



**City of San Diego**  
**Community Forest Advisory Board Meeting**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
Wednesday, October 12, 2022  
Meeting held by videoconference call

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

2. **Attendees**

Members – Ami Young, Anne Fege, Butch Everett, Chris Drayer, Jim Smith, Morgan Justice-Black, Rachele Melious, Troy Murphree, Vince Mikulanis

Members appointed but not yet sworn in – Chris Tiffany, Wes Janssen

City Staff – Brian Widener, Chelsea Klaseus, John Ide, and Chaz Wilson, Transportation Department; Erich Kast and Magen Shaw, Parks Department

3. **Introductions and Welcome New Members**

- a. Board members were approved at the September 13 and October 11 meetings of the City Council. Newly-approved members, current members, and City staff gave self-introductions.

4. **Approval of Minutes** The minutes of October 12, 2021 were approved.

5. **Announcements and Updates**

Anne Fege reminded the Board that their role is to offer advice and City staff, Council and Mayor should listen, consider, accept, and be clear about direction of the Program. The Board has helped the City with many accomplishments for urban forestry administration over the past decade, and now it's time to take stronger leadership advocacy for tree protection and urban forestry. The reasons for trees, shade and climate action have never been stronger and more important to San Diegans.

6. **Non-Agenda Public Comment**

- a. Troy Murphree showed photos of parking lot trees at University Square (at University and 58<sup>th</sup> to 60<sup>th</sup> Streets). Fifty large trees were cut down in August, and the parking lot is now bare, hot and unshaded. Trees were required in this development permit, and their removal violated their permit and the City's code. Widener indicated that he has reached out to Development Services in regards to this issue and will provide updates as they are presented to him.

6. **City Staff Reports**

- a. Climate Action Plan 2.0 Update. The urban forestry program is outlined in Measure 5.2 Tree Canopy. Brian is contributing to the list of implementation actions and schedule, which will be finalized by staff and may be approved by City Council in February.
- b. Tree Planting. There are about 800 pending "free street tree" requests, and most of these will be planted, starting in November. Trees were planted in Allied Gardens and Cherokee Point by San Diego Gas & Electric, and the City of SD is funding their watering by tree care contractor West Coast Arborists.
- c. Activity Report. Brian shared the FY 2022 monthly data by department. For FY 2022, about 1,800 street and park trees were removed and about 1,800 trees planted. About 5,500

tree service notification were submitted in “Get it done” in FY 2022, and about 5,500 tree evaluations had been completed. About 1,100 tree planting requests were made.

7. **Actions** (none)

8. **Next Meeting** – The next meeting will be 10:00-11:30 am on Wednesday, November 9, 2022 by videoconference. Agenda will be posted at <https://www.sandiego.gov/trees/cfab>.