



**City of San Diego**  
**Community Forest Advisory Board Meeting**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, November 13, 2019  
Central Library, 330 Park Blvd., 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, San Diego, CA, 92101

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

2. **Attendees**

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

City Staff – Brian Widener and Christine Stontz, Transportation and Stormwater; Erich Kast, Parks; Jordan Beane, staff to Councilmember Campbell

Guests – Mary Engles, San Diego Downtown Breakfast Rotary; Leigh Kyle, Landscape Architect; and Amy Hendree, Rancho Bernardo

3. **Approval of Minutes.** Minutes of October 9, 2019 were approved.

4. **Announcements and Updates.**

- a. KPBS interviewed Brian Widener and others in the Morning Edition, and three listeners attended this meeting.
- b. The Board was asked to declare preferences for meeting time (starting at 10 am or noon) and location (City Hall or Central Library), and both votes were split evenly.
- c. Vince Mikulanis outlined tree issues in District 7, including high survival of trees that were watered, and loss of trees to development.

5. **City Staff Reports**

- a. Widener reported that ten trees were planted by the City at Kate Sessions Park on November 8, and Fege reported that 30 trees were planted by Balboa Park Conservancy in Balboa Park on November 9.
- b. Widener reported that the 2015 tree planting grant from CalFire will be completed at the end of December. Reports about tree maintenance (from Get it Done app) are increasing, now up to 550 each month.

6. **Discussion**

- a. Jordan Beane outlined the Environment Committee's plan to combine three environmental advisory boards, including CFAB, into the "Environmental Advisory Board." Discussion included the direction for board consolidation, breadth of issues identified, possible standing committees, contributions of CFAB over the past 20 years, and board vacancies.
- b. Concerns about lack of code compliance were expressed, including the illegal topping of 100 trees at Ralphs store parking lot at 6670 Montezuma Road.

7. **Actions**

- a. Board approved sending letter about proposed Environment Advisory Board.
- b. Board approved sending letter about code compliance and illegal tree maintenance.

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8. **Public Comment** (none)

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