



AGENDA

Public Works Department

DATE: JUNE 15, 2022

TO: PARK AND RECREATION URBAN FORESTRY AD-HOC COMMITTEE, COMMISSIONERS JOSEPH FEOLA, NATHAN IVERSON, MATT FRIEDLANDER

FROM: ROBERT FILIAR, URBAN FORESTER

CC: JESSICA GORDON, PRINCIPAL MANAGEMENT ANALYST

RE: THIRD MEETING TO REVIEW AND UPDATE THE URBAN FORESTRY POLICY MANUAL

- Start Time 6:00pm
- Guest Speakers:
 - Greg Dion, CalFire Regional Urban Forester
 - Diana Ruiz, Riverside-Corona Resource Conservation District Public Affairs Manager and Inland Urban Forest Council Board Member
- Requests from the April 02, 2022 Meeting:
 - Add Information Regarding Construction Management When Working Around Trees
 - Add Tree Standards before Obtaining a Business Tax License for Landscapers/Tree Workers
 - Work with the Planning Division on Trimming Standards for New Developments
 - G-TV Educational Segments on Trees
 - Provide Training for Arborists Working in the City
 - Organizational Chart
 - More Pictures in the Policy Manual and Less Words
 - Add ANZI Standards – Update Every Five Years
 - Sign a Pledge/Anti-Topping Campaign
 - Contact Chamber regarding Tree Care Fund
 - Save the Planet
 - Improve Public Outreach Efforts
- Requests from the May 04, 2022 Meeting:
 - Effective Ways to Manage the Urban Forest
 - Chip in Trees to Manage Work History, Such as Paris France
 - Tree Gators/Water Bags for Trees

- Advocate for the Urban Forest – Biodiversity, Heat Index Reduction, Wildlife
 - Use our School Campuses to Advocate for the Forest
 - Tree Growth Regulators instead of Trimming
 - Drones to Review Health of Trees and Provide Routine Canopy Assessments
 - Add to 311 Texts
 - 311 App and One Stop Shop, Hold Conversations with Them
 - Send Utility Flyers in Bills
 - Adopt-a-Tree Programs
- Item to be Worked on from Request from the Land Use/Sustainability/Resilience Committee:
 - Research ways of providing advanced notice to area residents when trees are being removed.
- Review of Current Draft of Urban Forestry Policy Manual
 - See Attached.
- Follow-Up:
 - Envision Riverside 2025 Strategic Plan Action 4.6.2 Update Urban Forestry Policies to Select Tree Species that Maximize Carbon Sequestration and Building Energy Reduction Potential. Street Trees Recommended for Southern California Book.
- Requests from the Land Use/Sustainability/Resilience Committee for the Ad-Hoc Committee to Explore:
 - Research ways of providing advanced notice to area residents when trees are being removed.
 - Research ways of planting new trees before trees are removed to help maintain continuity of the urban forest in neighborhoods
 - Work with additional community groups throughout the City (Riverside Neighborhood Partnership, Green Belt area)
 - Provide public outreach on the benefits and assets of the urban forest
 - Establish the difference between public and private trees
- Other Considerations for Updating the Manual:
 - Update the Cover
 - Add Pictures
 - Add Grid Map
 - Consider Adding Technical Information Such as Carbon Sequestration Potential and Energy Reduction Potential of Adjacent Buildings
- Next Steps:
 - Schedule a Fourth Meeting with more guests and public speakers with input. Anyone the Commissioners would like to hear from?

