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PARKS AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE ZOOM SPECIAL MEETING

Wednesday, September 7, 2022 @ 5:00 PM

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1. The meeting was called to order at 5 pm, members Pat Bates, Glenn Bailey, Amy Zidell, Marianne Davis and Danny Glaser were present and comprised a quorum (4 required).

2. **New Business Action Items: Votes may be taken on all action items.**

A. Discussion and possible action:

1. **Composting/Food Waste:** The CA compost law is **part of SB 1383, which was passed in 2016**. The program will involve managing compostable material for residential and commercial waste, including food waste from grocery stores and restaurants. By the end of 2024, the law is expected to have taken effect in every municipality across California. What's happening in the City of Los Angeles? Shall we assign a task force to investigate and report back, maybe with a speaker, next month? LA Sanitation presentation to the NC Sustainability Alliance is [linked here](#). Also see Council Files [21-1208](#) and [22-0600-S52](#) *This item was discussed, Glenn recommended that all committee members watch the linked presentation to the NCSA, and that we ask CD 4 to provide us with more information on the eta of rollout of the collection program in our area and the SFV in general. We also discussed inquiring about how restaurants, markets and food pantries would be participating.*
2. **Tree Watering:** In conjunction with the ENC's Weed & Clean Project, some street trees may benefit from the installation of a slow release watering bag (approximately 20 gallons). Can we request the City install such bags if the property owner/business/ENC commits to regularly refilling them with water? Alternatively, the ENC could purchase them for a cost of approximately \$25 each. Tregator sold by various vendors including Forestry Distributing and Amazon.com. Not to exceed \$300. *We discussed this and took a look at the available products on Amazon during the meeting. Motion: The ENC Parks/Environment Committee recommends that the ENC, in conjunction with the Weed & Clean and successor projects authorize up to \$300 for the purchase of 20 gal. slow release tree gators from Amazon or Similar. glenn/Danny, 5 yes/0 no/ 0 abstentions.*
3. **Tree Removals:** The ENC periodically receives notices of tree removal(s) from the City. Most recently a notice to remove a Coast Live Oak at 5115 Genesta Avenue in Encino dated August 20, 2022 was received on August 24, 2022 (CRM #1-2287670181). Concerns have been expressed about the timeliness of the notice given the requirement for a reply within three days and lack of details provided including the tree's exact location on the lot nor the project construction details. Should the ENC adopt a generalized policy regarding the proposed removal of protected trees so that timely responses can be provided to the City by the ENC? *We discussed this, and concluded with the input from president Alex Garay that the president or designee should be able to quickly respond to notices. We concluded there is not enough notice, that there is not enough information in the notices. We further agreed that when we receive these notices they should be forwarded to the non-board members of the committee.*

3. **Committee Member Comment on Items not on this Agenda**

Adjournment at: _____ 5:38 _____