



City of San Diego
Community Forest Advisory Board Meeting
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, February 8, 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, Troy Murphree, Vince Mikulanis, Wes Janssen, Chris Tiffany, Butch Everett, Rachele Melious
City Staff – Brian Widener, John Ide, and Alandon Joe Transportation Department
Guests – Joe Whitaker
3. **Approval of Minutes** The minutes of November 9, 2022 and January 11, 2023 were approved.
4. **Non-Agenda Public Comment** (none)
5. **City Staff Reports**
 - a. There were between 30-35 street trees lost in the rain storms due to wet soil and high winds
There was a great clean up response from city employees
 - b. Law suit for palm trees in Ocean Beach dropped
 - c. Joe Whitaker gave an over view of the San Diego Climate Action Plan 2.0 Implementation Plan. There is a need for immediate, rapid, and large-scale reductions in green house gas emissions. The city's goal is for there to be net zero green house gas emissions by 2035 by developing with community partners, prioritizing communities of concern, supporting clean air and green jobs, maintaining CEQA streamlining.
 - d. John Ide gave an update regarding the City of San Diego Ralph M. Brown Act. AB 361 allowed members to participate in virtual meetings with relaxed access rules. AB 361 is effective until: (1) January 1, 2024; (2) the Governor withdraws the state of emergency related to COVID; or (3) Council does not adopt the AB 361 findings. The state of emergency is to be with drawn on February 28, 2023. AB 361 findings expires February 10, 2023, Therefore hybrid meeting will begin February 10, 2023. AB 2449 allows hybrid meetings in limited circumstances(1)Just cause or (2)Emergency circumstances. Robert's rules of order for public meetings may be scheduled in the future.
 - e. City of San Diego Arbor Day event will be held on April 22, 2023 at Mission bay park. This will be the first completely public event since the start of the pandemic. Currently there are a number of stone pine and other pine tree species existing in that area. The goal for this event is to plant between 60-70 new trees to diversify the tree population. Residents will be able to sign up in advance to plant trees. Comment suggestion to hold Arbor day event in a more inland area in San Diego.
 - f. The City is working on new contracts that involve tree work.
6. **Actions** (none)
7. **Adjournment** Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.
8. **Next Meeting** – The next meeting will be 10:00-11:30 am on Wednesday, March 8, 2023. It will be held at the Allied Gardens/Benjamin Branch Library, 5188 Zion Avenue. Agenda will be posted at <https://www.sandiego.gov/trees/cfab>.