



## AGENDA

### Public Works Department

**DATE:** JULY 13, 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:** FOURTH MEETING TO REVIEW AND UPDATE THE URBAN FORESTRY POLICY MANUAL

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- Start Time: 6:00pm
- Location: Riverside Corona Resource Conservation District: 4500 Glenwood Drive, Riverside 92501
- Guest Speaker:
  - Diana Ruiz, Riverside-Corona Resource Conservation District Public Affairs Manager and Inland Urban Forest Council Board Member
  - Tour of the Riverside Corona Resource Conservation Districts Facilities
- 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
- Requests/Notes from the June 15, 2022 Meeting:
  - \*\*Commissioner Iverson provided advanced notice that he would not be attending this meeting due to a pre-planned personal item\*\*
  - CalFire Regional Urban Forester Greg Dion highly recommended that the City brings on a consultant to assist with the process. Planit GEO was recommended to reach out to.
  - CalFire Regional Urban Forester Greg Dion highly recommended the City hosts its own in-house database and not be reliant on contractors.
  - CalFire Regional Urban Forester Greg Dion stated that the CalFire grants are expected to be out in late Fall. He will be sending over past guidelines for us to review. \*\*Please see attached\*\*.
  - CalFire Regional Urban Forester Greg Dion highly recommended reaching out to consultants to help with the grant writing and submissions.
  - It was noted that greenery/trees outside hospital windows helps to improve recovery time. Kaiser Hospitals provide such areas.
  - Advertise/provide public service announcements about our urban forest at the Plaza, Galleria. Canyon Crest Town Center, Pandora.
  - 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. It was recommended by the Commissioners to reach out to other City's on what they do, specifically City of Claremont. Please see attached Tree Policy Manual for the City of Claremont.
- Review of Current Draft of Urban Forestry Policy Manual
  - See Attached.
  - Any current comments/recommendations?
- 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 Fifth 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 Fourth Meeting
  - Continue Implementing Updates to the Policy Manual
- Questions? Comments? Ideas?
- Ending Time Scheduled for 8:00pm

**Notes:**

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