



City of San Diego
Community Forest Advisory Board

MEETING MINUTES

January 10, 2018

City Administration Building, 202 C Street, San Diego, CA

- 1) **Call to Order** Anne Fege, Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:45 a.m.
- 2) **Attendees.**
 - Members – Chris Drayer, Rachele Melious, Troy Murphree, Virginia Wilson, Muriel King, Tomas Herrera-Mishler, and Anne Fege
 - City Staff – Brian Widener, Sergio Arias, and Christina Fernandez, Transportation and Stormwater; Lesley Henegar, Planning; Ibrahim Ahmed and Luis Natividad, staff for Council President Cole; Terre Lien, Daniel Neri, Development Services; Katrina Burritt and Dario Lombardo, Park and Recreation
 - Guests –Guy Preuss (Paradise Hills); Robin Rivet, arborist and former CFAB member
- 3) **Approval of Minutes.** November 8, 2017 and December 13, 2017 minutes were approved
- 4) **Announcements and Updates.** Discussion on why more staff is needed to run Urban Forestry Program.
- 5) **Actions**
 - a. Letter to Mayor and Council on FY 2019 budget – draft letter to Mayor and Council – CFAB to review – table – estimate to get started; Urban Forestry program – 7 staff needed – 4 immediately
- 6) **Subcommittee Reports**
 - a. Tree watering – communicate to citizens regarding tree watering, WELO Title 23
 - b. Municipal Code and Council Policy – relevant or missing language, tree protection and include council policy in a revised code
 - c. Website review – link to 5-year forestry plan is incorrect, still setting up a subcommittee to review the Urban Forestry website, focus for initial changes will be on main page and tree planting web page.
- 7) **City Staff Reports**
 - a. City resources – 101 street trees planted, 255 street trees are planned for fiscal year, to date – TSW, 140 water agreements leads to at least 200 trees, contractors have until April 1 to plant

- b. Tree selection guide and 2014 Crown Canopy report – changes were made to Crown Canopy Report, no final draft, data in SANGIS; tree selection guide with changes to be posted online by end of month.
- c. Street Division Horticulturist position – waiting for certified list prior to setting up interviews

8) Discussion

- b. Future CFAB meeting locations – Balboa Park or Downtown; Luis Natividad offered the use of the Skyline Library; are longer meeting times needed or recommended? Anne to send out online poll for feedback.
- c. Status of 5-year Urban Forestry plan- Phase 1
- d. Upcoming Cal Fire Grants – 1/3 done in drafting the concept proposal.

9) Public Comment

10) Next Regular Meeting – The Board meets on the second Wednesday of the month, and the next meeting will be Wednesday, February 14, 2018. It will be held at the City Administration Building, 202 C Street.

Adjourned