

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

MEETING MINUTES  
May 9, 2012  
Civic Center Plaza Building

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

2) **Present:**

Members – Anne Fege, Fausto Palafox, Robin Rivet, Jon Becker, Jake Banfield-Weir, Victoria Heithaus, Stephen Lamprides, Craig Jones, Mary Johnson, Joe Jones.

[Not Present] – Tershia d’Elgin

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

City Staff – Drew Potocki, Alex Hempton, Andrea Demich

3) **Approval of April Minutes:** Approved without changes.

4) **Chair’s Announcements:** none

5) **Working Group Reports:**

- a. Outreach/Education – Members reported on CFAB presentations to Council members and staff
- b. Funding/Partnerships – Members reported on budget hearings attended.
- c. Policies/Programs – Working Group reviewed several streets downtown to observe the existing trees along 8th St., F St., Park Blvd., 11th Ave. and B St. Observed trees in various conditions of installations between the curb and sidewalk. The trees installed ranged from being placed within 1960 era fire rings, trees planted in bio-swales, trees planted within grates and new 4’x5’ cut-outs in the concrete. Most of the trees planted in the fire rings were restricted and small due to limited rooting area. Those in the bio-swales were growing but leaning (apparently due to wind or soil compaction). Many of those planted in tree grates were leaning and growing over the metal of the grate (apparently due to wind or soil compaction). Those which appeared to be maturing the best were in the larger tree “cut-outs”. Those in the larger tree cut-outs were more recent installations with new developments as required by current policies, permits and the Municipal Code.

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

- a. Board Member Reports
  - Palafox – Mission Hills Garden Club event will encompass some tree planting.
- b. City Staff Reports
  - Drew Potocki – Tree maintenance contract modification is ongoing. Arbor Day at the Balboa Park Organ Pavilion went well with CFAB member Fausto Palafox speaking and SDRUFC donated one of the 500 dollar trees.
  - Alex Hempton, Development Services Dept. - Tree Removal at 450 B St.

- Andrea Demich – Extra trees requested by residents as part of a Storm Water project in Clairemont. Storm Water is collecting comments on the Broadway street tree replacement concept plan.

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

8) **Discussion Item(s):** Update on San Diego Apps Challenge

9) **Public Comment:** Ty Sterns reported Planting With a Purpose event on May 31 will plant 30 trees. Working with CalTrans to plant 900 trees along Hwy 94.

10) **Referrals to Committees:** Question about who follows up on tree removals referred to Policies Working Group.

11) **Adjourned** at 1:15 p.m.