



**City of San Diego**  
**Community Forest Advisory Board Meeting**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
Wednesday, October 13, 2021  
Meeting held by Zoom webinar call

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

2. **Attendees**

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

City Staff – Brian Widener and John Ide, Transportation Department

3. **Approval of Minutes** The minutes of June 10, 2020 and September 9, 2020 were approved.

4. **Announcements and Updates**

The Mayor's office is accepting nominations for serving on boards, including this board.

5. **City Staff Reports**

- a. Brian Widener gave an update on the CalFire grants. Trees have been planted in Otay Mesa-Nestor community, with outreach done by Tree San Diego. Street tree inventory contract has been awarded to Davey Resources.
- b. Palms infested with South American palm weevil are being removed. A letter is left with residents encouraging them to request a free street tree on their easement.
- c. The Climate Action Plan is being revised and will be released soon. The City is inviting comments on the draft Climate Resilient SD plan, that covers climate adaptation and includes trees for urban cooling and other benefits. The City has contracted for another LiDAR remote sensing flight, that will show current canopy cover and trends since 2014.
- d. Widener is working with sidewalk replacement projects, generally recommending that sidewalks be rerouted, when possible, to provide for tree survival and health.

6. **Discussion**

- a. Street tree planting was funded at \$360,000 for FY22, and staff are working with West Coast Arborists (contractor) to plant trees, striving to increase trees requested and planted in Communities of Concern. Parks staff have installed irrigation and planted trees in Southcrest and Montclair parks. San Diego Parks Foundation has funded tree planting in several parks. San Diego Gas & Electric is planting trees to substitute for trees removed under or adjacent to powerlines.
- b. FY2023 budget discussions have begun at the City of San Diego, including the need for additional equipment and contract funds for tree maintenance.

7. **Actions** (none)

8. **Public Comment** (one comment was submitted, meeting was not available online)

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