



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION URBAN FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, June 24, 2021

The Environmental Commission Urban Forestry Committee convened in a public meeting with social distancing modifications on Wednesday, June 24, 2021 via videoconferencing.

Commissioners in Attendance:

Rick Brimer
Pam Thompson
Linda Guerrero
Audrey Barrett Bixler

Commissioners Absent:

None

Staff in Attendance:

Kaela Champlin
Chris Herrington
Liz Johnston
Keith Mars
Naomi Rotramel
Daniel Priest
Ashleigh Cibelli-Pettus

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Guerrero called the meeting together at 10:03 a.m.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION

- a. Approve the minutes of the Urban Forestry Committee Meeting of February 10, 2021
A motion to approve the minutes was approved on Commissioner Thompson's second, Commissioner Guerrero's second on 3-0 vote.

2. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. Briefing on unpermitted residential and commercial tree removals—Keith Mars, Community Tree Preservation Division Manager, Development Services Department
Item conducted as posted. No action taken.

Speakers

Bobby Levinski

- b. Discuss current Code and administrative tools to remedy violations.
Item conducted as posted. No action taken.

c. Discuss proposed language in the proposed Land Development Code to address violations.
Item conducted as posted. No action taken.

d. Direct staff to further identify the issue and possible policy solutions for violations.
Item conducted as posted. No action taken.

3. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

a. **Commissioners requested a Heritage Tree Ordinance 101 presentation at the Environmental Commission retreat and potentially a working group to develop a recommendation for changes to the ordinance.**

4. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Guerrero adjourned the meeting at 11:07 A.M.

The minutes were approved at the October 12th, 2024 meeting on Commissioner Brimer's motion, Commissioner Krueger's second on a 3-1 vote.

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