



City of San Diego
Community Forest Advisory Board Meeting
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, January 11, 2023
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, Morgan Justice-Black, Troy Murphree, Vince Mikulanis, Wes Janssen, Chris Tiffany, Butch Everett

City Staff – Brian Widener, John Ide, and Alandon Joe Transportation Department; Erich Kast and Magen Shaw, Parks Department

Guests – Muriel King, Geoff Hunter, and Carlos Lemos

3. **Approval of Minutes** (No minutes were approved.)

4. **Non-Agenda Public Comment**

- a. Troy Murphree identified opportunities to increase public education and engagement, especially for tree benefits and availability of “free” trees to plant in easements. Request city research opportunities for Public Service Announcements.

5. **City Staff Reports**

- a. There has been limited tree damage from the recent storms. City crews have done most of the tree removal and cleanup. Brian Widener is holding interviews for two additional Horticulturalists (Arborists).
- b. The City will establish a five-year \$4.6 million tree planting program in historically underserved communities, as the conditions of a settlement agreement with the Air Pollution Control District and City of San Diego. Widener outlined the program, identifying likely planting areas and outreach efforts, emphasizing young tree care, and adding up to three additional staff. Tree wells may be expanded and grates removed to save some existing trees.
- c. Suitable street trees were discussed. Native trees can be planted in limited areas throughout the City of San Diego; trees susceptible to local pests (such as sycamore and shot-hole borer) should not be planted at this time or in limited numbers. Tree survival can be challenging in small, narrow planting spaces. Some large fan palms have recently been removed in canyons.
- d. Alandon Joe gave an update on the Street Tree Inventory conducted by Davey Resources. Fieldwork will be mostly completed by March and project finished in June.
- e. Widener is contributing to the list of Climate Action Plan implementation items and schedule, which is likely to be released in February in draft format.
- f. CFAB members need to view the video about Brown Act requirements. Roberts’ Rules of Order will be used in board meetings.

6. **Actions** (none)

7. **Adjournment** Meeting was adjourned at 11:40 am.

8. **Next Meeting** – The next meeting will be 10:00-11:30 am on Wednesday, February 8, 2023 by videoconference. Agenda will be posted at <https://www.sandiego.gov/trees/cfab>.