



City of San Diego
Community Forest Advisory Board Meeting
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, June 10, 2020
Meeting held by videoconference call

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

2. **Attendees**

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

City Staff – Kristy Reeser, Brian Widener, John Ide, and Sergio Arias, Transportation; Erik Kast and Magen Shaw, Parks; Jonathan Avila, Lisa Lind and Scott Sandel, 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, most recently three submitted email messages for the June 8 council meeting. Nine councilmembers have expressed support for continuing tree maintenance funds, and two recommended additional tree planting.
- 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. Fege gave an update on Kate Sessions Commitment campaign to plant and care for trees. Brian outlined tree planting plans for the Otay Mesa - Nestor community with CalFire funds.
- b. There is continued consternation about the city's plan for replacing CFAB with an Environmental Advisory Board that would provide little representation and advocacy for urban forestry, professionals, or community members. Widener described possible future meetings to replace CFAB board meetings that would be more educational and would not address City actions or policies. There are persistent concerns about the lengthy delays in the Mayor's office on appointments of new CFAB Board members. Widener explained that the new appointments are not being considered by the City at this time.

6. **City Staff Reports**

- a. Lisa Lind and Scott Sandel outlined the street trees sections and lists, in the draft Kearney Mesa Community Plan Update. Jonathan Avila gave an update on the Parks Master Plan and General Plan amendment; comment deadline was extended to June 11.
- b. Sergio Arias gave an update on removal of mature "protected" Torrey Pines on Saratoga Street in Ocean Beach, that have recently died, likely from Ips beetles.

7. **Actions** (none)

8. **Public Comment** (none)

9. **Next Meeting** – The next meeting will be 10:00-11:30 am on Wednesday, July 8, 2020 by

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videoconference. Agenda will be posted at <https://www.sandiego.gov/trees/cfab>.