



**1. Call to Order/Roll Call and Announcements**

The meeting was called to order at 3:03 p.m. There were 6 members present at roll call. Chair Torres thanked the subcommittee members for their work on the subcommittee as it will sunset after this meeting. She announced that the American Forests has a job opening and to check emails for the email from city staff with the details. Subcommittee member Bettis announced that the Nature Conservancy also has a job opening and asked city staff to share with the subcommittee.

**2. Review and approval of October 11, 2022 Minutes**

**ACTION:**

Subcommittee member Chandler made a motion to approve the October 11, 2022 minutes. Subcommittee member Esposito seconded the motion. The motion carried 6:0.

**3. Public Comments**

No one spoke.

**4. GO Bond Update**

Chair Torres gave an update on the GO Bond Executive Committee meetings, which ended in November. The GO Bond recommendations were presented to City Council today and according to Environmental Programs Administrator, Nancy Allen the environmental items were supported the last she heard. The recommendations from the executive committee included \$26 million total with \$14 million for energy and water efficiency, \$7.7 for heat resilience, \$3 million for brownfields redevelopment, and \$1.3 million for electric vehicle charging stations. The work of the subcommittee reprioritized the items proposed by the city's original budgeted list to address more critical needs. The subcommittee chose to not to fund fuel tanks at city facilities as they felt the project didn't fit within environmental and sustainability needs. Next steps include city council approval at today's policy meeting and a public vote in 2024.

**6. Green Infrastructure/Low Impact Development Memo Update**

Chair Torres thanked the memo team and asked them to present the memo changes since the last meeting.

Subcommittee member Halperin added the changes from subcommittee member Bettis to the memo and sent the memo to subcommittee members. The memo includes recommendations for low impact development and advises future work by another committee for inclusion of broader topics for urban design. Feedback on the memo came from subcommittee members Bettis and Rodriguez throughout the process and feels confident with the memo as is.

Vice Chair Myers thought the memo was well done and has no additional comments. Subcommittee member Chandler also thought the memo was well done and advised it be approved and sent to the EQSC.

**ACTION:**

Subcommittee member Chandler made a motion to approve the memo for submission to the Environmental Quality and Sustainability Commission . Subcommittee member Bettis seconded the motion. The motion carried 6:0.

Chair Torres thanked the team again and will invite subcommittee Halperin to present the memo to EQSC on a future agenda.

**7. Update from the Heat Office**

Chief Heat Officer Dave Hondula shared updates from the Office of Heat Response and Mitigation including staffing updates for the ARPA funded Heat Response Program Manager position and will be posting two additional jobs for the ARPA program support, funding updates from the GO Bond process and potential funding from FEMA, ARPA program updates, and discussed the upcoming NOAA heat equity pilot project.

evaluating the 2022 heat season health data, city response plan evaluation, update on the ARPA heat programs: weatherization expansion, tree equity accelerator, and share structures, and upcoming update to the Tree and Shade Master Plan and outreach.

Urban Tree Program Manager Lora Martin provided an update on the 2022 tree planting activity. The Heat Office specifically planted 176 trees and the city as a whole planted 3,514 trees, which is a 122% increase from 2019. Chair Torres asked how many trees were lost last year and why they were removed. Martin responded that the data leads to more questions and will require additional work, however the current count is 3,195 trees lost which leaves as net of 400 trees. In 2019 there were 958 trees removed so 3 times as many were removed in 2022 and she is learning more about why these trees were removed from Parks. Hondula added that tree data collection and reporting net trees is a work in process and needs improvement so they can have more confidence in reporting these numbers. Vice Chair Myers asked what the city is doing to improve tree tracking. Hondula responded that the tree inventory is upcoming and will show how trees on city property have changed since the last inventory in 2014. This will include tree number, health, and species. This will allow their office to learn more about the tree canopy community-wide and will serve as a baseline for goal tracking and updating the Tree and Shade Masterplan goals.

Hondula shared that the Tree and Shade Masterplan update will be starting soon and there will be an ad-hoc committee formed consisting of 12-14 member who will review the current goals and objectives. Chair Torres asked how the public can provide public comments. Hondula said that comments will be taken at every ad-hoc meeting and expects to update the masterplan along with the Climate Action Plan update with a full draft available in late summer. Chair Torres asked if the update would include goals for both public and privately owned land. Hondula and Martin agreed that they expect the update will include both types of goals.

Subcommittee member Chandler asked about tree removal and if this can be tracked for storm damaged trees, specifically the number of trees and type of species. Hondula confirmed that they work with the emergency management office for storm damaged trees and it is not tabulated over time, but they are working to improve the reporting. He also added that tree removal count and explanation is desired as avoiding tree death is just as important as tree planting.

## 8. Accomplishments

Chair Torres rewrote the accomplishments memo from December 2021 to include the work the subcommittee completed during 2022 for potential submission to EQSC. She asked the subcommittee for comments.

Vice Chair Myers thought the memo was good as presented, however advised that another committee be formed to address public tree concerns. Subcommittee member Chandler asked that the GO Bond be added to the memo as the subcommittee reviewed and provided comments for Chair Torres to share to the executive committee. Subcommittee member Esposito thanked the subcommittee for their work and thought it was nice to have a document to summarize their work, however wished that another committee was together before UHITS sunsets at the end of the meeting.

Subcommittee member Esposito suggested EQSC review plans for commonality and goal tracking. Allen shared that city goals are included in the City Manager's dashboard and ESG dashboard and data are regularly updated using OpenData. Chair Torres asked who maintains the dashboards. Allen mentioned that departments are responsible for their own goals and data management with Michael Hammett in the Office of Innovation working with data management and hoping to add spatial referenced data. Subcommittee member Esposito suggested that EQSC review the dashboards and discuss what is included. Subcommittee member Bettis was added to EQSC to maintain a perspective on heat issues moving forward.

### **ACTION:**

Subcommittee member Esposito made a motion to approve the memo for submission to the Environmental Quality and Sustainability Commission. Subcommittee member Chandler seconded the motion. The motion carried 6:0.

Chair Torres thanked the subcommittee for their hard work over the last two years and the full impact of their work is still to come. She looks forward to continuing working with the members on other work and hopes that all stay engaged. Vice Chair Myers and subcommittee members Esposito and Bettis agrees.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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