



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

Wednesday, December 11, 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 10:40 am

**2. Attendees**

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

City Staff – Brian Widener and Sergio Arias, Transportation and Storm Water; Erich Kast, Greg Johansen and Magen Shaw, Parks; Leslie Henegar, Planning

Guests – None

**3. Approval of Minutes** No minutes were approved.

**4. Announcements and Updates**

- a. At their December 9 meeting, the San Diego Regional Urban Forests Council recognized the City of San Diego for the Best Arbor Day Event, Magen Shaw; Best Regional Council Team Member, and Bay Terraces and Muriel King for Best Tree Health Project.
- b. Leslie Henegar reported that Terre Lien (Development Services) passed away on December 7.
- c. Muriel King gave an update on urban forestry concerns and opportunities in District 4. Resources for some concrete removal and new tree planting have been identified, and now is stalled due to \$3,000 permit-construction fee; Street Division staff are aware of this issue and there have been internal discussions on how and if the permit fees for citywide sidewalk repairs can be addressed.

**5. City Staff Reports**

- a. Greg Johansen gave an update on the South American Palm Weevil, with photos. Most are dead. Removal and disposal of dead palm trunks is an increasing problem due to lack of funding.
- b. Magen Shaw gave an update on the one-day training provided to 65 grounds workers for parks, and 30 supervisors. Tree maintenance and risks were covered in the morning, and 30 trees were planted in the afternoon.
- c. Reports in Get-it-Done are increasing, and the tree-related requests are prioritized and assigned to City staff to determine if work is required by contract or in-house crews. There are still challenges with internal reporting and Board members are invited to take the Get it Done survey to help the City identify improved customer service.

**6. Discussion** (see topics above)

**7. Actions** (none)

**8. Public Comment** (none)

**9. Next Meeting** – The next meeting will be 10:00-11:30 am on Wednesday, January 9, 2020

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