

*DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ENCINITAS URBAN FOREST ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING*

*MAY 26, 2022, 5:30 P.M., VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM*

**CALL TO ORDER / INTRODUCTIONS**

Committee Chair Mark Jenne called the meeting to order at 5:33 P.M.

Present: Committee Chair Mark Jenne, Committee Members Carol Parker and Carol Wolf

Absent: Committee Members Brian Bishop and Tony Gurnoe

Also, Present: Chris Kallstrand, Dudek; Carter Brown, City of Encinitas; David Norgard, City of Encinitas; Lori Forsythe, Encinitas Resident

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

**CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

None.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS / NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Encinitas resident, Lori Forsythe, joined the meeting about halfway through and missed the oral communications portion. UFAC allowed Lori to speak after agenda item five. Lori spoke about an ongoing dispute over a large Monterey Cypress tree on her property that is a boundary tree with a new development being built. Lori had previously applied for heritage tree status, but the application was blocked legally by the developer. Lori asked UFAC if the City's Administrative Manual also applied to privately owned trees. City arborist Kallstrand confirmed that at this time, the Manual only applies to City owned and maintained trees.

**AGENDA**

1. **REVIEW AND APPROVE MEETING MINUTES FROM APRIL 28, 2022**

**SPEAKERS:**

None.

**COMMITTEE ACTION:**

**Committee Chair Jenne moved to approve the meeting minutes from April 28, 2022. Committee Member Parker seconded. Motion carried. Ayes:3; Nays:0; Absent:2 (Bishop and Gurnoe)**

2. TREE TOPPING ON RANCHO SANTA FE ROAD

**SPEAKERS:**

City arborist Kallstrand presented a power point presentation regarding the topping of city owned trees along Rancho Santa Fe Road and Morning Sun Drive. There were around ten (10) or more Red Gum Eucalyptus that were topped. The average per tree value of this cluster of Red Gum Eucalyptus is \$3,079.00. City arborist Kallstrand is currently gathering information and believes that there is enough evidence to pursue cost recovery through the City's ordinance. Once evidence is compiled, it will be shared with City staff and the Code Enforcement Division. It is the arborist's professional opinion that the trees are not able to be fully salvaged after the way they were topped.

**COMMITTEE ACTION:**

**No Committee action required on this item.**

3. ARBOR DAY RECAP

**SPEAKERS:**

City arborist Kallstrand recapped the Arbor Day Event and celebration which took place on April 30, 2022 at Cottonwood Creek Park. City arborist Kallstrand also presented a slideshow highlighting some pictures from the event. City staff Brown mentioned that somewhere between eighty (80) to one hundred (100) residents attended the event. Both City arborist Kallstrand, Committee Member Parker, and City staff Brown all gave appreciation to the people who helped plan and execute the event.

**COMMITTEE ACTION:**

**No Committee action required on this item.**

4. UPDATE ON JOINT SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION, ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION & URBAN FOREST ADVISORY COMMITTEE SCHEDULED FOR MAY 31, 2022

**SPEAKERS:**

Committee Chair Jenne and Committee Member Parker provided a recap of the first joint special meeting that was held on March 31, 2022. The attendees were assigned action items to discuss and bring back to the next meeting. Chair Jenne mentioned that they worked with fellow UFAC Member Gurnoe to try and define the question → what is a native plant? They came to the determination that it would be best to use an already existing list rather than have the City maintain a list of their own. City arborist Kallstrand recommended that the joint meeting take into consideration the County of San Diego's Water Efficient Landscape Design Manual ([here](#)). City staff Brown repeated that the second joint special meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 31, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. via Zoom. This will be the second in a series of three (3) planned meetings.

**COMMITTEE ACTION:**

**No Committee action required on this item.**

5. **AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETING – NEXT MEETING JUNE 23, 2022**

- Recap of N Coast Hwy 101 Eucalyptus Removals
- Update on Urban Tree Recycling Policy
- Public Outreach Ideas
  - Committee Member Wolf will revisit an outreach campaign that UFAC had put together in 2020 and bring an updated version to review at a future meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 6:20 P.M.