

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

MEETING MINUTES

October 10, 2012

City Administration Building, 12th Floor Conference Room

1) **Convene:** Anne Fege, Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:45 a.m. The purpose of the meeting was to gather information and review the draft Urban Forest Management Plan (UFMP). No regular business was conducted at the meeting.

2) **Present:**

Members –Robin Rivet, Jon Becker, Jake Banfield-Weir, Mary Johnson, Joe Jones, Tershia d’Elgin, Anne Fege

[Not Present] – Fausto Palafox, Vicky Heithaus, Stephen Lamprides, Craig Jones,

City Staff –Jeff Harkness

Guests –Guy Pruess (Skyline/Paradise Hills CPG), Kevin Heiss (Talmadge)

General suggestions:

Review the overall tone, feels negative

Add state requirements for urban forestry programs

Feature the benefit/cost analyses more prominently, trees provide more benefits than costs over their lifetime

Calculate the additional economic values of 1000 trees, with the costs of planting and caring

Add a section on the administration and oversight of the urban forestry program (in addition to funding)

Suggestions for specific sections:

For tree inventories, review historic images to assess changes over time

Work with Community Planning Groups to incorporate trees in Capital Improvement Projects submitted to the City

Contact Inland Empire regional urban forestry council, as they have assisted other cities with urban forest management plans

Contact San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture, to learn more about how they have applied for and implemented grants, <http://www.sandiego.gov/arts-culture/index.shtml> .

Incorporate suggested elements of tree ordinance proposed in about 2003, from Mike Singleton

Get costs figures from the citywide tree care contract award

Address the additional expectations for tree trimming that the City has shifted to MADs

Add paragraphs about trees’ contributions to mitigating and adapting to climate change

Add section on fees and non-compliance collections, and what funds are used for

Incorporate rationale on water requirements of trees

9) **Public Comment:** Kevin Heiss from Talmadge had information on the Cape Chestnut heritage tree nomination, which will be on November’s agenda.

10) **Adjourned** at 1:20 p.m.