

**City of San Diego  
Community Forest Advisory Board**

MEETING MINUTES  
July 13, 2011  
Civic Center Plaza Building

1) **Convene:** Vicki Estrada, Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:45 a.m.

2) **Present:**

Members – Vicki Estrada, Fausto Palafox, Robin Rivet, Robin Rivet, Jon Becker, Stephen Lamprides, Mary Johnson, Joe Jones, Tershia d’Elgin.

[Not Present] – Victoria Heithaus, Craig Jones,

Guests – Guy Pruess (Skyline/Paradise Hills CPG), Eric Wolf and Ty Sterns (Urban Corps)

City Staff – Drew Potocki, Tony Gangitano, Ken Healy, Andrea Demich

3) **Approval of Minutes:**

- a. April - Approved without changes. [Becker/J.Jones]
- b. May - Approved without changes. [Becker/d’Elgin]
- c. June Retreat - Approved without changes. [Becker/d’Elgin]

4) **Chair’s Announcements:** a) Still the CFAB Chair until replaced by the Mayor. b) KPBS interview featured Potocki, Palafox, and Ty Sterns.

5) **Working Group Reports:** none

6) **Discussion Item(s):**

- a. Henry the Tacolist.com Barefoot Eco-Runner. An individual is running from South America to Canada to promote tree planting and will be crossing the US-Mexico border on August 18<sup>th</sup>. Discussion about how CFAB could help and use this event to promote tree planting in San Diego and CFAB awareness.

7) **Action Item(s):** none

8) **Reports:** Items *not* already on agenda

- a. Board Member Reports
  - Palafox reported on tree plantings in Mission Hills and passed out a USDA flyer on the benefits of trees.
  - Becker reported 28 trees planted in District 1.
  - Rivet i) The next ATAC workshop for landscape architects to teach arboriculture basics will be 8/10/11 to introduce “tools” for landscape architects for best-practice, sustainable landscape planning; ii) The next Regional Urban Forest Meeting is scheduled for 8/03/11; iii) Also working with the water authority to increase Urban Corps and tree benefits information into current publications.
  - d’Elgin requested an update from the Mayor’s office regarding filling vacant CFAB positions.

b. City Staff Reports

- Drew Potocki, Urban Forester, Transportation & Stormwater Department, Utilities Undergrounding Program. Working on various undergrounding projects around the City. Recommends the CFAB invites Andy Field from Park & Recreation to future meetings to inform the board about MAD activities.
- Ken Healy, Code Compliance Officer, reported an upswing of illegal tree removal actions. He said that most of these offenses are occurring in commercial areas and is working to get the property owners to replace with new trees. Gangitano added that private property violations go to Code Compliance but are rarely acted on.
- Andrea Demich, Storm Water, reported that medians in Clairemont are being upgraded to include bio-filtering capabilities. Installation to occur in December.

c. City Planning Reports: none

d. Urban Corps Report presented by Ty Sterns

9) **Public Comment:** none

10) **Referrals to Committees:** d'Elgin, Rivet, Potocki, Healy, and Urban Corps to take on Tacolist.com Henry scheduling options.

11) **Adjourned** at 1:00 p.m.