



City of Davis
Climate and Environmental Justice Commission Meeting Minutes
23 Russell Boulevard, Davis, CA 95616
October 28, 2024
6:00 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Jordan Blough, Jim Cramer, Ann Daniel, Alana Gamage, John Reuter

Commissioners Absent: Gerald Braun, Michelle Byars, Jacob Byrne, Keara Tuso, Colin Walsh

Council Liaisons Present: Donna Neville

Staff Present: Kerry Loux, Sustainability Manager, CEJ Staff Liaison
Charlie Murphy, Urban Forest Manager
Katie Yancey, Economic Development Director

1. Call to Order & Roll Call:

The meeting was called to order by Acting Chairperson Cramer at 6:12 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

J Blough moved, seconded by A Daniel to approve the agenda. Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Blough, Cramer, Daniel, Gamage, Reuter
NOES: None
ABSENT: Braun, Byers, Byrne, Tuso, Walsh

3. Chair and Vice Chair Selection:

A. Confirmation of Chair

J Blough moved, seconded by J Reuter to confirm J Byrne as Chair. Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Blough, Cramer, Daniel, Gamage, Reuter
NOES: None
ABSENT: Braun, Byers, Byrne, Tuso, Walsh

B. Vice Chair Nomination/Appointment

J Blough moved, seconded by J Reuter, to wait until a subsequent meeting to select a Vice Chair, given the number of absences.

Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Blough, Cramer, Daniel, Gamage, Reuter
NOES: None
ABSENT: Braun, Byers, Byrne, Tuso, Walsh

No public comment was received on the item.

4. Brief Announcements from Staff, Commissioners, and Council Liaisons:

K Loux commented on the City's current policy for public comment. All Commission items will include public comment, except Call to Order, Roll Call, Approval of Agenda and Brief Announcements.

5. Public Comment

- Hiram Jackson: Representing the Committee for Yes on Measure T, which requires a two-thirds vote to pass. This is a county-initiated fund measure to pay for the second library branch location, the South Davis Library. Encouraged commissioners and community members to support the Measure.
- Torin Dunnavant: Tree Davis Executive Director, stated he was present to support the Urban Forest Management Plan report. He is excited about the extensive tree plantings in Davis this year, with a focus on the 95618 zip code area. Stated the annual Tree Davis Legacy Celebration will be in November 2024, and will honor Ellen Zagory, Warren Roberts, Putah Creek garden stewards, Janet Mercurio and Village Homes Tree Committee for their work related to urban greening in 2024.

6. Consent Calendar

A. Commission Minutes - July 22, 2024

B. 2023 Water Quality Report

Moved by A Daniel, seconded by J Blough to approve consent calendar.

Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES:	Blough, Cramer, Daniel, Gamage, Reuter
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	Braun, Byers, Byrne, Tusso, Walsh

No public comment was received on the item.

7. Regular Items

A. Presentation: State of the Urban Forest

C Murphy, Urban Forestry Program Manager, presented the State of the Urban Forest annual report. He noted the City's urban forestry program is in a rebuilding phase since moving from Parks and Community Services (PCS) to Public Works Utilities and Operations (PWUO) in 2021. He indicated that City staff are focused on quantifying measurables within the management of the urban forest, targeting development project review on protecting existing trees where possible, and making sure proposed trees are climate ready.

Discussion of the Commission included:

- Asked if the Urban Forest Management Plan (UFMP) covers both ministerial and discretionary review. Staff confirmed.
- Asked about community engagement, metrics and outcomes included in the UFMP. Staff responded that the City and Tree Davis are collaborating on the best metrics to use, including number of people

attending plantings and community events, and best methods to support tree planting and continue to have high volunteer engagement.

- Asked for detail on what additional resources are necessary to meet program goals. C Murphy noted that resources needed include staff capacity and training, along with funding for existing tree replacement with climate-ready tree species. He also noted that a new tree inventory is a priority.
- Appreciation for the work of staff and the progress with the implementation of the Urban Forest Management Plan (UFMP). It was noted that the UFMP is a framework that has flexibility for implementation and that the urban forestry measures are key components of Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP) implementation and success with carbon reduction.

This item was opened for public comment and one comments was received:

- T Dunnavant – stated that Tree Davis is interested in with community engagement and developing tree success metrics, including looking for patterns. For example, the five-year failure rate for newly-planted trees is 9.7%, and this is why replacements are planned. Expressed desire to continue work with the City.

No formal action was taken on this item.

B. Discussion of Potential Tour Opportunities

By consensus of the commission, this item was continued to a future meeting.

8. Long Range Calendar

J Blough moved, seconded by A Daniel to have the regularly scheduled November meeting on December 2, 2025, subject to finding a location suitable for Commission meetings. Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Blough, Cramer, Daniel, Gamage, Reuter

NOES: None

ABSENT: Braun, Byers, Byrne, Tusso, Walsh

9. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 8:11 p.m.