



Citizens Advisory Committee

500 McCullough Ave., San Antonio, 78215 & Via WebEx

March 13, 2024 | 11:30 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

Member of CAC	Present	On-Line	Absent
Richard Farias	✓		
Lawson Picasso		✓	
Diana Aguirre Martinez	✓		
Frank Gonzalez	✓		
Raquel Zapata		✓	
Adelita Cantu		✓	
John Kelly	✓		
Tom Corser			✓
Vanessa Alvarado			✓
Bill Day		✓	
Andra Clapsaddle	✓		
Steve Bonnette	✓		
Bob Zapata	✓		
Aaron Stein		✓	

Also Present were:

Jennifer Barrera	Sid Bonilla	Melissa Carrillo Cox	Christina Cisneros Guzman
Kathy Garcia	Gabriel Garcia	Ashely Glotzer	Lori Lopez
Kari Meyer	Unity Puente	David Rivela	Angela Rodriguez
Marie Stoner	Nancy Tabares	Tristan Tovar	Ken Whalen

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 11:32 a.m. by Chair Diana A. Martinez.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval for the meeting minutes from February 14, 2024, was motioned by Steve Bonnette and seconded by John Kelly.

STAFF UPDATE

Christina Guzman informed the Committee of the following events:

- CPS Energy 25th Annual Golf tournament benefiting REAP on Monday, March 18
- Community Resource fair: District 9, Tuesday, March 19, and District 3, Thursday, April 4, 20024.
- Various Weatherization Drive-Thru
 - For additional information click on link below.

<https://www.cpsenergy.com/content/corporate/en/about-us/community/upcoming-events.html>

VEGETATION BRIEFING

Lori Lopez, Director of Technical Services Distribution, briefed the Committee on the tree trimming policies which are often discussed at neighborhood meetings. CPS Energy operates a year-round vegetation management program to maintain 8,500 miles of transmission and distribution electric circuits. Key takeaways included:

- CPS Energy utilizes LiDAR data with our geographical information system (GIS) to identify vegetation encroachment and tree density within our electrical distribution.
- CPS Energy also provides customer communication for tree trimming services in the area. Customers receive door hangers, a phone call to answer questions, and a courtesy notification when work begins.
- For reliability, the distribution trim procedure calls for a 10' clearance. We regularly remove tree limbs and vines near our poles and lines to improve safety and reduce outages. Emergency trimming is also necessary due to outages, fire mitigation, and customer safety.
- Typical tree trimming for electric distribution lines vary depending on clearance needs, species, and tree growth. CPS Energy works with developers to minimize obstructions to existing trees and suggests planting "the right tree in the right place."
- To de-energize the lines, customers or their representatives trimming near a power or service line should phone 210.353.2222.
- CPS Energy has approximately 55-60 vendor crews working within the service area. Our current partners are required to have an Arborist on staff, follow Oak Wilt ordinances, and be line-clearance certified.

For more information go to our CPS Energy website or click on link below.

[Tree Trimming - Power Line Safety \(cpsenergy.com\)](#)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Diana A. Martinez took the Committee into Executive Session to discuss confidential matters at 12:05 p.m.

COMMITTEE ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

Chair Diana Martinez asked each member to make announcements or comments at this time. The committee discussed various topics.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the committee the meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.