

**COMMUNITY FOREST ADVISORY COMMITTEE, POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE  
DRAFT MINUTES**

*SPECIAL MEETING*

*Thursday January 21, 2021, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Via Zoom:*

Members attending: Isabelle Duvivier, Shelley Billik, Joanne D'Antonio, Lynnette Kampe, Katherine Pakradouni

Guests: John Vangelisti, Amina Sharma, Linda Whitford, Diana Nicole, John Collison, Travis Longcore.

- 1. Call to Order at 1:03 by ID, establishment of quorum (3) & Welcoming Remarks**
- 2. General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items - John Vangelisti** - Multi-home project on Poppy Peak in CD 14 threatens Oak Woodland. Diana Nicole will assist outside the meeting.
- 3. Administrative Item(s)** - Jan. 28th Inventory Tutorial with Davey Tree, Jan. 27 Lunch & Learn, LK to send notice
- 4. New Business** (Discussion, Motion, and Possible Action)
  - a. Beneficial tree species list** (taken out of order) SB & ID invited to “external working group” with Bob Perry. Goal to propose species that can survive drought, accommodate parkways & improve habitat. Can’t rely on only natives for habitat, could consider riparian species for special conditions such as stormwater capture. Need to preserve First Nation Heritage, equity and health are powerful arguments. T. Longcore: yard trees can have greater diversity than public trees. Best for biodiversity: 1. Native of So. Cal, 2. Near native, 3. Widespread genera of northern hemisphere, 4. Providing complex structure. Note that original wetlands are greatly altered. Need to identify biodiversity as a goal if valued. Comments by others: Shothole borer discourages city planting of native riparian species; biodiversity refers to more than tree diversity, goals should include carbon sequestration, safety, biodiversity; multiple lists needed for yards, streets, parks;. Longcore: shading A/C is best from carbon viewpoint; LA Biodiversity Report working with iNaturalist & students - with measurement and success council motions possible such as Wildlife Corridors; CFAC, Koretz, & Parks Commission influence decision makers.
  - b. Urban Forest Planner in UFD** - staff request added to CFAC Budget letter, need for tree preservation in early design review, ecology/planning expertise needed in UF or Planning. Rachel Malarich has requested 3 additional positions in UF but

not possible at this time due to fiscal situation. Possible meeting with Pres. Good, CFAC Mayor's rep, CD 3. Ideas: Tree inventory or pre-purchase aerial photo needed prior to planning submittals; mapping of habitat areas on zimas could trigger tree preservation at an earlier stage; Sensitive areas should not qualify for Categorical Exemption; change from Categorical Exemption could be linked with Wildlife Pilot Study.

**c. Development and trees** - CD 12 walnut removals on Shirley questioned; more info. needed.

**5. Old Business (Discussion, Motion, and Possible Action)**

**a. Request City Planning and Building and Safety to adopt Tree Protection Zones (TPZ) around public trees during construction (postponed)**

**b. Establish monthly CFAC communication with BPW (postponed)**

**c. Organize CFAC members training, Feb 18, to review tree removals, plan check training, records, zimas, Dudek report, BPW, BMP.** Add: developing relationships with staff

**d. Invite CFAC to Davey's tree inventory review Jan 28 (LK)**

**e. Request BOE to present re: street widenings (postponed)**

**f. Revisit LADWP tree education campaign or Consider MWD partnership to do education campaign (postponed)**

**g. Discuss SRP EIR (postponed)**

**h. Follow-up with LASAN regarding the 2020 Biodiversity Report letter we submitted (postponed)**

**i. Consider NC motion regarding urban forest budget (postponed)**

**6. Requests/Motions for Future Agenda Items -**

Next Monthly CFAC Meeting: Jan 7, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., via zoom  
Minutes prepared by Lynnette Kampe