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AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF THE URBAN FOREST COMMITTEE

Monday February 8 , 2021, 7:00 p.m.

VIA TELECONFERENCE

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Pursuant to Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20, and in Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic Teleconference Restrictions of the Brown Act Have Been Suspended, as Well as the Requirement to Provide a Physical Location for Members of the Public to Participate in the Meeting.

Any person wishing to speak to the Urban Forest Committee on any of these matters is invited to participate via teleconference as described above.

The City encourages submission of written comments in advance to the Urban Forest Committee via email to spre@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us prior to the meeting or by contacting the staff liaison listed above.

7:00 p.m. CONVENE REGULAR MEETING

- 1. ROLL CALL** – Chair Mary Torrusio; Vice-Chair Robert Hrubes; Members Cathy Bleier, Robin Mitchell, Yan Linhart
- 2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**
Remarks are typically limited to three minutes per person, and may be on anything within the subject matter jurisdiction of the body. Remarks on non-agenda items will be heard first, remarks on agenda items will be heard at the time the item is discussed.
- 3. COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS / CHANGES TO THE MEETING AGENDA**
- 4. COUNCIL / STAFF LIAISONS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS** - City Council Liaison Gabriel Quinto and / or City Staff may report on Council policies, priorities, and significant actions taken by the City Council, and / or matters of general interest to the Urban Forest Committee (UFC). (15 minutes)
- 5. PRESENTATION: EBRPD & El Cerrito- Managing challenges of the Wildland Urban Interface** , Jerry Kent , Retired EBRPD Assistant General Manager and local historian. (25 minutes)

6. ACTION ITEMS – (15 minutes)

- Approval of the Minutes - Consider a motion to adopt minutes from the January 11, 2021 meeting.
- Committee Reappointment- Consider a motion to recommend to Council the reappointment of Cathy Bleier to the UFC.

7. URBAN FOREST COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES, CALENDAR AND WORK PLAN UPDATE : Hear updates, participate in discussion and consider possible action items that correspond with development of the Urban Forest Committee Work Plan and calendar of events. (40 minutes)

- A. Arbor Week 2021, March 7- 14
- B. Tree City USA sign locations
- C. Unauthorized pruning or planting communication

8. NEXT MONTH'S CITY COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS - (5 minutes)

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – (5 minutes)

- A. Forest Stewardship Council – presentation, Vice Chair Hrubes
- B. Work Plan 2021/22
- C. UFC Recruitment
- D. Friends of the El Cerrito Urban Forest
- E. Community wildfire prevention
- F. Urban forestry outreach and education

10. ADJOURNMENT

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