantee Fee - new fee structure
- B. Status of grants for biodiversity medians (LASAN & UFD)
- C. ROW (Right of Way) tree protection during construction draft guidelines - CFO
- D. ROW Master Species List implementation - UFD
- E. Viability of CFAC BPW tree removal transmittal info through requests to UFD, or by Public Records Request (to be fast-tracked by Dep. City Attorney)
- F. Update on Proposed median Survey - StreetsLA
- G. SB 1425 – Open Space Elements of General Plan to be updated by 2026
- H. Negative impacts of Artificial Turf - advocacy
- I. No tree removal notifications to CFAC and DONE - ways to deal with lack of notices
- J. Tree over-trimming by billboard companies - possible action?
- K. CF 24-1312 Withhold Certificate of Occupancy until mitigation trees are planted
- L. CF24-1228 amendment - tree spacing guidelines review
- M. Landscape and Site Design Ordinance and Point System - pending City Attorney
- N. BOE Street Design Manual
- O. PTO revision
- P. Request for representation on Mayor’s ED 9 Group - no response
- Q. How DCP determines environmentally sensitive park areas
- R. CF 25-0600-S111 5-year pruning cycle cost report (Heather Hutt) CIS to be filed
- S. Street spacing guidelines
- T. 500-600 tree removals on Van Nuys Blvd for East SFV Light Rail
- U. CFAC website revisions

20. ADJOURNMENT Next Meeting Date - June 4, 2026

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