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**Sustainability Committee  
MEETING AGENDA  
Monday, November 14, 2022  
7:00 PM**

**Zoom Meeting Online or By Telephone**

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*Committee Members: Adele Slaughter (Resident/Business Owner, Chair), Alexander Black, (Resident), Chris Trent (Resident), Susan Schalbe (Stakeholder), Jesse Sandford (Resident), Chip Meehan (Board Member, Business Owner/Resident), Melanie Winter, (Business Owner/Resident), Tony Knight (Resident), Scott Mandell (Board Member & President, ex-officio)*

1. Call to Order & Roll Call (1 min)
2. Announcements by Government Representatives or guests (5 min.)
3. Public comment within the committees jurisdiction on items not on agenda

4. Discussion: Given the emerging information about the forever chemicals and other environmental problems with artificial turf; what steps can we take to change the state [California Code. Government Code - GOV § 53087.7](#) which states: (a) A city, including a charter city, county, or city and county, shall not enact any ordinance or regulation, or enforce any existing ordinance or regulation, that prohibits the installation of drought tolerant landscaping, synthetic grass, or artificial turf on residential property.

Guest Speaker(s): Laura Friedman, Steve Ferguson, Jorge Plascencia

5. Discussion and possible MOTION: [City Council file-22-1238](#) Oak Tree Deposits / Funding Relocation / Public Works Trust Fund No. 834

Here are the disturbing elements of this project revealed during the hearing at the [Board of Public Works BOPW](#):

- \$666,000 collected for Oak Woodland preservation and mitigation is being relocated to plant 154 oak trees in medians around the City, **despite the existence of over \$2 million in the public works trust fund for street plantings** and even more funds allocated for tree plantings in another public works trust fund account from DWP for City Plants.
- \$250,000 of the \$666,000 is being used for staff salaries and overtime.
- Over \$340,000 of the \$666,000 is just to be used for watering the 154 oak trees.
- \$4,351 per tree (\$1,371 labor; \$2,500 water; \$300 24" boxed tree; \$200 equipment).
- BOPW worked on this plan in secret for some 9 months without notice, input, or participation from the affected communities, and without participation from stakeholders.
- BOPW claimed that outreach to the affected CDs was provided, but personnel at CD 4 denied receiving any information or outreach about the project.
- The coalition letters and public comments in opposition were mostly ignored by the Commissioners. Instead, the vast majority of their discussion surrounded splitting up 15 of the oak trees proposed for CD 7 between other CDs.
- **The relocation of oak woodland mitigation funds collected from developers may not stop here!** At the hearing, Rachel Malarich (Office of City of LA Forest Management) said that the tree bond for the current

Protected Tree Ordinance can also be used for street tree planting when it is forfeited because the applicant never planted the required replacement trees or requested the replacement tree bond back.

This reallocation of funds for staff salaries with a minimal impact on increasing Oak trees is an unacceptable use of Oak Woodland Mitigation Funds and would set a terrible precedent for the future if it passes.

[Attached PDF of two letters outlining the issues.](#)

5. Discussion of Calendar for 2023 to include
  - a. quarterly clean up
  - b. quarterly seminar/Q&A for community
  - c. outreach to community
  - e. website for Sustainability Committee  
need a tech whiz, links to other organizations
  
6. Final comments by Committee members—  
Report by Chair on Projects that affect sustainability issues in Studio City
  
7. Adjournment (1 min)

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