

Sustainability Report for 12-18-'19 Greater Valley Glen Council Gov't Relations Committee Meeting

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Livable California Teleconference 12-14-'19 10 a.m.

SB 50 due back in January with amendments. (State would control development in the cities if passed)

Metro Public Info Event of proposed plan: Joint Development at North Hollywood Station – 12-11-'19 4-6 pm The Federal on Lankershim

Info and renderings on this site: <https://thesource.metro.net/2019/10/14/new-details-and-renderings-on-proposed-joint-development-at-north-hollywood-station/>

Metro parking not centralized -- to be at multiple underground structures of the apartment and office buildings. Bus bays near the Red Line to be moved adjacent to the Orange Line (median trees to be removed). Project has faced obstacles in getting City to allow large trees to be planted. Electronic signs not to face any residences. (This proposed plan still open for public comment)

VGNA Meeting - DWP Solar Panel programs 12-10-'19 6-9 p.m. Valley College Administration Building

3 programs explained: Solar Rooftops, Solar for All, and the more common solar panel net energy meter program, which has gotten easier, cheaper and panels are more efficient.

Community Forest Advisory Committee 12-5-'19 1:00 p.m. City Hall BPW Conference Room – quorum

UFD is waiting 30 days after tree removal request is issued to allow time to challenge tree removals.

Rachel Malarich, City Forest Officer: Submitted grant application to fund Urban Forestry Management Plan

Tim Tyson, UFD: Tree inventory will be conducted by Davey beginning in 2020 with Metro LA and SF Valley. Project will be organized by neighborhood council districts.

Sidewalk Repair to date has preserved 3515 trees; removed 663 trees; 1193 replacement trees (136 pending). Need watering crews.

Since July 1658 trees trimmed, 635 dead trees removed, 1067 stumps removed, 284 trees planted.

Mayor to sign ordinance requiring *pre-planning* reviews of trees.

Problem with letting one of the pothole filling days become a tree planting day – no watering crews to follow up.

Holly Harper, Planning: Problems with City Attorney's office regarding trees and community plans.

Robert Vega, Bureau of Engineering Sidewalk Repair Program Manager (PP presentation)

Bids being put out for tree removal groupings before tree removal notices issued.

CFAC member Shelley Billik recommended looking at TripStop for durable rubber permeable sidewalks.

Joanne D'Antonio, CFAC Alt Rep CD 2 brought up big discrepancies in the BPW Tree Removal Notification System and Tree Removal request PDFs sent to neighborhood councils. Also, some of the removal groupings in the BPW Tree Removal Notification System do not give specific addresses so the public does not have the information as to where the trees are.

New CFAC Chair elected: **Julie Stromberg of CD 4** (also on the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council)

Public Works and Gang Reduction Meeting 12-4-'19 1:00 p.m. at Public Works Hearing Room City Hall

[03-1459-S3](#) Amendment to Protected Tree Ordinance to add the elderberry and toyon. Passed. (To City Council)

[15-0499-S1](#) Strategies for tree and animal biodiversity. Passed (also referred to Planning and Land Use Committee)

[16-0461-S1](#) Board of Public Works Report Relative to Planting Plan for In Lieu Fee Program, now called the Tree Guarantee Fee Planting Program (also referred to Budget Committee) Passed.

In this report all the replacement trees for a given City Council District are to be planted at one site.

Link to the report: http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2016/16-0461-S1_rpt_BPW_11-27-2019.pdf

(Transmittal 3 at the end of the report lists the site for each Council District -- in CD 2 it is Vanowen between Atoll and Morse)