

Supervisor Hirschag said yes, if there are surface roots call the City for an inspection.

Director Swan answered questions from the Commissioners about the claim process.

Ms. King said that if she sees it come up again, does she have to outlay for the repair again and have the City come out.

Director Swan yes it would be a similar claim process.

Ms. King said that doesn't seem fair that she would have to put that kind of money out again.

There were no further requests to speak.

***Commissioner Kane moved that the Tree Committee recommend that the Community and Human Services Commission deny the request for removal of one Bottle tree at 332 S. Villanova Drive and that staff will monitor the tree for the continuing health both for the wound and the root pruning, seconded by Commissioner Munson, and carried on a vote as follows:***

***AYES: Commissioner - Brower, Kane, and Munson***

***NOES: Commissioner - None***

### 3. Draft Urban Forest Management Plan

Community Services Manager Dillman presented the report and a PowerPoint presentation. Ms. Dillman said this plan is a 90 percent draft because staff is still taking public input and bringing it before the Tree Committee and the Community and Human Services Commission.

Ms. Dillman said this process started in 2015. She said putting together an Urban Forest Management Plan is a big undertaking and the City did not have the funding or staff resources to do so at that time. In 2017, the City was successful in securing some grant funding through CalFire to put the Urban Forest Management Plan together.

Ms. Dillman said that this plan is a working, flexible document that spans a forty-year period. She said CalFire granted us \$100,000 to put it together and the City entered into an agreement with Plan-it-Geo, LLC for \$80,000 for them to prepare it.

Ms. Dillman summarized the development process, canopy coverage, value and benefits of the urban forest, current staffing and maintenance activities, invasive pests and diseases, water, climates change, and the goals and objectives.

Commissioner Kane commented that the plan talks about a seven-year trim cycle and an eight-year trim cycle, which one is it.

Staff replied that they will fix that and make it consistent.

Chair Brower asked about Page WW, Carbon Storage. She was surprised about the information about carbon emissions from two automobiles.

Urban Forest Supervisor Hirschag said he would look into this; it does not seem accurate.

Commissioner Munson asked about Page JJ and the section that reads: "High important values do not mean that these trees should necessarily be encouraged in the future." She asked why wouldn't that mean that.

Community Services Manager Dillman said that the Sycamore and Coast Live Oak trees are susceptible to the Shot Hole Borer, Crape Myrtles need a lot of water, and for species diversity.

Commissioner Munson asked what does high importance value mean.

Supervisor Hirschag said high importance value means they provide the most ecological environmental benefits to the City.

Commissioner Munson asked staff if they felt that the community meetings were helpful.

Ms. Dillman they were interesting and helpful once staff figured out a productive format. She said it was beneficial to hear it through the community's eyes.

Chair Brower said that on Page 15, "Protecting the trees by enforcing policies that should become a priority." She said in speaking with citizens, they don't know that the tree in front of their house might be a City Tree. She said she has heard many times that people trim the trees. Chair Brower said we need to get the word out to the citizens about City trees.

Ms. Dillman said that enforcement has always been an issue. The City does not have the staff and resources to do it.

Ms. Dillman said there are some CalFire funds remaining for public outreach and education and staff is looking at ways to get the word out.

Commissioner Kane asked if there is a fine for a resident trimming a City tree?

Ms. Dillman said that in the Municipal Code there is an administrative fine process.

Commissioner Munson asked if the City has a map with all the City trees on it.

Ms. Dillman said yes we do; an online database.

Chair Brower invited public comment.

There were no requests to speak.

***Commissioner Brower moved that the Tree Committee recommend that the Community and Human Services Commission approve the draft Urban Forest Management Plan and to direct staff to finalize the Urban Forest Management Plan for City Council's approval, seconded by Commissioner Munson, and carried on a vote as follows:***

***AYES: Commissioner - Brower, Kane, and Munson***

***NOES: Commissioner - None***

Director Swan said staff will bring this item to the Commission in January with any other revisions.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Brower adjourned the regular meeting of the Community and Human Services Commission Tree Committee at 6:57 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Claremont Community and Human Services Commission Tree Committee will be held on Wednesday, December 18, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Claremont City Council Chamber, 225 Second Street, Claremont.

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Chair Brower

ATTEST:

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Michele Gonzales  
Recording Secretary