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AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF THE URBAN FOREST COMMITTEE

Monday February 13, 2023

JOIN VIA ZOOM

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Meeting ID: 825 4013 5588 **Passcode:** 669 101

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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. The City encourages submission of written comments in advance to the Urban Forest Committee via email to spree@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 Robin Mitchell; Vice-Chair Cathy Bleier; Members, Catherine (Cassie) Hughes, Robert Hrubes, Jennifer Kaczor, Susan Kuchinskas, 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)** City Council Liaison 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. **ACTION ITEMS- (15 minutes)**
 - A. Consider a motion to adopt the minutes from the January 9, 2023, UFC meeting.
 - B. Consider a motion to recommend to City Council the reappointment of Yan B. Linhart to the Urban Forest Committee
 - C. Consider a motion to appoint up to 2 UFC members to the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP) Stakeholder Advisory Group.
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. 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. (60 minutes)

- A. Urban Forest Management Plan (Hrubes, Linhart, Mitchell)
- B. Arbor Week, March 7-14, 2023
- C. Notable Trees List
- D. UF Grants (Hrubes, Kazor, Mitchell)
- E. Future Speakers

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS- hear committee member suggestions for future UFC meeting items (5 minutes)

- Urban Forest Management Plan (Hrubes, Linhart, Mitchell)
- Tree Inventory Demonstration (Prée)
- Diversity and Inclusion discussion (Hrubes, Mitchell)
- Education and Outreach (Hughes, Kuchinskas, Linhart)
- Urban Forestry Grants (Hrubes, Kaczor, Mitchell)
- Fundraising (Hrubes, Kaczor, Mitchell)
- Hillside Natural Area Fire Resilience and Forest Conservation Management Plan Update (Prée)

10. ITEMS FROM TONIGHT’S MEETING THAT REQUIRE FURTHER ACTION

11. ADJOURNMENT

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