

Community Forest Advisory Board Meeting
April 12, 2006
11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.
City Administration Bldg. -12th Floor, Closed Session Room

Minutes

- 1) **Call to Order** at 11:50 without a quorum. Quorum reached at 11:57.
- 2) **Introductions** – *Members present include: Marty Poirier, Dan Simpson, Jon Becker, Jean Zagrodnik, Craig Jones, Tershia d’Elgin, Drew Potocki, Tony Gangitano, Mona Favorite-Hill, Michael Marika, Luis Generoso, Velmo Watson, Maureen Hall. Guests include: Lisa Adams, Urban Corp; Guy Preuss, backing up Jolaine Harris for District 4; Gus Brown, Streets Division; Alex Hempton, Development Services; Kathy Evans-Calderwood, City Heights CHAPC & PAC.*
- 3) **Approval of the March Minutes** – *Approved with changes.*
- 4) **Chair’s Announcements and Update** – *None*
- 5) **Discussion Items**
 - a. **Tree protection Nominations** – Drew Potocki and Tony Gangitano
(How will DSD incorporate the new computer program from Streets Division into DSD’s computer system; existing tree removals – advanced request process; Presentation of SD Foundation Grant) – *The computer update is still going on. The Nominations Notification postcard is being developed by Drew and Mona. They will make sure that nominated trees aren’t removed during the nominations process if they get put on the removal list. There is no update yet on the San Diego Foundation grant. Laura LiMandri and People For Trees have submitted for the grant. The Board will follow up on this in future months.*
 - b. **Update of EarthDay Activity** – Lisa Adams, Urban Corp – *San Diego Regional Urban Forestry Council (SDRUF) has had no response for taking part in this activity. Urban Corp will still have their booth and will have a few trees and a thermometer to show the difference between the temperature without trees and under the shade of trees. There will also be wrong tree, wrong place posters, a list of approved street trees, tree nomination forms, tree city USA brochures, conserve-a-tree, and the “What Is CFAB Brochure”. Mona will run the PowerPoint she did for the CPC presentation. The booth will be at the north end of the fountain in front of the Museum of Art.*
 - c. **Preview of CPC Presentations** – Mona Favorite Hill – *Mona will bring the PowerPoint to the next meeting. She is being bumped back 1 month at CPC. She has only 5 minutes including questions so she will run the PowerPoint behind her as she speaks. The date for the CPC is 5/23. The Board suggested that Mona pass around a*

sheet for the Community Planning Groups to sign up to ask for a presentation on CFAB for their group meetings.

- d. *Clarification on Tree Removal Guidelines Open Space –Mike Marika – Mike passed out the tree removal guidelines for Park & Rec. Craig asked how successful Parks is for getting 1 to 1 replacements. This is on a case by case basis because of reasons for removal. Then Craig asked if there was an opportunity to plant another tree at another location. P&R tries to revegetate all parks. They need to get trees large enough to survive and not get vandalized. There is a natural attrition built into all designs. P&R is getting a new Public Information Officer (PIO), which is a good thing because there is a lot for PIO's to do. The PIO can go into the community to talk to them about looking after new trees. CFAB should partner with this new PIO. CFAB should invite a representative from the P&R Board to a meeting to talk about re-writing the Tree Removal Guidelines. A motion was made by Craig and seconded by Tershia for City staff to work with the P&R Board to come to the next meeting.*
- e. *Funding Stream Status – Tree Smart Program – Follow-up from last meeting - Drew Potocki – Drew answered Mike Singleton's questions to the Board in a document dated 4/7/06. Drew will answer Mike Singleton's new questions at the next meeting.*

Council Policy 200-5 could be updated. CFAB could get a subcommittee together to look into rewriting this. Drew will take the lead.

Question 1 – SDG&E is taking out trees outside of their easement. Who gives SDG&E this authority? There is easement language that could apply here but unknown who monitors this language. Drew only monitors street trees. Fall radius also factors into this. Mike Marika says CPUC monitors the language and monitors tree removals to make sure they are in compliance.

Question 2 – Mike Singleton has questions on the definition of hazardous trees. If he has questions he needs to go to ISA, not City or SDG&E. The hazardous tree form has to be filled out for each tree removed by SDG&E.

Tershia had some follow-up questions. Question 6 – The 1 to 1 replacement should be the same biomass as the tree removed, not necessarily the same size.

We can go round and round about disagreeing with this policy. The City has to go by the policy as written. If CFAB doesn't agree with it they should look into re-writing the policy. Jon suggested that a subcommittee deal with this

There is no early review by this Board on planting projects. This Board needs to get involved. It should also be done by a subcommittee because there is too much for this Board to get involved with at normal Board meetings.

Because of City re-engineering there is a lot that the City can't do for the next few years.

- f. Quick review of CFAB letters: (a) to Mayor, asking for Chair appointment; (b) CA ReLeaf bill support – Craig Jones – *Maureen passed out copies of the letters that were mailed to the Mayor and Ca ReLeaf.*
- g. Possibility of Mayor Sanders disbanding CFAB – Tershia d’Elgin – *Tershia asked her Council Representative to check with Aundene Hugg in the Mayor’s Office about disbanding CFAB. Aundene says she is reviewing all Boards and will continue to review them for the next year. Nancy heard something to the contrary. Tershia suggests writing a letter from the Board that says the Board is made up of all volunteers and saves the City money. Aundene was invited to the meeting but there is not enough staff to go to meetings. The Board wanted to know what the cost of the City Staff’s work is for the Board. 1.6 persons from the Water Department (a part of 3 different employees) are delegated to the Board, but only .50 positions time was actually spent on Board activities. Tershia and Jean will start a letter to bring to the next meeting. The Board should ask the CPC to endorse the Board as well as all your Council Offices.*

6) Quick Business – None

7) Reports – Items *not* already on agenda - 3 minutes each report (unless otherwise noted)

- a. Education & Outreach Committee - *None*
- b. Planning Committee – *None*
- c. Implementation Committee - *None*
- d. Finance Committee - *None*
- e. Staff Reports
 - i) Michael Marika, Park and Recreation Dept. Arborist - *None*
 - ii) Drew Potocki, Street Division Urban Forester - *None*
 - iii) Velmo Watson, Code Compliance Officer - *None*
 - iv) Mona Favorite-Hill, General Services, Senior Public Information Officer – *KBPS website will have a special section on “City Treasures” talking about our Jacaranda trees.*
 - v) Tony Gangitano, Development Services Dept., Senior Planner - *The Tree Ordinance from DSD will be changed by the end of the year. Palo Alto has a great tree manual that Tony will steal some stuff from for the City to use.*
 - vi) Luis Generoso, Staff Representative to CFAB - *None*

8) Referrals to Committees – None

9) Public Comment – *The Walgreen trees on University Avenue were removed. They were supposed to save 5 trees. Drew pointed out that the trees that were taken out were huge ficus' and were wrong tree/wrong place. The City Council decided to remove them because of the sidewalks and tree root problems. This was noticed and should have been brought up at Council. CFAB can only control trees in the public right-of-way. They can't control trees on private property. New trees will be planted to replace the trees removed after the building is built.*

10) Next Regular Meeting – May 10, 2006, 11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.

11) Adjourned at 1:30.