

**City of San Diego
Community Forest Advisory Board**

MEETING MINUTES

August 12, 2015

City Administration Building, 12th Floor Conference Room

1) **Convene.** Anne Fege, Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:50 a.m.

2) **Attendees.**

Members –Chris Drayer, Davin Widgerow (new member from District 8), Devon Buette, Erin McConkey, Rachelle Melious, Robin Rivet, Steve Lamprides, Troy Murphree, Vince Mikulanis, Anne Fege

Guests –Guy Preuss (Skyline/Paradise Hills); Mike Palat, San Diego Regional Urban Forests Council; David Swarens (Old Town Planning Group); Marie Louise Harms (Hillcrest resident); Julia Coleman (intern arborist accompanying Mike Palat)

City Staff –Lesley Henegar, Marlon Pangilinan, Bernie Turgeon, (Planning); Sergio Arias (Streets)

3) **Approval of Minutes.** (None were reviewed or approved.)

4) Action Items.

- a) Nomination for heritage tree at 3829 Albatross Street was reviewed. Concerns were expressed about the tree's health, longevity, root pruning, location in the middle of a residential street (not formal meridian), and proposed reconstruction of residence at the cul-du-sac beyond the tree. The Board recommended the designation of this tree (vote 8 for and 1 against), to be forwarded to City staff for designation, according to Council Policy 900-19).

5) **City Staff Reports**

- a) Marlon Pangilinan reviewed the urban forestry and street tree guidelines of the draft Uptown, North Park, and Golden Hill community plan updates. David Swarens provided background information on cultural and historic trees, to consider for the tree palette in these historic neighborhoods. Planning staff will obtain tree inventory completed for North Park Maintenance Assessment District, and provide that information to be included with the future Street Tree Guide. Comments were requested by the next CFAB meeting, and Marlon Pangilinan will attend that meeting.
- b) Lesley Henegar gave an update on the Figg Fund, which has about \$87,000 in accumulated interest (about \$5,000 annually). Further information will be provided before the next CFAB meeting: copy of the Council resolution (Henegar), proposed guidelines developed by board member Troy Murphree and others in the past two years, and suggested criteria for tree planting (Sergio Arias).
- c) Lesley Henegar gave an update on the \$750,000 grant the City will receive to complete an Urban Tree Canopy Assessment with existing LiDAR data, conduct tree inventory in

parts of the City, and plant and provide early care for about 500 trees along several boulevards in the Encanto-Southeast San Diego census tracts.

- d) Jeremy Barrack has accepted the position of Urban Forestry Program Manager and will begin work on August 17.

6) Discussion Items

- a) David Swarens gave an update on the California pepper tree removal and replacement plans, for Juan Street in Old Town. The Old Town Community Planning Group and others have been working since February with City engineering staff regarding the health, removal or preservation, and replanting of the trees.

6) Public Comment:

- a) Guy Preuss commented on the need to improve tree planting success, particularly to provide adequate soil structure and space for root development.

7) Agenda items for next meeting

- a) Final review of revised Street Tree Selection Guide
- b) Proposed changes to Heritage Tree nomination process and form
- c) Sites for planting Jacaranda trees, in each district
- d) Committees to enhance CFAB board effectiveness

8) Adjourned at 1:20 p.m.