



SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

URBAN FOREST TASK FORCE

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 28, 2024

6:30 P.M.

MAIN LIBRARY MULTIPURPOSE ROOM

601 SANTA MONICA BLVD, SANTA MONICA CA 90401

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special meeting of the URBAN FOREST TASK FORCE will be held at 6:30 PM, on WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2024, at MAIN LIBRARY MULTIPURPOSE ROOM, for the purpose of only conducting the following business:

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Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Please note that Agenda Items may be reordered during the meeting at the discretion of the body.

1. Special Agenda Items
 - a. Task Force administrative update
 - i. Next Meeting: discuss upcoming schedule
 - ii. Resolution 11605 (CCS) – new mandatory trainings for task force members
 - b. Urban Forest management update – Public Landscape Urban Forest Supervisor will provide an update on the urban forest
 - c. Branch Canker progress update – Urban Forest Coordinator Robert Castañeda will provide an update on the status of the Branch Canker outbreak.
 - d. Urban Greening on Ocean Park Blvd – presentation from Natasha Congdon of Sunset Park Business Association.
2. Consent Calendar: All items will be considered and approved in one motion unless removed by a member for discussion.
 - a. Approval of Minutes from the May 22, 2024 regular meeting
3. Public Hearing – Tree Removals and Appeals
 - a. 1410 Pico Blvd – Michael Ledbetter of Kinley-Horn is requesting removal of two sycamore trees to accommodate safety requirements for the Santa Monica College Arts Complex.
4. Public Input: Public input under this item will not be heard at this meeting. This is a special meeting and public input is limited to agenda items only.
5. Continued Items:
 - a. 22nd Street– discuss recommended species designation changes
 - b. California Ave medians – discuss recommended species designation changes
6. Future Agenda Items: Items brought forth by Task Force members.

Adjournment

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- Treat everyone courteously
- Listen to others respectfully
- Give open-minded consideration to all viewpoints

- Focus on the issues and avoid personalizing debate
- Embrace respectful disagreement and dissent as democratic rights, inherent components of an inclusive public process, and tools for forging sound decisions Hate has no place in Santa Monica.
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