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AGENDA

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE URBAN FOREST COMMITTEE

Monday March 9, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

Hana Gardens
10870 San Pablo Avenue
El Cerrito, CA 94530

This Meeting Place is Wheelchair Accessible

7:00 p.m. CONVENE SPECIAL MEETING

- 1. ROLL CALL** – Chair Robin Mitchell, Vice-Chair Randi Jiménez; Members: Akhil Iyer, Robert Hrubes, Jennifer Kaczor, Valerie Mih
- 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 COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION EXCHANGE / CHANGES TO THE MEETING AGENDA/ (10 minutes)**
- 4. CITY COUNCIL / STAFF LIAISONS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS - (5 minutes)**
City Council Liaison Ktsanes 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. PRESENTATION: ALBANY HILL STEWARDSHIP AND POTENTIALS FOR THE HNA,** *Margot Cunningham and Audrey Liese (25 minutes).* Hear, and discuss presentation, consider possible action items.
- 6. ARBOR WEEK PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION: ASK THE ARBORIST, ASK THE UFC ON MATTERS CONCERNING THE CITY'S URBAN FOREST PROGRAM,** A question and answer period from attendees to the City Arborist and the UFC members, *(25 minutes).*
- 7. COLLABORATION WITH THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE - (3 minutes)** Hear updates, participate in discussion, and consider possible action items regarding collaborating with the EQC.
- 8. COLLABORATION WITH THE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION-**

(3 *minutes*) Hear updates, participate in discussion, and consider possible action items regarding collaborating with the PRC.

9. URBAN FOREST COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES, CALENDAR, AND WORK PLAN:

Hear updates, participate in discussion, and consider possible actions that correspond with development of the Urban Forest Committee Work Plan and calendar of events.

- A. Report on Arbor Week 2026 Events (*Kaczor, Mitchell, all*)
- B. Earth Day 2026
- C. City Tree Planting Discussion- Review City Tree Care Agreement, relevant City of El Cerrito ordinances and Standard Operating Procedures (*Prée*)
- D. UFC Work Plan Implementation Strategy

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

(3 *minutes*)

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS- hear committee member suggestions for future UFC meeting items (3 *minutes*)

- Earth Day 2026
- Review the Arbor Day Foundation’s “Tree Board Handbook”
- UFC Work Plan Implementation Strategy

12. ADJOURNMENT

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