



## **AGENDA**

### **SPECIAL MEETING: ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

**Monday, August 27, 2018 – 6:45 p.m.**

Los Angeles Public Library, Woodland Hills Branch  
22200 Ventura Blvd., Woodland Hills, CA 91364

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#### **Co-chairs: Karen DiBiase and Gina Thornburg**

Committee members: Joyce Fletcher, ex officio; Sheppard Kaufman, ex officio

- Call to order
- Pledge
- Roll call
- Approval of minutes from July 23 meeting
- **Public Comment: Items not on the agenda (15 minutes)**

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### **Items for discussion and possible vote:**

**1.0** Discussion of possible community impact statement (CIS) on CF 16-0651.

Background: Before the June meeting, a local resident called our attention to the matter of Roundup being sprayed in public parks in the City of Los Angeles. Council File 16-0651, upon which the City Council took final action last November 21, resulted in a minor change in the way that Roundup was applied in City parks. This change was as follows:

“In an effort to mitigate the risk of potential exposure (e.g. skin contact, inhalation and ingestion) to children, other park users and their pets immediately after an herbicide application, RAP will no longer apply Roundup to unwanted vegetation within 100 feet of children’s play areas, recreation center, and dog parks.”

Matter to Consider and Discuss: In light of recent developments concerning Roundup, should this committee craft a CIS requesting that (1) the application of Roundup be permanently banned from City parks and other public areas under the jurisdiction of the Department of Recreation and Parks and (2) strongly urge the RAP to adopt and employ alternative weed-management techniques? More and more California cities are adopting nontoxic management strategies of undesired weeds in public places. These places include Richmond, Malibu, Irvine, Glendale, Burbank, and Petaluma. Should this committee request that the City of Los Angeles adopt nontoxic methods of controlling unwanted weeds, such as those listed on the Nontoxic Neighborhoods website? If so, discussion of CIS follows.

**2.0** Report of the workshop “Great Green Space for a Climate-Smart LA,” held on August 25 and hosted by the Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance.

**3.0** Discussion and vote to submit a request to the full board of the WHWCNC that Karen DiBiase and Gina Thornburg be designated as sustainability liaisons to the Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance.

**4.0** Discussion of trees in Woodland Hills and the importance of trees in an urban environment. Announcement of new street-tree-removal notification system, which is found at <https://bsspermits.lacity.org/treepostings/>

**5.0** Announcements: Crayola has a school-based recycling program for used Crayola markers called ColorCycle. <http://www.crayola.com/colorcycle.aspx>.

**5a.** Other announcements of environmental concern to the stakeholders of Woodland Hills.

## **6.0 Adjournment of meeting**

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