



Community Forest Advisory Board

Meeting Notice and Agenda

WEDNESDAY, April 8, 2026

In-Person Meeting, 10:00-11:30 a.m.

Location: Valencia Park/Malcolm X Branch Library

5148 Market St

San Diego, CA 92114

Acting Chair: Morgan Justice Black (D2)

Commissioners/Board Members/Committee Members: Leon Cassel (Horticulturist), Chris Tiffany (Landscape Architect), Ami Young (Artist), Jim Smith (D1), Wes Janssen (D4), Michael Ackerman (D7), Terrell Rackley (D9), Branden Wolner (Non-Profit)

Staff Liaison: Brian Widener, Olivia Mabee

Public Comment

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- Item 1: Call to Order (Chair)
- Item 2: Roll Call (Chair)
- Item 3: Announcements and Updates (Morgan Justice-Black, Brian Widener)
- Item 4: Action Items:
 - a. Approval of Minutes (5 min)
 - o March 11, 2026 meeting minutes
 - b. Nomination and Confirmation of Board Officer (5 min)
 - o Secretary
 - c. Advisory Letter on Zone Zero to Council (Chris Tiffany) (10 min)
 - d. Conserve A Tree applications with City and Board recommendations (Ynez Nevarez) (Morgan Justice Black) (5 min)
 - o 1889 Sheridan Av
 - o 1897 Lyndon St
 - o 2265 Ft. Stockton Dr
- Item 5: City Staff Reports
 - a. Tree Protection (Brian Widener) (10 min)
 - b. April 24, 2026 Arbor Day – Gompers Park (Karen Valdizno-Amps, Olivia Mabee) (5 min)
 - o Groups and volunteers that will be participating
 - o Outreach efforts
 - c. Trees For Communities & Ready, Set, Grow San Diego (John Ide, Amy Nonaka) (5 min)
 - d. Parks & Recreation Forestry (Erich Kast) (5 min)

- Item 6: Discussion Items
- a. CFAB membership – vacancies (5 min)
 - b. CFAB workplan priorities (15 min)
 - c. FY 2027 Urban Forestry budget (5 min)

Item 7: Proposed Agenda Items for Future Meetings (5 min)

Item 8: Non-Agenda Public Comment (10 min)

Item 9: Adjournment