

COMMUNITY FOREST ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CFAC)

MINUTES for THURSDAY, July 7th, 2022, 2pm – 3 pm Special Meeting

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AGENDA:

1. Call to order
2. Motion to adopt the following Finding/Determination: Teleconference Meetings Pursuant to Assembly Bill 361. Shelley Billik, Chair moves, and seconded by Member Joanne D’Antonio, that the Community Forest Advisory Committee and all subcommittees including ad hoc sub-committees determine in accordance with Assembly Bill 361, Section 3(e)(3) that this advisory body has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency and that the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person and/or state local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.
3. **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.**
4. Roll Call & establishment of a Quorum: Joanne D’Antonio, Katherine Pakradouni, Mary Montes, Cyndi Hubach, Jane Skeeter, Carolyn LoBuglio.

Guests: Dr. Tom Williams, Ann Rubin, Tony Tucci, Emmanuel Alcantar

5. Adoption of April 7, 2022 Minutes - passed unanimously
6. Public Comment On Non-Agenda Topics within Committee’s Jurisdiction: each comment is limited to 2 minutes (unless waived by the Chair) Dr. Tom Williams spoke about the need to update Brush Clearance Guidelines, that there’s a cumulative effect of clearing out native vegetation, lobby the Fire Commissioners.
7. Chair & Vice Chair reports
8. New Business: possible motion to approve letter to DCP re: Wildlife District Ordinance. **Motion: to revise the word “sacrifice” for “restrictions,” and in #1.b, change “shall” to “must,” and add “site plan review *with existing trees indicated,*” and in #3. Add “*the hillsides and canyons of the entire rim of the valley.*”** Moved to approve as amended by SB, Seconded by KP, passed unanimously.

9. New Business: possible motion re: Trees for Biodiversity letter. **Motion: to change second to last paragraph to “strongly recommends that StreetsLA and the Urban Forestry Division (UFD) commit to planting native and geographically related tree species,” remove sentence on pesticides, and change “closely related” to “geographically related.”** Moved to approve by SB, Seconded by Joanne, passed unanimously.

Next CFAC Meetings: July 14th (Biophilic Cities presentations), and August 4, 2022

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