

*DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ENCINITAS URBAN FOREST ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
July 23, 2020 5:30 P.M., 505 SOUTH VULCAN AVENUE*

1. CALL TO ORDER / INTRODUCTIONS

Committee Chair Mark Jenne called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

Present: Committee Chair Mark Jenne, Committee members Carol Parker, Bruce Ritchings
Carol Wolf, Mark Wisniewski,

Absent: Committee members Brian Bishop, Justin Meeker

Also Present: Mark Delin, Assistant City Manager; Chris Kallstrand, Dudek; Jen Blease, Public
Works

There being a quorum present, the meeting was in order.

2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

3. AGENDA

1) REVIEW AND APPROVE DRAFT MEETING MINUTES FROM JUNE 25, 2020

SPEAKERS:

None.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

Committee member Wisniewski moved to approve meeting minutes from June 25, 2020. Committee member Wolf seconded. Motion carried. Ayes:4; Nayes:0; Absent:2; Meeker and Bishop, Abstain 1 (Ritchings).

2) TREE LIST

City Arborist, Chris Kallstrand mentioned that Committee member Wisniewski gave his input on the tree list. Several of the trees that are highlighted in yellow are because they are being removed from the list since they are considered invasive trees. Committee member Wisniewski also noticed that Tree #17 and Tree #51 still needed to be deleted so those were highlighted in yellow, as well.

There are 107 trees left on the list and Chris indicated he is ready for the next step which is taking list to the Environmental Commission for their input. Committee Chair Jenne agreed that this is a good first version and we can revisit in the years to come. Chris agreed that it was a good starting point and also noted that if find trees that are better adapted we don't necessarily have to re-add to the list but as City Arborist and/or managing bodies we can have some discretion. Committee member Carol Parker asked if an introduction could be added to the list and Chris Kallstrand agreed that a precursor indicating that not all species of the trees were included can be added.

SPEAKERS:

None.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

Committee Chair Jenne moved to have the Tree List presented to the Environmental Commission. Committee member Ritchings seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ayes:5; Nays: 0; Absent:2

3) COMMUNITY SURVEY FOLLOW-UP

Chris Kallstrand has looked over the comments that were made at the June 25th meeting. One of the questions presented by the committee at that meeting was how will the survey be presented to the public? Chris indicated that it will be an on-line survey through Survey Monkey and then sent out through various public media. He informed us that the average time for someone taking the survey would be four (4) to five (5) minutes.

Committee member Carol Parker stressed that the first paragraph needs to be reworded and volunteered to make edits.

Chris also asked the committee to look at the content and make sure it is appropriate for gaining valuable input from the public. Ranking from 1-5 in some of the questions was a discussion that the committee had and thought of changing to the five (5) most important things to the resident. After Chris explained that the ranking component provides information that will allow us to focus on how they feel about trees and gauge where we can focus outreach, the committee agreed to leave as is.

Chris will update the survey and will put in Survey Monkey format so that we can be the test group.

SPEAKERS:

None.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

No committee action needed on this item.

4) CLIMATE CHANGE AND ADAPTABILITY OF TREES

Chris Kallstrand shared and emailed the link to the video titled The Champion of Trees. We planned to watch half of the video during this meeting, but we were unable to hear while Chris shared his screen. Committee members will watch the video at their convenience and will discuss at next meeting.

SPEAKERS:

None.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

No committee action needed on this item.

5) TEMPORARY TREES

This is referencing the Leucadia Streetscape Project and the letter Chris is in the process of writing. Chris informed the committee that he will update the letter the week of July 27th and send out via email to everyone.

SPEAKERS:

None.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

No committee action needed on this item.

6) ARBOR DAY UPDATE

Committee member Carol Parker reported that a final decision on Arbor day has not been made so Chris Kallstrand has suggested we think of other alternatives besides having a physical in person tree planting day. Committee member Parker informed the committee that she has contacted the Arbor Day Foundation and they have waived the requirement of having an in-person planting day due to the current situation. Some of the alternative ideas suggested by the Arbor Day Foundation were:

- List of addresses of important trees within the city and conduct something like a home tour.
- A poster contest at local school. Committee member Parker thought the winning poster could be used for next year's Arbor Day
- "Ask the Arborist" zoom forum
- Have a kickoff for social media presence

Chris informed the committee that he had a conversation with John Ugrob and Annette Saul regarding planting a dedication tree in the park with a plaque. Chris will follow-up with Annette Saul in Parks to confirm exact location in the community park.

Committee member Mark Wisniewski mentioned he has done virtual tree tours for the City of San Diego and City of Carlsbad including self- guided tours. He will contact the videographer he has worked with and report back at the next meeting.

SPEAKERS:

None.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

No committee action needed on this item.

7) MOONLIGHT BEACH HERITAGE TREE UPDATE

Chris Kallstrand informed the group that he has not received a response from the State Parks. He will be drafting a letter from UFAC stating that we support this tree as a Heritage Tree within our community, send to State Parks and see what type of response we receive.

Committee member Wisniewski commented that if we end up having a virtual tree tour for Arbor Day, we can include the existing Heritage Tree and this one as a significant tree.

SPEAKERS:

None.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

No committee action needed on this item.

8) REVISIT COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

Chris Kallstrand will be working with the new Public Information Officer, Pat, and Committee member Carol Wolf regarding the Public Outreach web page.

SPEAKERS:

None.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

No committee action needed on this item.

4. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- Discussion of The Champion of Trees video
- Survey updates/Survey Monkey
- Temporary Trees – Letter
- Arbor Day Update
- Virtual Tree Tour Update
- Moonlight Beach Heritage Tree - Letter
- Update on Joint Meeting with Environmental Commission

5. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

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