Community Forest Advisory Board

Meeting Notice and Agenda

WEDNESDAY, November 18, 2026
In-Person Meeting, **10:00-11:30 a.m.**
Location: Valencia Park/Malcolm X Branch Library
5148 Market St
San Diego, CA 92114

Chair: Morgan Justice Black (D2)

Board Members: Leon Cassel (Horticulrist), Chris Tiffany (Landspace Architect), Ami Young (Artist), Branden Wolner (Non-Profit), Wes Janssen (D4), Michael Focken (D6), Chris Kallstrand (D7), Terrell Rackley (D9),

Staff Liaison: Brian Widener, Olivia Mabee

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Agenda

Item 1: Call to Order (Chair)

Item 2: Roll Call (Chair)

Item 3: Announcements and Updates
- a. Chair
- b. City Forester

Item 4: Approval of Minutes (5 min)
- a. August 12, 2026 meeting minutes

Item 5: City Staff Reports
- a. Tree Planting in Fiscal Year 2027 (Olivia Mabee, Widener) (10 min)
  - a. Kate Sessions Day Recap
  - b. Free Tree SD webpage
  - c. Tree Canopy Fund and Figg Fund update
- b. El Nino preparation (Widener) (5 min)
- c. Extreme Heat & Community Resiliency grant (Karen Valdizno-Amps) (10 min)

Item 6: Discussion
- a. CFAB vacancies update (Justice Black) (5 min)
- b. CFAB work plan to implement for next month (Justice Black) (15 min)

Item 7: Proposed Agenda Items for Future Meetings (Justice Black) (5 min)
- a. Update from DSD Landscaping

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

Item 9: Adjournment