



City of San Diego

Community Forest Advisory Board Meeting

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, October 11th, 2023

Meeting held at Valencia Park Malcom X Library from 10 am to 11.30 am

Roll Call - Jim Smith, Chuck Morgan, Morgan Justice-Black, Ami Young, Chris Tiffany, Butch Everett, Wes Janssen, Vince Mikulanis.

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

Guests - None

Non-Agenda Public Comment - None

Announcements and Updates

- Jim Smith to be absent for November Meeting
- November meeting to coincide with city tree planting event, Kate Session's Birthday.
 - o Likely to be held at Sherman elementary school.
 - o Potentially hold CFAB meeting during planting
- New grant for planting trees.
- Contract with WCA extended by another year.
- City working on a new PLA.
- Proposal to expand invitee list for meetings.

Actions

- August minutes approved by board.
- Conserve a Tree proposal presented by Chaz Wilson
 - o Italian stone pine
 - o Not recommended for conservation status by City Forester
 - o Conserve a Tree protections dictated by council policy 900-19
 - o Motion to reject conservation statues approved by Board.

City Staff Reports

- Brian Widener provided an update on filling board positions.
 - o District 9 board member stepped down.
 - o District 8 board member nominated by Boards and Commissions.
 - o City staff to add status update to be added to board vacancies matrix.
 - o Board recommended vacancies be advertised via Mayoral outreach emails.
 - o Board members to take proactive steps for recruitment.
- Tree Planting efforts.

- IRA grant approved
 - \$10 million grant
 - Replicated APCD settlement project.
 - Emphasized outreach and underserved communities.
 - Scope includes expanding tree wells and sidewalk repairs near trees.
 - Meeting with USFS to determine full scope of project
- APCD Settlement
 - City is currently interviewing for community outreach position
 - Planting to start in Barrio Logan, Logan Heights, Stockton, Grant Hill and Sherman Heights neighborhoods
- Parks projects limited by available staff
 - Grant projects limited to Disadvantaged Communities
 - Most parks in these neighborhoods already have trees planted in available planting spaces
- Street Tree Inventory completed
 - ~250,000 trees
 - Pursuing vendor to update asset management system
- Canopy cover
 - Data in hand, pursuing funding to have vendor process data

Discussion

- Urban wood reutilization presentation by Chuck Morgan
 - Fallen and removed trees can be potentially harvested for lumber
 - Board to draft a proposal to vote on

Adjournment - 11:38 A.M.