

Sustainability Report for 1-9-'23 Board Meeting

City Planning Commission 12-8-'22 Zoom

Long hearing on Wildlife Ordinance, which they voted to support with 2 changes. It goes to City Council next. CF 14-0518 if you want to make post a public comment.

Plancheck NC 12-10-'22 Zoom

There are many new bills on the City and State level that could affect us. More info on these on the PlancheckNC website <https://plancheckncla.com/>

The initiative to install electronic signage all over the city as part of the Metro Transportation Communications Network has brought up concerns that these will be distracting and take up space for street trees. A Citywatch article with more information was brought to our attention <https://citywatchla.com/index.php/cw/los-angeles/26009-metro-s-program-to-blanket-la-with-digital-billboards-nears-approval> . More information at TCN@metro.net The Metro Board meeting will consider this at their January 27 meeting

LA Audubon 12-14-'22 virtual

Tree care for birds – website with best management practices <https://treecareforbirds.com/>
Nesting season is February 1 to August 31, but sometimes year-round. No trimming or tree removal unless wildlife biologist checks for nests – illegal to disturb active nests.

Snag (dead trees) breeding ground for insects which is great for birds who feed on them; no reason to remove

Community Forest Advisory Committee (CFAC)

No January meeting

NCSA 1-8-'23 Zoom

Raquel Beltran, General Manager of DONE shared her proposed budget of \$6,759,159 to the City for the next fiscal year. This is asking for a 75% increase from last year and adds additional personnel. She is also working on helping NCs transition back to in person meetings after March 1st of this year, including the locating of meeting places and setting up hybrid meetings.

Lindsay Sturman of the Livable Communities Initiative <https://www.livablecommunitiesinitiative.com/> presented their proposal to build 2 and 3 story affordable apartments over existing one-story commercial properties and limit car travel to create parklike pedestrian friendly areas. This is an alternative to the large buildings that developers are building, given that the state is forcing LA to build close to 500,000 new units. She asked for NCSA to work with her with input and support, and though there probably should have been more discussion and questions brought up, there wasn't time, and the motion passed to support and work with her. I voted for it because I felt it was better to be involved than to have this go forward without input.