



## Community Forest Advisory Committee (CFAC) Minutes Nov. 06, 2025

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

**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.

**Members present:** Lynnette Kampe - Alternate, primary not present, Joanne D'Antonio, Deanne Paul, Adele Slaughter - Alternate, primary not present, Charles Miller, Mindy Mann - Alternate, primary present, Theresa Maysonet - Alternate, primary not present, Carolyn LoBuglio, Alternate, primary not present, Jack Smith, Gwendolyn Henry, Michael Bircumshaw - Alternate, primary not present

**Members participating via Zoom:** Angelic Perez, Kathy Schreiner, Isabelle Duvivier, Sejal Patel, Scott Fajack

**Guests:** Rachel Malarich (CFO), Monica Ramirez (LADBS), Alyza Morales, Thomas, Apekshya Bajracharya (RAP), Andreas Kemkes, Edgar Velazquez, Xiomara, Ann Rubin, Yael Pardess, Diana Nicole, Patricia Bates, Christophe LaBelle, Hugh Kenny, Clara Solis, Angelo Yenke (StreetsLA), Barbara Broide, call in user 1, call in user 2

### 1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

- A. Call to Order at 1:03 pm - Chair Joanne D'Antonio
- B. Roll Call and Determination of quorum (9) - Lynnette Kampe - Quorum at 1:30.

**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](#).

### **3. Welcome Comments - Joanne D'Antonio, Chair**

#### **Report/Announcements - Joanne D'Antonio -**

A CFAC meeting cancellation was sent but rescinded within the 72 hour advance notice timeframe after determining that quorum would be met.

Coast live oaks are now approved for 4-6' parkways –planting at Girls Athletic Leadership Charter School in Van Nuys, though approved at 100% native, will be 50% native due to their nursery's lack of UFD approved 2nd native species (Catalina cherry) availability.

UFMP postponed by City Forest Officer to December meeting.

Board of Forestry Zone 0 situation not good – more in Subcommittee report.

Letters of support for our Parks Needs Assessment letter were submitted by NCSA Trees Committee members. Appreciation received for our report.

UFD has approved CA bay laurel as well as coast live oak for planting in 4-6 foot wide parkways

**4. Motion to approve minutes of the CFAC Meeting held Oct. 9, 2025.** Lynnette Kampe CFAC Draft minutes [CFAC minutes 10.09.2025.docx](#) Moved by Lynnette Kampe, seconded by Joanne D'Antonio. Passed unanimously.

**5. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS - 1.** Drastic pruning reported on Lincoln , report to 311, case closed but no info. provided. See: Tree Trimming permits at StreetsLA, then see search menu for permits issued.2. Reported that San Pasqual area doesn't have 311 service.

**6. CFAC REPRESENTATIVES' ORAL UPDATES:** CD 4 (Alt)- Harvard Westlake & Studio Residents Assoc. and Flores have a non-disclosure settlement agreement. Artificial turf may still go in. CD 4(Rep) - Dead limbs being pruning on Los Feliz Blvd. CD 5 - will give a presentation at CNPS State Conference Feb 7th, 10 am on native Tree Species for Pilot Street Tree Program. Tour of Westwood Greenway Nov. 15th, 11am; CD 10 - South LA tree Coalition tree planting and tree distribution was held Oct 18th at Ave. 6 Elementary School (not natives); CD 11- Verdant Venice: young tree pruning with Stephen DuPrey Nov. 8; CD 14 info needed on how to add ecologically sensitive park spaces. Problem with requirement for root barriers not budgeted into grants. CD 15 trying to meet with Councilmember McOsker re: planting for Olympic Games. Mayor's Rep: Attended LA Co. Park Funding Summit. Funds are available through multiple agencies & Measure A & (RPOSD) Brown Fields Grant. She will send it to CFAC members and we can distribute further.

### **7. DEPARTMENT ORAL UPDATES -**

A. Urban Forestry Division - Angelo Yenke - budget only allows for 3 yrs. watering for new trees. JD: Report to us trees no longer being watered in 4th or 5th year as local NCs may be able to water.

AY:Finalized report back on resources needed for 5 yr. trim cycle. Will report back on required root barriers.

B. Recreation and Parks - Apekshya Bajracharya - will report back on how to nominate ecologically sensitive areas.

C. City Forest Office, Rachel Malarich - UFMP draft in December. CityPlants has 2 contracts: with LACC through June 2027 plus residential program that ends this year; new proposal upcoming, working on transition.

D. LASAN - no update

E. City Plants - see C above.

F. LADBS - Dept. of Building & Safety - Monica Ramirez- will have substitute representative starting next month. Investigating report of a tree impacted by work done under a Demo permit—a CSR (Customer Service Request) was filed, inspection bureau should be going on site soon and refer to UFD so they can advise that they cannot impact the protected tree – will refer to Bryan Ramirez Suggest emailing the assigned plan checker to add UFD clearance if protected trees are on site when a demo permit is applied for.

G. BOE - no update

- H. DCP - Dept. of City Planning - no update
- I. Other Government Representatives - none

**8. Rachel Malarich reported working with UFD on 25-1141.**

**9. Motion to submit CIS to CF 25-1141, CF25-0962, and CF25-0974 (Charles Miller)**

Discussion: change “does not mention” to “does not prioritize” natives; delete “community partners,” state: “Default native planting with goal of achieving 70%. **Motion to approve as amended.** Moved by Adele Slaughter, seconded by Gwendolyn Henry. Passed: 8 aye, 1 nay. (CISes posted on the 3 Council Files)

**10. Charter Reform** Discussion: Request to add Executive Summary and Organizational Flow Chart. Amendment to delete paragraph on expanded City Council. Amendment moved by Theresa Maysonet, seconded by Gwen Henry. Amendment passed 8 aye. **Motion to approve as amended:** moved by Mindy Mann, seconded by Gwendolyn Henry. Passed: unanimously. Individual public comment letters to Charter Reform Commission encouraged.

**11. Board of Forestry Zone 0 meetings, status of CF 10-2468-S2 (Joanne D’Antonio)**  
**Possible motion on CFAC next action.**

**Link to Oct. 23 Board of Forestry Zone Zero plead:**

<https://34c031f8-c9fd-4018-8c5a-4159cdf6b0d-cdn-endpoint.azureedge.net/-/media/bof-website/projects-and-programs/defensible-space-zones-0-1-2/october-zone-0-summary-and-rule-plead.pdf?rev=927f9551dc7b4f15b8263671cca15ef2&hash=F80F2C5451370BB>

Nov. 3rd hearing showed video of a pallet bonfire catching vegetation on fire in 5’ zone.

Revised plead expected before Dec. workshop, considering groundcover issue.

Failure to meet Dec. 31st deadline will kick in emergency ruling. Concern about insurance coverage or denial of claims. Public concerns that severely pruned trees may not survive; home hardening is not under Bof F; no funds for homeowners; as of July 1 fire disclosure statement will be required with sale of home stating that in 3 years compliance will be required.

**Motion: To join a coalition letter asking the City to oppose Zone Zero and support the CFAC letter, the CFAC report, and to encourage the City to pass an ordinance, that exercises the use of local authority under Code 51182. F1, which is alternative practices. Or, the city could just practice their prosecutorial discretion under 51182 to pass an ordinance to waive prosecution of Zone 0 violations. (motion was written in the chat).**

Moved by: Joanne D’Antonio, seconded by Carolyn LoBuglio. Passed: 7 aye, 1 nay, 1 abstain.

**12. CFAC Brochure (Angelic Perez) - possible motion.** Postponed to next meeting.

**13. Street Design Manual. Possible motion to write CFAC Advisory letter.** Scott Fajack has been added to the group. No motion needed.

**14. How to Report a Tree Violation - (Adele Slaughter, Joanne D’Antonio)** 1) Take photos (truck, license plate, address) 2) approach and ask to see permit 3) if permit - “thanks” 4) otherwise look up permit at Streets LA 5) file 311 service request 6) Notify Bryan Ramirez with 311 service # 7) if truck leaves, check back the next day.

**15. LASAN Tree grant report - (Angelic Perez, Theresa Maysonet)** reported no meeting yet. Moved to next meeting.

**16. My LA 311 issues to be fixed. Status. (Gwendolyn Henry)** Reported palm fronds only get picked up at requested address, not whole block. Larger report postponed.

**17. PENDING ITEMS - (postponed)**

**18. ADJOURNMENT** Moved by Gwendolyn Henry, seconded by Jack Smith. Passed unanimously. ***Next Meeting December 4***

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.)

**Minutes prepared by Lynnette Kampe**