

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ENCINITAS URBAN FOREST ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

MAY 25, 2023, 5:30 P.M., 505 SOUTH VULCAN AVENUE

CALL TO ORDER / INTRODUCTIONS

Committee Chair Mark Jenne called the meeting to order at 5:35 P.M.

Present: Committee Chair Mark Jenne; Committee members Brian Bishop, Carol Parker, Christina Simokat, Tony Gurnoe

Absent: None

Also Present: Katrina Burritt, Dudek; Isaac Ontiveros, West Coast Arborists; Phillip Horn, City of Encinitas; Brian Sandland, City of Encinitas; Mark Wisniewski, Encinitas Resident; Lori Forsythe, Encinitas Resident; Rachelle Collier, Encinitas Resident

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

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS / NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None

AGENDA

1. REVIEW AND APPROVE DRAFT MEETING MINUTES FROM: APRIL 27, 2023.

SPEAKERS: Regarding the Ficus Tree Evaluations from the April 27th meeting, the Committee requested that it be clarified that UFAC did not want to perform any further Ficus tree crown reductions. Committee also requested to have more information on prior meetings in meeting minutes.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee Chair Mark Jenne moved to approve the meeting minutes from April 27, 2023. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Nays: 0; Absent: 0, Abstain: 0

2. HERITAGE TREE AT MOONLIGHT BEACH EVENT.

SPEAKERS: None.

Committee member Carol Parker introduced the background of the Heritage at Moonlight Beach event. It was discussed how it would be beneficial if the Moonlight Beach palm tree were to be recognized as a Heritage tree at the State Park level, however it still needs to be presented to the Planning Commission. Once approved, it would be desired to have some form of dedication ceremony. The purpose of this item is to gather feedback on what UFAC envisions for that dedication ceremony.

Committee member Parker suggested that UFAC make the dedication ceremony known to the public and ask the Mayor and any other positions of authority who were willing to come to be there.

Encinitas resident Mark Wisniewski expressed his willingness to work with UFAC on developing some ideas for the dedication ceremony.

Committee member Bishop stated that he wished to see the City perform proactive treatments for the South American Palm Weevil. Committee member Simokat stated that she would also like to see treatments for fungus as well.

Committee member Parker and Mark Wisniewski will work together to come up with a proposal for the dedication ceremony.

COMMITTEE ACTION: No action required.

3. IMPROVEMENTS ON HERITAGE TREE PROGRAM

SPEAKERS: Encinitas resident Mark Wisniewski gave a presentation on Heritage Trees and how the plaques displaying Heritage Tree information had insufficient or incorrect information. Mark recommended adding the Heritage Tree number to the plaques, correct the plaques displaying incorrect information, installing plaques for all accepted Heritage trees, and coordinating installation locations with private property owners when necessary.

Mark also suggested creating a separate tree tracker map that shows Heritage tree locations along with their designated numbers, that the City website be updated to reflect accurate information regarding the number of Heritage Trees in Encinitas, and that a separate City webpage be created listing all accepted

Heritage Tree applications by number so any interested parties can see why the tree was nominated, who nominated it, what the process was, and a few other ideas for improvements to the program. Lastly, Mark recommended UFAC create a subcommittee that would work with the correct City department to make sure these changes are implemented.

Committee member Parker spoke in support of Mark's recommendation of a subcommittee being formed. Committee Chair Mark Jenne backed support of the formation of a subcommittee and agreed to work with Committee member Parker and Chris Kallstrand to research this option.

COMMENT:

Rachelle Collier spoke in support of Agenda item #3

Lori Forsythe spoke in support of Agenda item #3

COMMITTEE ACTION: No action required.

4. **FICUS TREE DECLINE EVALUATIONS – 605 THIRD ST AND 445 LA MESA**

SPEAKERS: Katrina Burritt gave a brief update on Ficus tree decline. West Coast Arborist submitted tissue samples for pathogen analysis on four trees, three on Third St, and one on La Mesa Ave, which they are currently awaiting the results for.

COMMITTEE ACTION: No action required.

5. **UFAC WEBSITE DISCUSSION**

SPEAKERS: Committee discussed an array of issues they had with the UFAC website such as the removal of past Arbor Day recaps, broken weblinks, and the old tree permit application still being listed on the City website. UFAC to begin creating a formal list of problems and changes they would like to see to the website, then work in conjunction with City staff to have the changes implemented.

COMMITTEE ACTION: No action required.

6. CANARY ISLAND DATE PALM STANCE LETTER FROM THE UFAC

SPEAKERS: Committee collaborated on stance on Canary Island Date Palms. Committee Chair Mark Jenne to continue revising letter and bring updated draft to next meeting.

COMMITTEE ACTION: No action required.

7. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS- NEXT MEETING JUNE 22,2023

- Review Revised Canary Island Date Palm Letter
- Little Oaks Protection Discussion
- Tree Maintenance in Residential Rehabilitation Program Discussion
- Torrey Pines on Garden View Rd Discussion

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 6:56 P.M.