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Agenda

Meeting February 6, 2025, 9:30-11 am

City Hall, Room 1103

Consent Agenda to be finalized 48 hours before the meeting.

- Call to Order – President
- Roll Call – Vice President
- Public Comments – 3 min. limit per person; Please notify the President or Vice President of your full name if you wish to speak
- Approval of Previous Minutes – minutes accessible to the Board only until approval: [Dec 2024](#), [Aug 2024](#), [May 2024](#)
- Consent Agenda – All items on the Consent Agenda are approved by a single vote with no discussion.
 - Area tree trimming:
 - 9,672** trees trimmed in calendar year as of **1/30/2025**
 - 3** grid sections of **952** grid sections* pruned this year.
 - 121** grid sections of **952** grid sections* pruned since start of Area trimming program in April 2023
 - *Note that some grid sections do not have trees managed by the City (industrial, parks/forest preserves properties, airport).
 - Tree planting numbers:
 - Bureau of Forestry: **0** trees planted this calendar year as of **1/30/2025**
 - Department of Transportation: **0** trees planted this calendar year as of **1/30/2025**
 - Chicago Parks District: **0** trees planted this calendar year as of **1/30/2025**
 - Tree removal numbers:
 - Bureau of Forestry: **181** trees removed this calendar year as of **1/30/2025**
 - Chicago Parks District: ___ trees removed this calendar year as of ___ (date)
 - CDOT – n/a, does not remove trees
- Standing Updates
 - Update on Chicago Public Tree Inventories
 - City Parkway Tree Inventory – Joe McCarthy/BoF
 - Parks District Tree Inventory – Cathy Breitenbach/Parks
 - Other Chicago urban forest mgmt./activities updates – BoF, CDOT, Parks
 - Our Roots Chicago Update – CDPH
 - Next Chicago Community Tree Equity Working Group monthly virtual meeting: Tues, Feb 11, 9 am
 - Working Groups:
 - Education Working Group – Rolando Favela
 - Policy / Landscape Ordinance – Daniella Pereira

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- Old Business
 - Discretionary Removal Letter update – Ald. Maria Hadden/Leslie Perkins
 - 2025 Budget Status update – Leslie Perkins
 - Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Update on 2024 Injection – John Lough/BoF
 - UFAB Logistics and By-laws – Jess Vogt, Daniella Pereira, TBD from Law?
- New Business
 - Trees and tech: Understanding current BoF and CDOT workflow and use of Salesforce/311 – TBD from BoF
 - Remaining 2025 Full Board meetings: April 3, June 5, Oct 2, Dec 4 (9:30-11 am)
 - Call for additional Agenda items for New Business at next meeting?
 - Enforcement procedures of BoF/CDOT, current and moving forward
 - 2026 Budget Year requests for BoF from UFAB (e.g., revenue-generating enforcement position?)
 - Location of Bureau of Forestry
 - Next Working Group meetings:
 - Policy: March 6, 2025 – 1-3pm
 - Education: March 6, 2025 – TBD time