

Sustainability Report for 12-2-'19 Greater Valley Glen Council Gov't Relations Committee Meeting

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Notices for requested tree removals for sidewalk repair have in general not been sent to the neighborhood councils. Bureau of Street Services lists them on this site (not always with addresses!)

https://bsspermits.lacity.org/treepostings/public/pending_postings.cfm

UFD has agreed to explain this bundling process at next CFAC meeting Dec 5 at 1:00 at the BPW Conference room at City Hall. More in next report.

12 trees (none in CD 2) were approved for removal at BPW hearing 11-22-2019 – UFD determined 9 of the trees were in decline and 3 trees were healthy, but they claim no alternatives could be found to retain them and repair the sidewalk. Addresses were listed for this package and 2:1 replacements are to be planted in the same area with watering provided. CEQA exemption cited is from 2002. One public comment indicated that this CEQA exemption is out-of-date and should be reevaluated.

City Council November 11-13-'19 Agenda Item. 1

GVGC Board Member Joanne D'Antonio was sworn in as Council District 2 Alternate to the Community Forest Advisory Committee. (Yujuan Chen of Tree People has been appointed to be the CD 2 Representative. Previous CD 2 Representative Rachel Malarich has been appointed by the Mayor to be City Forest Officer)

Community Forest Advisory Committee 11-14-'19 1:00 p.m. City Hall BPW Conference Room – quorum

Teresa Viegas is the new Board of Public Works Commissioner (came at the end of the meeting)

Yujuan Chen and Joanne D'Antonio were welcomed as the new representatives for CD 2.

Rachel Malarich, City Forest Officer: Working on funding for urban forestry management plan. Also meeting with departments regarding protected tree ordinance.

Steve Duprey, David Miranda, UFD: Tree inventory will be conducted by Davey beginning in 2020 and span two years. Project will be organized by neighborhood council districts beginning with disadvantaged areas first.

Leon Boroditsky, Rec and Parks Inventory to finish by October 2021. Upcoming tree planting event dates.

Michele Barton, LA Sanitation: Applying for another tree planting grant from CalFire

Holly Harper, Planning: Challenge of planting 20,000 trees/year for Green New Deal – help from private sector

Adrian Cruz, LADWP: Have to trim more for power lines (recent fire issue). Only talk of burying lines – no action.

Jason Hector, Public Comment: 5 parks destroyed in Saddleridge fire – concern for proposed of removal large #s of trees in a woodland by developers for 65 residences. Porter Ranch NC an't get access to files from BPW.

Michael Tessler, Angel City Lumber: Was told LA unable to recycle removed trees to private company.

Alix O'Brien, Lorena Padilla LAUSD : Gave presentation on construction. Removing 1,567 trees. Were told exempt from CEQA. CFAC may form committee to look into LAUSD practices.

Diana Zogran: Reported on appeal for oak-walnut woodland at 11472 Laurelcrest that used protected tree ordinance to bypass CEQA review. **CFAC voted unanimously to support.**

Cris Falco, West Coast Arborists: Report on how shothole borer not as devastating as once believed.

Motions passed to send letters objecting to removing trees for sidewalk repair before EIR presented -- to be sent to BOE and Planning Dept.

Wildlife Pilot Study Workshop 11- 16-'19 10-noon Franklin Canyon

Hosted by the Department of City Planning on how we can support our wildlife habitats.

Study Boards: <https://planning.lacity.org/odocument/d1552e61-18c3-44be-9f8e-b9c967246cbb/StudyBoards.pdf>

Andy Shrader of Councilmember Koretz: Sponsoring legislation on wildlife connectivity. Problem that rodenticides kill wildlife

Connie Pallini-Tipton: Public Protection Areas for Wildlife (PAWS) mapping. Goals of study include insure wildlife mobility by providing open space, more sustainable development; allow vegetation space, more tree protection. Drafting new ordinance.

Patsy Superfisky new to Planning Dept working with Natural History Museum re LA wildlife.



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