



## AGENDA

### Public Works Department

**DATE:** MAY 04, 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:** SECOND MEETING TO REVIEW AND UPDATE THE URBAN FORESTRY POLICY MANUAL

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- Start Time 6:00pm
- Guest Speakers:
  - Marcos Trinidad, Senior Regional Manager for TreePeople
  - Michael Utterback, Board Member of Victoria Avenue Forever (VAF), Certified Arborist, Licensed Landscape Contractor, Pest Control Operator
  - Bill Bailey, President of VAF
- Update from the Homework Assignment and Commissioners Ideas and Suggestions Learned from the First Meeting - Review of Urban Forest Management Plans/Urban Forestry Best Management Practices
  - Arbor Day Foundation: Link  
<https://www.arborday.org>
  - American Public Works Association: Link  
<https://www2.apwa.net/Documents/About/CoopAgreements/UrbanForestry/UrbanForestry-4.pdf>
  - Forest Service U.S. Department of Agriculture: Link  
<https://www.fs.usda.gov/managing-land/urban-forests/ucf>
  - New Management Plan Identified by Guest Speaker Mark Porter on April 02, 2022: Link  
<https://www.UFMPtoolkit.com>
- 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
- **\*\*New Item to be Worked On and Added\*\*:**
  - 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
- 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
- Begin Implementing Updates to the Policy Manual
- Next Steps:
  - Schedule a Third Meeting with more guests and public speakers with input. Anyone the Commissioners would like to hear from?
  - Commissioners to Provide Ideas and Suggestions Learned from the Second Meeting
  - Continue Implementing Updates to the Policy Manual

- Questions? Comments? Ideas?
- Ending Time Scheduled for 8:30pm

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