

**AYES:** *Committee Members: Arboleda, Chinn, Glavin, Haskell, Kavounas, Schenk, and Sutherland*  
**NOES:** *None*  
**ABSENT:** *Committee Members: Path*

### **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

#### **3. Draft Urban Forest Management Plan**

Community Services Manager Dillman presented a draft version of the City's 40-year Urban Forest Management Plan (UFMP).

Director Swan stated that the draft is 90% complete and open to public input. The draft Plan will be presented to the Tree Committee on November 20, 2019, then to the Community and Human Services Commission in either December or January. The final draft will likely be presented to the City Council in February.

Chair Schenk stated that the Plan defines "urban forest" as all trees and vegetation within the City but almost exclusively covers City management of City-owned trees. She feels that that is misleading, and that either the goals and responsibility for private trees should be included (as a separate section), or that the document be restricted to City-owned trees.

Member Kavounas asked how the recommendations in the Plan relate to water demand for the urban forest, and suggests that the UFMP be consistent with the Sustainability Plan with regard to overall City demand.

Director Swan responded that new plantings are climate-appropriate, which will reduce some watering needs, but that more of the mature trees may still be lost because of drought and decline. The Urban Forest Supervisor is attempting to balance the losses by planting species better suited toward water restrictions.

Director Swan also stated that the City is working with the Metropolitan Water District on projects at several parks to reduce turf and landscaping in favor of drought-tolerant shrubbery/trees in order to focus water usage on trees.

Member Kavounas suggested that the UFMP incorporate a statement regarding decreasing/increasing water demand, total City water use, comparisons to previous years, etc.

Chair Schenk stated that a large amount of the water used is on private trees and landscaping, rather than City trees. She suggests that this fact be mentioned in the private property section of the revised plan, and that the City continue disseminating information on proper tree care and watering.

Member Arboleda asked for clarification regarding the statement on Page D of the UFMP that the public survey showed a "majority" of the community is willing to

support the urban forest by supporting the planting of new trees (not solely replacements), yet the percent of respondents was listed at 25%.

Ms. Dillman responded that the 25% percentage cited only covers the most frequently selected response ("Support planting new trees...") and that there were other, less popular responses which when combined constitute a majority. She will change the language to make the "majority" more evident.

Vice Chair Haskell asked if, when measuring the canopy, a distinction is made between public and private trees.

Director Swan and Ms. Dillman replied that the City's consultant is awaiting GIS layer information, but that GIS layers can distinguish between the two.

Chair Schenk invited public comment.

Angela Oakley, Sustainable Claremont, asked if the stated tree valuation (\$88 million) covered the entire urban forest.

Director Swan replied that the \$88MM figure only covers the public inventory of approximately 26,000 City trees.

Ms. Oakley asked that the Committee consider future protection of certain tree species (e.g. Live oaks) on private property, as is done in other cities.

There were no other requests to speak.

Chair Schenk feels it's important to note that the valuation only covers a very small part of the urban forest and doesn't account for those trees and shrubs on private property.

***Committee Member Kavounas moved to receive and file the draft Urban Forest Management Plan, seconded by Vice Chair Haskell, and carried on a vote as follows:***

***AYES: Committee Members: Arboleda, Chinn, Glavin, Haskell, Kavounas, Schenk, and Sutherland***

***NOES: None***

***ABSENT: Committee Members: Path***

4. Proposed Revisions to Goal Area 3: Transportation

Committee Member Chinn presented the subcommittee's draft revisions to Goal Area 3.

Chair Schenk asked if the Committee had any suggestions or ideas on the topic.