City of San Diego
Community Forest Advisory Board Meeting
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, May 13, 2020
Meeting held by videoconference call

1. **Call to Order**   Anne Fege, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:20 am

2. **Attendees**

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

   City Staff – Brian Widener and John Ide, Transportation; Leslie Henegar, Planning

   Guests – none

3. **Approval of Minutes**   The minutes of February 12, 2020 were approved.

4. **Announcements and Updates**

   a. Anne Fege reported on FY 2021 budget hearings, including email messages submitted one-minute statements made for Parks, Sustainability and Transportation departments. Seven councilmembers verbally opposed reduction of tree maintenance funds. Proposed reduction is for tree maintenance contract funds.

   b. Brian Widener described the policies and details for board meetings being held by videoconference, according to state-wide modifications of Brown Act requirements.

5. **Discussion**

   a. Chris Drayer reported the City's inspection of tree and sidewalk in front of his property and recommended that the sidewalk be modified instead of removing the tree.

6. **City Staff Reports**

   a. Brian Widener described current work conditions, horticulturalists mostly working remotely and tree crews working in the field. Contractors are only doing tree removals, on emergency basis. Tree maintenance needs to continue, but fewer requests are being submitted in "Get it done" software.

   b. Widener presented the monthly report of urban forestry activities since July. Progress continues, for integration of tree maintenance data with City databases.

7. **Actions** (none)

8. **Public Comment** (none)

9. **Next Meeting** – The next meeting will be 10:00-11:30 am on Wednesday, June 10, 2020 by videoconference. Agenda will be posted at https://www.sandiego.gov/trees/cfab.