

**Community Forest Advisory Committee (CFAC)
Special Meeting Minutes
April 9, 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)

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 Present: Lynnette Kampe, virtual; Joanne D'Antonio, virtual; Kathy Schreiner, in person; Mihran Kalajian, in person; Adele Slaughter, in person; Deanne Paul, virtual; Charles Miller, in person; Theresa Maysonet, in person; Isabelle Duvivier, virtual; Carolyn LoBuglio, in person; Marianne King, in person; Scott Fajack, in person; Cyndi Hubach, in person; Jack Smith, in person; Gwendolyn Henry, in person; Sejal Patel, virtual; Michael Bircumshaw, in person.

Guests: Andreas Kemkes, Angelo Yenke (StreetsLA), Ann Rubin, Apekshya Bajracharya (RAP), Brooke Smith, Glenn Bailey, Holly Harper (Urban Design Studio), Jason Casanova (Council for Watershed Health), Silverlake NC, Dorothy Qian (Urban Design Studio), Yael Pardess

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 1:01
- B. Roll Call and Determination of quorum (9) - (Lynnette Kampe)

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, thank you all for assisting with CFAC in this difficult personal time.

A, LAFD Brush Clearance notices have gone out; feedback is that there are confusing elements in them. More in "Brush" - same info as last year, but landscaped vegetation is now included. LAFD says landscaped vegetation is exempted, but the wording in the mailer indicates that it is included.

B. No news on City Attorney and LAFD development of alternative practices to State Zone 0 potential codes CF 25 1428 under authority from State Codes 1299.05 and 1299.06

C. Onteora hillside ... their office/trailer remains illegally on the property without a permit. No other news.

D. CD 2 CM Nazarian, in conference with UFD, has drafted a tree preservation motion to strengthen tree preservation and promotes having an urban ecologist.

E. SB 707 and CFAC status - Sent another email to Council President's Office Re: potential hybrid meetings, second email sent, no response, encourage CFAC members to contact their CD to sponsor a motion

F. Board of Forestry Zone Zero Committee meeting April 23 at 1 pm in Calabasas; also register

to participate online:

G. A letter from CFAC regarding 62 replacement trees in the Miracle Mile area was sent on March 12th. A letter of refusal was received from CD 5. Trees will be planted elsewhere in CD 5

H. CIS from CFAC filed for Council File 25-1259; motion passed by City Council with amendments.

Additional items:

Property Disclosure, when self-reported, is unreliable. In order to get inspections, we will have to write it into the PTO

May CFAC meeting date - will be May 7th

Public comment re: item E. Check with BPW as to the process/contact

4. MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES of CFAC Meeting March 5, 2026. (Lynnette Kampe)

Link: CFAC Draft Minutes 3.05.2026.docx Moved by Lynnette Kampe, Seconded by Mihran Kaladjian, 10 Aye, Charles Miller & Gwen Henry abstain. Passes.

5. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS. (Limited to 2 minutes, per person, 16 minutes maximum.) None.

6. DEPARTMENT ORAL UPDATES

A. City Forest Office - Rachel Malarich not back from Jury Duty

B. CityPlants - status update, Commonwealth nursery care - Rachel Malarich not present

C. Recreation & Parks - no updates

D. LASAN - not present

E. LADBS Department of Building & Safety - not present

F. Bureau of Engineering - not present

G. Dept. of City Planning - Dorothy Qian- Urban Design Studio - Landscape design Ord. still with the City Attorney. Currently working on Missing Middle for low-rise design (duplex, triplex), small lot update, townhomes, and ADUs in all areas, specialized standards for HPOZs in response to SB79; in outreach phase; will notify CFAC when workshops are scheduled. CFAC Comment: relation to HOAs? A: unclear 2. Welfare of the elderly in housing with no greenspace, or trees, dangerous spiral staircases, should be addressed in Missing Middle A: This housing scored very low on /landscape Ordinance criteria, and the developer has other projects - very concerning.

H. Urban Forestry Division - TreeKeeper8 subscription has lapsed, but data will be available until March 26th, after which it will be transported to a publicly accessible site. UF is able to update data to the new site. The City is moving to OpenGov. to encompass all infrastructure. Q: Is more detailed data available? A: Send info on what is wanted.

7. PRESENTATION ON PROPOSED UPDATES TO STREETS/SLA TREE REPLACEMENT GUARANTEE FEE - Angelo Yenke Links:

PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE TREE REPLACEMENT GUARANTEE FEE PLANTING PLAN.pdf

Attachment 1 - Proposed Planting Locations by District_REVISED 3.20.26.pdf

Attachment 2 - Priority Location Maps by Council District.pdf

Inventory was not available at the time the guarantee fee was established. Funds kept within the CD where they were generated require that BPW and the City Council approve locations. \$917,457 collected; 766 trees planted. No planting since 2021 due to limited staffing. Some CDs generated few fees and got few trees. 923 trees need to be planted. Comment: Areas with few trees will have fewer removals and will not receive guarantee fees. (900+ additional trees will be planted on overtime basis upon Mayor and Council approval. Dates TBD.

Comments: 1. Wasn't council approval eliminated? And site selection to be based on equity? A: No, City Attorney opinion: by law, fees need to be spent where generated. A new approach using the Disparity Index, Street Shade Analysis, and Inventory would enable better site selection, optimizing the largest sites without

overhead wires. 2.Q: Why not include establishment & young tree pruning in the fee? A: working on it. 3. Habitat is mentioned for selection, and should add language to favor native species. 4: Some street trees are protected - they should be replaced with protected species. Palms Neighborhood Council has requested that all trees be replaced with native species - this has not been complied with. A: will work more with CFAC, but can't guarantee. 5. Q: Data sheet shows \$1,945/tree - what is covered? A: Fee can only cover labor and materials by State Law, with City forces on overtime. 6. Q: CD 15 is an equity area where few fees are collected. A: single-family fees are much lower than costs. 7. Q: Illegal removals? Lack of care? A: Only applies to in lieu fees. 8. Q: Is 100% affordable housing required to pay the pay-in-lieu fee? A: Will confirm. 9. Q: 3 years of watering? A: Yes. 10.Q: Need to cover shortfall from the past; UFD can't subsidize the fee. A: Fee amount must be approved by the City Council. 11. Q: Do 923 trees need to be planted this fiscal year? A: No, changing process/approvals. \$1,867,300 in fees to be spent. Public comment- Is the ratio 2:1? Who replaces dead trees? A: Yes, ; Guarantee fee is the only program for planting by city staff. Staff capacity problems

Possible motion to send an advisory letter regarding the proposed Tree Guarantee Fee revisions.

Adele Slaughter, Marianne King and Charles Miller will work on a draft letter to be approved.

8. MOTION TO APPROVE CFAC LETTER TO UFD AND BPW WITH FEEDBACK TO PROPOSED UFD TREE REMOVAL CHANGES AND LETTER TO CITY COUNCIL REGARDING PROPOSED CHANGES (PRESENTATION at February CFAC meeting) Marianne King, Joanne D'Antonio

Proposed letter read out. **Motion: to accept the letter and send it to BPW and UF.** Moved by Gwen Henry, seconded by Mihran Kaladjian. Passed unanimously. Second letter read out. **Motion to send letter to City Council.** Moved by Joanne D'Antonio, seconded by Mihran Kaladjian. Discussion: Add example at Cherokee to paragraph referring to overestimates of needed replacements. Have UFD make their recommendations at the start of a project. **Motion: To amend the letter as discussed.** Moved by Gwen Henry, seconded by Mihran Kaladjian. Passes unanimously.

9. CONTRACT TREE PLANTING OF STREET TREES BY SRP. Michael Bircumshaw Link to folder with photos:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Y0OoGOrxRgMDRECVByjOTok7XwF6QVe8?usp=drive_link

Trees planted too deep, no visible trunk flair. Comment: Tree permit comes with detail on how to plant a tree. The Sidewalk Repair Committee will meet April 23rd. Michael and Joanne will attend. Comment: CFAC to advocate for UFD to change specifications to use biodegradable tree ties.

10. REPORT ON 7354 BAIRD PROJECT. Possible motion to send a letter of objection regarding development with no landscape or open space. Marianne King, Adele Slaughter - Eldercare

density bonus approved by City Planning Commission - with no landscaping, trees or open space. Many waivers granted based on affordable units. Waiver is granted if it saves money. This project has covered parking. Shared housing (common areas) is not considered multi-unit - this is a new typology and not healthy. More are planned. Letter of determination issued. Appeal until April 24th. Marianne will send a personal appeal. Q: Can Planning Deputies assist? A: Hearing held and Commissioners are limited by state law. No motion.

11. EARLY PLANNING NOTIFICATION - Need to subscribe and track for trees. Marianne King
Instructions to subscribe: **SB 79 takes effect in July – effect on trees.**

12. MY LA 311 Issues update- Gwendolyn Henry- postponed.

13. CFAC REPRESENTATIVES' ORAL UPDATES - Charles Miller - reported use of glyphosate on Westwood Greenway that appears toxic to toyon. Greenway could be a model for habitat restoration. The tree planting permitting process online is approved and works well. April 26th, tour of Claremont botanical gardens. (free admission thru Climate Reality, if registered.) Isabelle Duvivier - her garden is on TPF tour - CFAC members welcome. April 25th, tree planting of 20 coast live oaks in 7' parkway on Moore and Warren. Jack Smith - April 15th, Earth Day clean-up at San Pesco Park. Black Walnut day in Sept., Adele Slaughter - May 2 Jazz Music in the Park with multiple partners at Woodbridge Park on Moorpark. Universal Studios has \$100,000 to plant trees with the HOA. Mihran Kaladjian - Upcoming events in CD 3: April 11 at Tarzana Rec. Ctr.; April 19th Valley Day of service.

Public Comment: Assessment needed for SB 79 for all areas that don't have delayed implementation - will agendize for May 7th. Sidewalk ramps are being cut where there is no need for connections.

14. PENDING ITEMS - postponed

- A. Tree Guarantee Fee plantings maps and 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
- V. Council File: 25-1363 (CFMS) CFAC CIS opposing unless amended filed.
- W. Replanting of trees at Rio de Los Angeles Park

15. ADJOURNMENT Next Meeting Date - May 7, 2026 Moved by Gwen Henry, seconded by Mihran Kaladjian. Passes unanimously. Adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

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