

Sustainability Report for June 3, 2019 GVGC Board Meeting

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5-8-'19 Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance Trees Committee 12:-00-2:00 p.m. Teleconference

Tree removal issues:

- Neighborhood Councils need more time to weigh in on tree removal requests – 3 days not adequate, and dates are confusing. 60 days is a better time frame for NCs – ask DONE to help.
- Need to ask Chief Urban Forester Tim Tyson how many removals applied for but not approved and ask Adel Hagekhalil to make the process more transparent.
- A list of 30 tree removals of 3 or more is on the Bureau of Public Works website awaiting hearings with no tree removal notices sent to Neighborhood Councils or CFAC. This was called to the attention of UFD but no notices have been sent to us. NCSA will find a way to at least put what we know on NCSA tree removal notice site.
- Four large liquidambar trees were removed at the end of April from White Oak medians, with plans to remove 25-30 more. Also in Encino, street trees were removed from Califa, Tiara and one more street without any notification whatsoever. In a phone conversation Tim Tyson said he was busy with the Tree Summit and this got past him.

- The NCSA is proposing to do an NCSA Trees Forum
- NCSA Trees Committee Reps will attend the ReLeaf Retreat on May 31st.

5-18-'19 Grant High School Tree Removal and Replacement Presentation*

A Power Point presentation was given regarding the removal of 48 trees, many large, and replacement plans. Copies of the Power Point are available from: teresa.akins@lauds.net

Information about this project has been put on our GVGC website. There is another meeting June 11 6:00 p.m. at Grant High School

*At the Assemblyman's Coffee meeting on 5-16 a teacher reported that teachers and students are in opposition to this plan for health and safety reasons.

5-29-'19 6:00 p.m. Planning 101 Webinar – Environment

Explanation of when projects are subject to the California Environmental Quality Act and when an Environmental Impact Report must be conducted. Presenters had knowledge of their material but when asked specific questions, were very weak in their understanding of current City Issues.

This webinar is available on the City Planning website.

5-29-'19 COUNCILWOMAN NURY MARTINEZ SUBMITTED A MOTION TO STUDY USING THE VAN NUYS ORANGE LINE STATION PARKING LOT TO LOCATE A HOMELESS SHELTER THERE. (This is the closest Orange Line parking lot for Valley Glen)

You may send comments to Councilmember.martinez@lacity.org

You may make public comment at the San Fernando Valley Metro Service Council Meeting June 5, 2019 6:30 p.m. Marvin Braude Constituent Center 6262 Van Nuys Blvd.
(public comment is agenda item 11 – sign a card to speak).