

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

MEETING MINUTES  
June 12, 2013  
City Administration Building

1) **Convene:** Jon Becker, Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:55 a.m.

2) **Present:**

Members – Jon Becker, Victoria Heithaus, Jake Banfield-Weir, Craig Jones, Joe Jones, Tershia d’Elgin.

[Not Present] – Anne Fege, Fausto Palafox, Robin Rivet, Stephen Lamprides, Mary Johnson,  
Guests – Guy Preuss (Skyline – Paradise Hills CPG), Devon Boutte (Schmidt Design Group), Troy Murphree, Bob Ilko (Scripps Ranch CPG), Kurt Pearock, John Morlan (Morlan’s Arboriculture).

City Staff – Michael Marika, Drew Potocki, Alex Hempton, Andrea Demich, Jeff Harkness, Andy Field (Park & Recreation)

3) **Approval of May Minutes:** Approved with edits. [Jones/d’Elgin]

4) **Chair’s Announcements:**

5) **Reports:**

- a. Partnerships/Finance Working Group. FY 2014 budget process, Mayor’s and Council recommendations. *Discussion Item.* d’Elgin, Banfield-Weir, and Rivet attended May revised budget hearings and spoke in favor of CFAB interests when possible.
- b. Policies Working Group. Update on review of current codes and policies, identification of changes needed, and input from department staff and heads.
- c. Update on Citywide Tree Care services solicitation (Park and Recreation) postponed until next meeting.
- d. Outreach and contacts for Urban Forest Management Plan. *Not discussed due to lack of a quorum*
- e. Nomination of olive groves in Scripps Ranch for heritage or preservation groves. Presentations by Scripps Ranch Civic Association (applicant) and City of San Diego.  
Andy Field gave the City’s report. The City’s consulting arborist assessed the health of the trees. Park & Recreation Dept has determined the groves to be eligible for Preservation Grove status. Bob Ilko gave a brief history of the trees in the area and provided the area planning group’s input and supports the City’s recommendation. Board questions and discussion of the difference between heritage and preservation requirements followed.

Action Item Approved. The Community Forest Advisory Board (CFAB) recommended designation of the olive trees generally located to the north and south of Atrium Drive and west of Aviary Drive within the City-owned parcels known as Derenbaker Park, Aviary Neighborhood Park, and Hendrix Pond in the Scripps-Miramar Ranch

Community Planning Area as a heritage tree or preservation grove per the Conserve a Tree Nomination Forms submitted pursuant to Council Policy 900-19 by the Scripps Ranch Civic Association (SRCA), Scripps Ranch Historic Preservation Society (SRHPS), and Scripps Ranch Planning Group (SRPG) (collectively called the applicants). The Grove will exist without additional MAD support. The Applicant will contribute additional maintenance funds as necessary to maintain the Grove.  
[C.Jones/d'Elgin]

6) **Public Comment:** *No quorum*

7) **For the Next Meeting:** Update on Citywide Tree Care services solicitation, AB-32 Clean Air grants available, and invite new Planning Dept Director Bill Fulton.

8) **Adjourned** at 12:30 p.m. due to loss of quorum.