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AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF THE URBAN FOREST COMMITTEE

Monday September 12, 2022

JOIN VIA ZOOM

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

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7:00 p.m. CONVENE REGULAR MEETING

1. **ROLL CALL** - Chair Robin Mitchell; Vice-Chair Cathy Bleier; Members, Catherine (Cassie) Hughes, Robert Hrubes, Jennifer Kaczor, Susan Kuchinskis, Yan Linhart
2. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC and INTRODUCTION BY INDIVIDUALS INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE ADVISORY BOARD**
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** (10 minutes)
4. **CITY COUNCIL / STAFF LIAISONS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS-** (10 minutes) Council Liaison Fadelli 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).
5. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES-** (5 minutes)
Consider a motion to adopt the minutes from the August 8, 2022, UFC meeting
6. **COLLABORATION WITH THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE** (5 minutes) Hear update, participate in discussion, and consider possible action items regarding collaborating with the EQC.
7. **COLLABORATION WITH THE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION** (5 minutes) Hear update, participate in discussion, and consider possible action items regarding collaborating with the PRC.

8. **REVIEW OF PLANNED 2022 FIRE FUEL REDUCTION WORK** - (15 minutes) Staff Liaison Prée will provide an overview of this year's planned fuel reduction work and answer questions.
9. **OVERVIEW OF THE SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY INITIATIVE'S NEW URBAN FORESTRY STANDARD**- (10 minutes) Robert Hrubes will present and answer questions.
10. **URBAN FOREST COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES, CALENDAR, AND WORK PLAN**
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. (55 minutes)
 - A. Diversity and Inclusion (Hrubes, Mitchell)
 - B. Education and Outreach- hear from the ad-hoc subcommittee (Hughes, Kuchinskas, Linhart).
 - C. Fundraising discussion (Hrubes, Kaczor, Mitchell)
 - D. UF Grants (Hrubes, Kazor, Mitchell)
 - E. Urban Forest Management Plan (Hrubes, Linhart, Mitchell)
 - F. Orientation packet discussion (Blier, Hughes)
11. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**- hear committee member suggestions for future UFC meeting items (5 minutes)
 - Tree Inventory Demonstration
 - Diversity and Inclusion discussion (Hrubes, Mitchell)
 - Urban Forest Management Plan (Hrubes, Linhart, Mitchell)
 - Education and Outreach (Hughes, Kuchinskas, Linhart)
 - Urban Forestry Grants (Hrubes, Kaczor, Mitchell)
 - Fundraising (Hrubes, Kaczor, Mitchell)
12. **ITEMS FROM TONIGHT'S MEETING THAT REQUIRE FURTHER ACTION**
13. **ADJOURNMENT**

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