



City of San Diego
Community Forest Advisory Board Meeting
MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

City Administrative Building, 202 C Street, Committee Room, 12th Floor

1. Call to Order Anne Fege, Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:45 am

2. Attendees

Members –Virginia Wilson, Rachele Melious, Vince Mikulanis, Puja Batra, Troy Murphree, Butch Everett, and Anne Fege

City Staff – Brian Widener, Sergio Arias, and Christine Stontz, Transportation and Storm water; Magen Shaw, Ed Drobnicki, Greg Johansen, Erich Kast, Parks; Lesley Henegar, Planning; Eric Hensen, District 4

Guests – Guy Preuss, Paradise Hills; Mike Palat and Lissette Velarde, West Coast Arborists, Jackie Higgins Balboa Park Conservancy

3. Approval of Minutes. Minutes of February 13, 2019 were unanimously approved.

4. Announcements and Updates.

- a. Sergio Arias gave a short report on his participation in the Municipal Forest Institute in February.

5. Actions

- a. Three priorities were adopted for 2019: (b, f, h from CFAB duties): advocate for policies and guidelines, in particular to implement Climate Action Plan; promote information and volunteerism; and promote funding.

6. City Staff Reports

- a. Brian Widener and Magen Shaw gave monthly report on urban forestry activities.
- b. Jackie Higgins and Shaw reported on the tree inventory work in Balboa Park, that is showing decline in tree condition in the past 20 years. Widener gave an update on the tree inventory and iTree analysis of 70,000 trees.

7. Subcommittee Reports

- a. Virginia Wilson reported on the draft bylaws, developed by the bylaws committee. Draft will be emailed to Board for discussion and approval at next meeting.
- b. Fege reported that urban forestry professionals and landscape architects have begun meeting to provide recommendations on Land Development Code revision.
- c. Shaw reported on plans for the citywide Arbor Day event on April 26, 2019.

8. Discussion

- a. Fege invited Board members to attend and give statements at the Environment Committees meetings on March 14 on climate action and April 18 on urban forestry (Jackie, Rachele, Troy, Anne).

9. Public Comment

10. Next Meeting – The next meeting will be 10:00-11:30 am on April 10, 2019 at the San Diego Central Library, 330 Park Blvd, 9th Floor.