



COMMUNITY FOREST ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY September 10th, 2025

10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Valencia Park/Malcolm X Branch Library

5148 Market St, San Diego, CA 92114

Members in Attendance: Terrell Rackley (D9), Chris Tiffany (Landscape Architect), Ami Young (Artist), Jim Smith (D1), Morgan Justice-Black (D2), Wes Janssen (D4), Michael Ackerman (D7), Frank Buncom IV (Chair, D8)

Members Not in Attendance: Alyssa Way (D6) Leon Cassel (Horticulturist)

Staff Liaison: Brian Widener

Item 1: Call to Order and Roll Call:

- Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m.

Item 2: Announcements and Updates:

- Frank Buncom: Announced that he will be moving out of the area and leaving CFAB.

Item 3: Non-Agenda Public Comment:

- None

Item 4: Approval of Minutes:

- August 13, 2025 meeting minutes approved, passed unanimously.

Item 5: Conserve A Tree:

- **1665 Law St**, Chinese Elm- City recommends inclusion. Motion to support City's inclusion in Heritage Program is passed.
- **3838 Albatross St**, California Pepper- City does not recommend. Motion to support denial is passed.

Item 6: Recommendation Memo to City to Implement a Biennial Tree Cover Analysis Using Aerial Imagery:

- Jim Smith has drafted a memo to use aerial imagery to study tree canopy.
- Morgan Justice Black suggest sending to planning and environmental committee.
- Brian Widener noted it must go to Boards & Commissions

- before reaching the Mayor or City Council.
- Jim Smith to draft memo.

Item 7: Approval of CFAB bylaws:

- Bylaws approved unanimously with fix to typo on article 2 (c).

Item 8: City Staff Reports

- John Ide reported, that since July 1st 400 trees and 6,500 palms were pruned. There were 77 sidewalk inspections. In the near future, staff is planning to perform tree appraisals without vendor assistance.
- Erich Kast: Parks has had funding cuts for staff and contracting. Work is driven by request. There is a 12-month delay to have work done after request. Only Balboa Park trees have been completely inventoried.

Item 9: Discussion

- **Tree Watering Schedule:**
 - Michael Ackerman advocates updating tree watering schedule, to improve tree health.
 - Brian Widener will review watering schedule.

Item 10: Proposed Agenda Items for Future Meetings

- No proposed agenda items were brought forward.

Item 11: Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.