

**City of San Diego**  
**Community Forest Advisory Board Meeting**  
**MEETING MINUTES Wednesday, June 14, 2023**  
**Meeting held at Malcom X Public Library**

**Attendees:**

Members - Ami Young, Wes Janssen, Vince Mikulanis, Matt Smith, Chuck Morgan, Butch Everett, Jim Smith, Chris Drayer, Morgan Justice Black

City Staff – Transportation: Brian Widener, Chaz Wilson, John Ide, Alandon Joe, Noelle Burke, Ynez Nevarez, Parks and Recreation: Erich Kast

Guests - Mike Palat, West Coast Arborists

**Approval of Minutes:**

- Minutes of March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 were approved. Butch Everett to be added to attendees.

**Non-Agenda Public Comments:**

Joan Kroc Foundation solar panel project is on pause to develop plan around existing trees.

**Announcements and Updates:**

- New city staff was introduced, Noelle Burke and Ynez Nevarez.
- Board currently has 5 open seats that need to be filled.
  - o Council Districts: 3,5,6,8
  - o Board Chair
  - o Horticulturist

**Actions and Votes:**

- Motion to approve Heritage status for Stone Pine at 8405 La Jolla Shores Drive and decline for Tipuana trees at 3205 Juniper Street. Motion by Vince Mikulanis, seconded by Ami Young. Motion passed unanimously.

**City Staff Reports:**

- Contractor has begun planting for Free Tree SD
- 60 Trees planted on Arbor day in Mission Bay
  - o Irrigated via overhead turf irrigation
- 295 Trees to be planted in Bay Terraces
  - o Planting event scheduled for 6/16, CFAB members invited to attend
- 30-40 Trees to be planted in Allied Gardens and City Heights to replace trees that did not survive from 2022 planting project.
- Goal is to plant 1000 trees in Fiscal Years 2023 and 2024

- Parks & Recreation Dept has collaboration with nonprofit, SD Parks Foundation. Foundation fundraising pays for trees, irrigation installation, overtime pay for Parks & Recreation. Plan allows for planting at 6 parks in 2023
- Conserve – A – Tree applications: Two applications were reviewed
  - Stone Pine located at 8405 La Jolla Shores Dr recommended for heritage status
  - Tipuana trees at 3205 Juniper St not recommended for heritage status

**Discussion:**

- Benefit of installing solar panels at the cost of tree removal.
- Acknowledgment by CFAB member for the City's selection of tree species for recent plantings
- Concern expressed regarding recent developments for planting bunch or fountain grasses in the parkway instead of trees.
- [White Paper](#) developed by Tree SD on challenges with urban tree planting in SD, presented by Chuck Morgan

**Adjournment:**

- Motion to adjourn approved at 11:40 A.M.

**Next Meeting:**

- Next meeting scheduled for July 12<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 am. Location to be determined.