



**I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**

**II. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a. [New Committee Community Standards and Ground Rules](#)

**III. RELEVANT COUNCIL FILES**

**IV. INTRODUCTIONS**

**V. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

**VI. EARTH DAY PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION**

**VII. NEW PROJECTS/BUSINESS**

- a. [Planning doc for Earth Day 2022](#) (Friday, April 22)
  - i. Review and delegate to do list
- b. Review [Gantt Chart linked here](#) created by Sandeep Bhaurla
- c. Review and Discuss Natasia Gascon's Venice Ad Hoc Committee Proposal for Green Committee involvement (link or share screen)
- d. **Motion:** To approve \$115.20 for the purchase of two acrylic signs with holes from Vista Print. The basketball court at Woodbine Park is being treated as a dog park. Many dog owners illegally let off dogs their leashes within the confines of the gates of the basketball court. As mandated by [LA County Public Health](#), "The Leash Law (10.32.010) Prohibits dogs from running at large on any public street, park or other public areas or upon private property other than that of the dog owner. A dog must be restrained by a substantial leash not exceeding six feet and be in the control of a competent person when off property." Additionally, the court's purpose is for basketball, and dog bio-waste on the courts poses a public health threat to those that want to play basketball. These signs would be hung on the fence of the court to remind folks to keep their dogs on leashes, and not use the court as a dog park.
  - i. Cost break down: two signs at \$46.36 per sign equals \$92.73, plus \$22.48 with shipping. Total cost is \$115.20
- e. **Motion:** To send the following letter in support of planting native trees in Palms to Rachel Malarich, Hector Banuelos, and Stephen Duprey at Urban Forestry, and Councilmember Paul Koretz

Whereas Los Angeles faces a biodiversity crisis wherein over 90% of local butterflies, songbirds, and other pollinators have disappeared in the last century due to the replacement of local flora with non-native plant and tree species, and Whereas native landscaping plants and trees can thrive in our urban environment while providing all the benefits non-native trees can offer in terms of canopy shade to offset the heat island effect, beauty, and shade comfort for humans, while providing the only path to sustainability for biodiversity, water and energy savings, and elimination of soil amendment runoff pollution,

Therefore, the Palms Neighborhood Council appeals to the County and City of Los Angeles, all applicable government agencies, public-private partnerships, and private parties planting in public space to discontinue the practice of planting non-native landscaping plants and trees except in situations where plants and trees are designed to produce food for human consumption or provide a designated recreational playing field, and henceforth these same parties only plant 100% California native

landscaping plants and trees within Los Angeles County and City, and specifically within the stakeholder boundaries of the Palms Neighborhood Council.

f. Brainstorm for Community Day on May 14, 2022

**VIII. COMMITTEE UPDATES (10 MIN)**

- a. [Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance](#) (NCSA)
- b. [Dog Waste stations](#)
- c. Non-Profit Liaison: Natasia Gascon

**IX. On Deck/in progress:**

- a. Tree planting initiatives
- b. [NC Green Biz](#)
- c. Follow up on EV Programming with Charles Miller
- d. Protecting beehives
- e. Brianna Grothe sewing circle
- f. Plant swap and master gardeners' program
- g. New parks/Community Garden
- h. Greening Palms Elementary School

**II. Identify next steps:** (if time allows)

**III. Next meeting:** Tuesday May 10, 2022 at 7pm

**IV. Adjournment:**

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