

**CLAREMONT TREE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, March 20, 2024 @ 6:00 PM

City Hall Council Chamber, 225 W. Second Street, Claremont, California

CALL TO ORDER Chair Brower called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: COMMITTEE MEMBER: BINDER, BROWER, SIFUENTES

ABSENT: COMMITTEE MEMBER: NONE

ALSO PRESENT: Dawn Ross, Senior Administrative Assistant
Jeremy Swan, Community Services Director

CEREMONIAL MATTERS, PRESENTATIONS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Brower invited public comment.

Dawn Ross, Senior Administrative Assistant, announced that no written public comment had been received.

Fred Roth asked for an update on the request presented at the December 20, 2023 Tree Committee Meeting by Claremont McKenna College for removal of two City Afghan pine trees on Claremont Boulevard.

There were no additional requests to speak.

Jeremy Swan, Community Services Director, reported that there is no update on the request for removal and that the item may not come back before the Committee as the construction project is continuing and the trees are still in place.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Chair Brower invited public comment.

Senior Administrative Assistant Ross announced that no written public comment had been received on the Consent Calendar.

There were no requests to speak.

1. TREE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 17, 2024
Approved and filed the Tree Committee Meeting minutes of January 17, 2024.

Committee Member Sifuentes moved to approve the Consent Calendar, seconded by Committee Member Binder, and carried on a roll call vote as follows:

AYES: **Committee Member – Binder, Brower, Sifuentes**
NOES: **Committee Member – None**

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

2. 2024 CITY COUNCIL PRIORITIES (Oral Report)

Jeremy Swan, Community Services Director, presented a report on the 2024 City Council Priorities related to the urban forest. At the previous City Council meeting, the Council reaffirmed the list of priorities for the next two-year budget cycle, one of which was to review internal documents for consistency, including the Urban Forest Management Plan and all policies and guidelines for the urban forest. The updated Tree Policies and Guidelines Manual is undergoing internal review, then will be released for a 30-day public review process. Staff hopes to have the update completed and approved by summer.

Director Swan responded to questions from the Committee regarding reviewing the Urban Forest Management Plan as it relates to the General Plan and the Municipal Code and items to be included.

Chair Brower invited public comment.

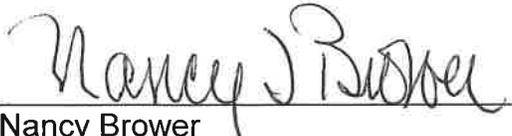
Senior Administrative Assistant Ross announced that two written public comments had been received on this item.

There were no requests to speak.

The Committee received and filed the report.

ADJOURNMENT

Committee Member Brower adjourned the meeting of the Tree Committee at 6:19 PM.



Nancy Brower
Committee Chair



Dawn Bonnell Ross
Recording Secretary