

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

MEETING MINUTES
April 9, 2008
City Administration Building

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

- 2) **Present:**
Members – Patrick Caughey, Jon Becker, Karen Davis, Victoria Heithaus, Stephen Lamprides, Craig Jones, Mary Johnson, Joe Jones, Tershia d’Elgin.
[Not Present] – Gail Roberts, William Tall, Dan Simpson,
Guests – Guy Pruess (Skyline/Paradise Hills CPG), James Tarbert (Streets Division), Mike Palat (SDUFC), Diane Silva-Martinez (City Attorney’s Office), and other representatives from the City Attorney’s Office
City Staff – Michael Marika, Drew Potocki, Tony Gangitano, Alissa Gabriel, Jeff Harkness

- 3) **Approval of Minutes:** 1st Heithaus/2nd Davis. Approved unanimously.

- 4) **Chair’s Announcements:** Nancy Hughes interested in presenting to CFAB on the topic of urban forestry at the State level.

- 5) **Action Item(s):** none

- 6) **Discussion Item(s):** none

- 7) **Reports:** Items *not* already on agenda
 - a. Projects Committee –
 - C. Jones reported activity and conversation with various planning groups.
 - T. d’Elgin reported on the progress of the 32nd Street Canyon project: still in design phase, \$21k grant received.

 - b. Staff Reports
 - Drew Potocki, Street Division Urban Forester
Arbor Day April 26th. Mayor to attend from 9:30 to 10:15am for the Tree City USA award presentation (Arbor Day is one of four requirements for receiving the designation).
Mayor awarded \$10mil for brush management activities.
SDRFC has a budget to be spent by 6/31. Probably will be donating it to a local nursery that provides street trees.
Society of Municipal Arborists (international) is holding its next meeting in San Diego. Local forestry issues to be discussed.
Utility Conversion Program. A 20-minute video regarding protecting trees during undergrounding is available.



Paradise Hills. Working to protect the 37 Jacarandas planted in honor of Charles Lewis during current sidewalk upgrades.

Serra Mesa Undergrounding Project. 150 residents requested free trees \$25,000 donation received for palm tree replacements at Scripps Cove.

- Michael Marika, Park & Recreation Dept. Arborist
The City is working with Palomar College on the restoration of the "historic" redwood benches in the Botanical Building in Balboa Park. Some redwood trees that were removed from Presidio Park will be milled and used by Palomar College on these benches.
The Old Globe eucalyptus is cut down with possibly an English oak to replace.
- Tony Gangitano, Development Services Dept. Senior Planner – Contacted Stormwater division regarding funding issue

- c. Presentation by City Attorney's Office – Diane Silva-Martinez presented a \$5,000 donation as a result of a criminal settlement. No board action required. Potocki noted that he is working with Daniel Weinberg at the City's Philanthropy division to establish a policy for accepting and accounting for donations.

8) **Referrals to Committees:**

- Earth Day Committee to be headed by C. Jones with the goal of ensuring a greater CFAB presence at next year's Earth Day Balboa Park event. \
- Fund Research Committee to be headed by T. d'Elgin with the goal of determining the state of current CFAB funds.

9) **Public Comment:**

- Mike Palat from SD Regional Forest Council was present to answer questions about the organization and remind members that the council meets every other month with the next meeting occurring on June 4th.
- Guy Preuss thanked D. Potocki for attending to the recent Paradise Hills jacaranda issue.

10) **Next Meeting:** Second Wednesday of the month, 11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m., CAB12A

11) **Adjourned** at 1:08pm