



City of San Diego
Community Forest Advisory Board Meeting
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, September 9, 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, Rachele Melious, Vince Mikulanis, Puja Batra, Troy Murphree, Butch Everett, Muriel King and Anne Fege

City Staff – Brian Widener, John Ide, and Patrick Hadley, Transportation & Stormwater; Eric Kast, Magen Shaw and Ed Drobnicki, Parks; Moriah Saldaña, Sustainability; and Lesley Henegar, Planning

Guests –Robert Wrightson, West Coast Arborists (tree care contractor)

3. **Approval of Minutes** The minutes of May 13, 2020 were approved.

4. **Announcements and Updates** (none)

5. **Discussion**

- a. Moriah Saldaña gave an update for the next five years of the Climate Action Plan. A public forum was held on August 13, and nine more online forums are scheduled for this fall for each district. A draft CAP is scheduled for release in early 2021 for public comment.
- b. The City has developed a Climate Equity Index, to apply to City programs. Lower-income districts may have less tree cover and may have fewer sites for tree planting. Additional investments could increase these sites by planting in street rights-of-way (not just parkways), investing in pavement removal, and expanding tree watering approaches. CFAB members from districts 4, 8 and 9 will bring suggestions to the next meeting.
- c. Trees might be removed to build accessory dwelling units (ADUs) without provisions for replanting, thus reducing neighborhood tree cover. There may be no requirement to include a tree with the addition of the ADU. Further research into the existing City Landscaping requirements is needed.

6. **City Staff Reports**

- a. Brian Widener gave an update on tree maintenance, tree planting with CalFire grants in the Otay-Nestor area, and removal of palms killed by the South American palm weevil.
- b. Widener reported that US Forest Service tree inventory work is displayed at <https://mct.tfs.tamu.edu/>.
- c. Magen Shaw expressed concerns about development projects affecting parks, that some are approved without tree protection during construction.

7. **Actions** (none)

8. **Public Comment** (none)

9. **Next Meeting** – The next meeting will be 10:00-11:30 am on Wednesday, October 14, 2020 by videoconference. Agenda will be posted at <https://www.sandiego.gov/trees/cfab>.