

## **Sustainability Report for 2-10-'19 Government Relations Committee Meeting**

### **City Council Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee 2-6-'19 1:00 p.m. City Hall**

The 3 motions by Councilmember Ryu were passed in Committee [14-0090-S1](#), [15-0467-S8](#), [18-0988](#) GVGC filled CISEs in support of all three, but supported the latter two with the caveat that a “professional outside” tree inventory be conducted. Joanne D’Antonio was present and spoke to this end, but no amendments were offered. Representative of the Urban Forestry Division spoke of their exploration of how to conduct a cost-saving inventory,

### **Community Forest Advisory Committee 2-7-'19 1:00 p.m. City Hall BPW conference room**

UFD Report:

A Tree Summit is being planned for Arbor day April 26 to get information from other locales.

UFD has reached the 2<sup>nd</sup> round in consideration for CalFire grant for Tree Inventory.

BPW says they are committed to be more assertive in preserving mature trees.

Mayor’s Office has not found a good candidate for Urban Forester; casting wider net.

Planning Dept. is filling tree wells as part of Complete Streets program.

City Plants report: Arbor Day Planting March 9 – 180 trees in Van Nuys meeting at Rec Center  
Mascot is “Leafy”

Working on Phase 2, which is funded, to get a funding plan for the Urban Forestry Management Plan.

Tree removal notifications are going out to NC Boards with a notice that there are only 3 days to object to a removal of one or two trees. Julie Stromberg is asking for 30 notification for tree removal and notification of neighbors. (to be agendaized next meeting). Joanne D’Antonio reported that 90 days is necessary to go through NC committee, then board to get objection by an NC. Julie Stromberg recommended that tree removal considerations go directly to the whole Board. Shelley Billik reported that there is no notification system for Park trees.

Jamie Hall reported that LAFD brush clearance is causing the removal of protected tree species. There is a lack of education by subcontractors and company arborist does not go on site to make sure these trees are not removed. It is not the trees but the eaves that causes homes to catch fire. Capt. Ferris of LAFD claims that LAFD is exempted from protected trees ordinance, and did not accept invitation to this meeting. Item was deferred to next CFAC meeting.

CFAC special meeting: accept Tim Tyson’s specifications for determining a toyon or elderberry large enough to protect.

### **Cinemark Trees – meeting with arborist and theater manager February 20 11:00 a.m.**

Cinemark hired arborist recommended by Joanne D’Antonio. 3 large eucalyptus are dead and need to be removed and replaced. Planning irrigation system. Five street trees all dead – may have been strangled by metal planting poles and wires. Sahag to be contacted for removal and replacement with 6 new trees.

Joanne D’Antonio  
Sustainability Representative, GVGC