



## Agenda

### Ad-Hoc Environmental Committee Meeting (Virtual)

Time: Apr 20, 2020 12:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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1. Call to Order & Welcome to the Group

2. Committee Roll Call: *Mindy Rothstein Mann, Robin Greenberg, André Stojka, Wendy Morris, Maureen Smith, Jamie Hall, Ellen Evans, Stephanie Savage*

3. Introduction of any Non-Committee Attendees
4. Approval of April 20, 2020 Agenda
5. Approval of February 17, 2020 Minutes
6. **Public Comments** – We welcome comment on topics not on the agenda.

## 7. Updates/Status of Old Business

- a) **Retaining Walls** – Update on writing motion to amend existing ordinance – Jamie Hall
- b) **Update on Mountain Lions** – Following vote at 02/26/2020 board meeting, a CIS was submitted to Council File #20-0002-S20 and a letter was submitted to Fish and Game Commissioners (cc'd to board). On 04/16/2020, Fish and Game Commissioners held a virtual open hearing, attended by Jamie, Robin, Mindy and Tony Tucci who provided written &/or oral comments. Commissioners voted unanimously in favor of motion to consider mountain lions as an endangered species, on the California Endangered Species Act (CESA) and they will study this for one year prior to a final decision.  
<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=20-0002-S20>

- c) **Update on Tree Ordinance – (Ord. #177-404)**

[http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2003/03-1459-s1\\_ord\\_177404.pdf](http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2003/03-1459-s1_ord_177404.pdf)

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=03-1459>

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=03-1459-s1>

Protected Tree Ordinance / Strengthened Enforcement (Motion by Koretz & Bonin)

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=03-1459-S3>

A CIS was submitted to CF# 03-1459-s3 on 03/02/2018 following board vote in December 2017 to strengthen the Protected Tree Ordinance.

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=03-1459-S3>

Mexican Elderberry / Toyon / Adding to Protected Tree List (Motion by O'Farrell & Martinez)

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=13-1339>

A CIS was submitted to CF#13-1339 on 05/25/2019 following board vote in May that the Planning Department with the assistance of the Bureau of Street Services be directed to report with recommendations relative to protecting the Mexican Elderberry and the Toyon, including the feasibility of adding these two shrubs to the list of Protected Trees as set forth in § 46.01 of the Municipal Code. BABCNC has submitted CISs in both of the following Council Files.

At the meeting of 09/25/2019, motion was passed to keep the existing measurement for other protected trees in the ordinance (as pertains to adding the Mexican Elderberry & Toyon). Per the ordinance, it states: "Protected Tree - Any of the following Southern California native tree species, which measures four inches or more in cumulative diameter, four and one-half feet above the ground level at the base of the tree." At the meeting of 02/26/2020, motion was passed to send a letter that the city hold a hearing and move the ordinance forward to adoption.

On 04/17/2020, a CIS on the 09/25 & 02/26 motions were submitted to CF #13-1339.

- d) **Update on Environmental Checklist for Construction** for Planning & Land Use Committee – Savage
- e) **Update & Discussion on Benedict Canyon Beautification Project & Ways to Promote as a Model Project for Other Canyons** Congratulations to the BCA for beautifying their landscaping.

8. **New Business (Discussion & Possible Motion)**

9. **Discussion** How to get more involved with Urban Forestry and see where they stand on expanding protections of substantial trees.

10. **Discussion & Possible Motion:** To recommend that the BABCNC support request by the Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance (NCSA) to write a letter requesting a 60-day extension on the deadline for public comment on Sidewalk Repair Program Draft Environmental Impact Report Letter to be addressed to [Shilpa.Gupta@lacity.org](mailto:Shilpa.Gupta@lacity.org) “The City Attorney’s office is working on a Zoom protocol for neighborhood council meetings which must include public comment and ADA compliance, but this will not be in place before May. Since this will not be in time to get the SRP DEIR on an agenda and passed before the April 24 comment period deadline, we must request another 60-day extension until June 24 to accommodate this delay in the neighborhood councils’ ability to meet.” *(Of note, the BABCNC sent our letter on this on 02/07/2020.)*

11. **Discussion and Possible Motion:** To propose to the board that we write a letter of support to homeowners in Trowsdale regarding trees in Trowsdale being cut down.

12. **Discussion & Possible Motion:** To propose to the board that the LA Department of Building & Safety place a moratorium on new permits until the Stay At Home order is lifted.

13. **Discussion & Possible Motion:** To write a letter to Councilpersons, Mayor, and LASAN, requesting that LASAN create an incentive to toss organic food waste into green cans by restructuring fees for green cans.

14. **Discussion:** How does Covid-19 affect any goals that we may have?

15. **Discussion:** Possible incentives for business to follow a 4-day workweek.

16. Good of the order / New issues to address in the short term

17. Adjournment

Next Committee Meeting Date TBD

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