



Ad-Hoc Committee on Environmental Issues for the BABCNC – Agenda

Friday October 18, 2019 1:30pm to 2:30pm

Location: Tree People 12601 Mulholland Drive

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1. Call to Order, Roll Call of Ad-Hoc Environmental Committee – Mindy Rothstein Mann, Chair + *members Jamie Hall, Stephanie Savage, Maureen Smith, Ellen Evans, Wendy Morris, Maureen Levinson & André Stojka.*]
2. Approval of October 18, 2019 Agenda (per Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 2)
3. Approval of March 7, 2019 Minutes (Attachment)
4. Public Comments on non-agendized items within the purview of this committee
5. Report, Update & Discussion since last Ad-hoc Committee Meeting in March 2019.

6. Discussion of Possible Goals – General Concepts of where we may want to focus

- a) Leaf Blowers** – Mount a campaign to get the city to enforce the existing ordinance
- b) Retaining Walls** – Change the definition of retaining walls and close the loop-holes so we can avoid obtrusive and massive walls
- c) Tree Issues** -
 - 1. Mount a marketing/educational campaign to make people understand the value of protecting our trees, and to be willing to support funding for urban forestry (use social media, have an event) What do other cities do?
 - 2. Mount a campaign to get the other neighborhood councils and their council members to support tree ordinances and urban forestry – find other critical partners throughout the city.
 - 3. Change the position/priority in the building department so trees and environmental issues are at the beginning of the permitting process, not at the end of the process.
 - 4. Assist in getting the “Protected Tree Ordinance” passed through City Council – and perhaps get other “substantial trees” protected as well.
 - 5. See how fire practices and environmental issues in this city can diverge instead of working in opposition. (i.e. hillside clearance and trimming of the trees during nesting season)
 - 6. Improve/change the process as it is channeled through the PLU committee
 - a. Develop an environmental checklist for use by applicants and our PLU committee to ensure environmental issues are being considered (i.e. wildlife permeable fencing)
 - b. We need to change the process so all applicants with a request for Tree Removal will have to appear before the PLU committee BEFORE they go to the Board of Public Works.
 - 7. Discussion, Follow-up & Possible Action on Further Environmental Issues to be Raised and Followed at the Board meetings
 - 8. Good of the Order
 - 9. Adjournment

Next Committee Meeting Date TBD

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