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AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF THE
URBAN FOREST COMMITTEE
Monday March 14, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

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This advisory body is currently meeting by teleconference, consistent with the Brown Act as amended by AB 361 (2021). Under the amended rules, *teleconference restrictions of the Brown Act are suspended* and the City will not provide a physical location for members of the public to participate in the teleconference meeting.

Any person wishing to speak to the Urban Forest Committee on any of these matters is invited to participate via teleconference as described above.

The City encourages submission of written comments in advance to the Urban Forest Committee via email to spree@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us prior to the meeting or by contacting the staff liaison listed above.

7:00 p.m. CONVENE REGULAR MEETING

1. **ROLL CALL** - Chair Robin Mitchell; Vice-Chair Robert Hrubes; Members Cathy Bleier, Catherine (Cassie) Hughes, Jennifer Kaczor, Susan Kuchinskas, Yan Linhart
2. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC and INTRODUCTION BY INDIVIDUALS INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE ADVISORY BOARD**
Remarks are typically limited to three minutes per person and may be on anything within the subject matter jurisdiction of the body. Remarks on non-agenda items will be heard first, remarks on agenda items will be heard at the time the item is discussed.
3. **COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS / CHANGES TO THE MEETING AGENDA (10 minutes)**
4. **CITY COUNCIL / STAFF LIAISONS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS- (15 minutes)** Council Liaison Fadelli and / or City Staff may report on Council policies, priorities, and significant actions taken by the City Council, and / or matters of general interest to the Urban Forest Committee (UFC).
5. **ACTION ITEMS- (5 minutes)**
Consider a motion to adopt the minutes from the February 14 UFC meeting
6. **COLLABORATION WITH THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE (10 minutes)** Hear update, participate in discussion, and consider possible action items regarding collaborating with the EQC; April 12 meeting assignment.
7. **COLLABORATION WITH THE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION (10 minutes)** Hear update, participate in discussion, and consider possible action items regarding collaborating with the PRC; March 23 meeting assignment.

8. URBAN FOREST COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES, CALENDAR AND WORK PLAN UPDATE: Hear updates, participate in discussion, and consider possible action items that correspond with development of the Urban Forest Committee Work Plan and calendar of events. (50 minutes)

- A. Arbor Week 2022: March 7 -14, Debrief – Liaison Prée, UFC members
- B. Work Plan Presentation to City Council April 5- Chair Mitchell
- C. Tree App- Cathy Bleier
- D. Wildfire Preparedness Day May 7, 2022
- E. Earth Day Activities
- F. Community Group Connections
- G. Urban Forestry Grants
- H. Tree City USA Growth Awards
- I. Tree Board University

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS- hear committee member suggestions for future UFC meeting items (5 minutes)

- Annual Election of Officers
- Wildfire Preparedness Day May 7, 2022
- Community Group Connections
- Urban Forestry Grants
- Tree City USA Growth Awards
- Tree Board University

10. ITEMS FROM TONIGHT’S MEETING THAT REQUIRE FURTHER ACTION

11. ADJOURNMENT

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