



AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF THE URBAN FOREST COMMITTEE

Monday August 14, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

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City Council Chambers
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7:00 p.m. CONVENE REGULAR MEETING

- 1. ROLL CALL** - Chair Robert Hrubes; Vice-Chair Robin Mitchell; Members, Cathy Bleier, Catherine (Cassie) Hughes, Jennifer Kaczor, 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. APPROVAL OF MINUTES-** (5 minutes)
Consider a motion to adopt the minutes from the June 12, 2023, UFC meeting.
- 6. COLLABORATION WITH THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE** (5 minutes) Hear updates, participate in discussion, and consider possible action items regarding collaborating with the EQC.
- 7. COLLABORATION WITH THE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION** (5 minutes) Hear updates, participate in discussion, and consider possible action items regarding collaborating with the PRC.
- 8. PRESENTATION: 2022/23 WINTER STORM DAMAGE TO CITY TREES** (15 minutes) Staff will review tree failures from across the City that are associated with the severe weather conditions that occurred regionally last season.

9. URBAN FOREST COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES, CALENDAR, AND WORK PLAN

Hear updates, participate in discussion, and consider possible actions that correspond with development of the Urban Forest Committee Work Plan and calendar of events. *(55 minutes)*

- A. El Cerrito World One Fourth of July 2023- debrief and survey results
- B. Urban Forest Fund (Hrubes, Kaczor, Mitchel): Draft document discussion and approval for recommendation to City Council.
- C. Hillside Natural Area Wildfire Resilience and Forest Conservation Management Plan- update and selection of UFC task force member and alternate.
- D. Climate Action and Adaptation Plan – update
- E. Arbor Day 2024 and beyond
- F. Pocket Forests
- G. PG&E Moeser Lane Tree Removal Mitigation Letter
- H. Future Speakers

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

(5 minutes)

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

- Diversity and Inclusion (Hrubes, Mitchell)
- Education and Outreach (Hughes, Linhart)
- Urban Forestry Grants and Fundraising (Hrubes, Kaczor, Mitchell)
- Work Plan Update

12. ADJOURNMENT

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