



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

MEETING MINUTES

March 14, 2018

City Administration Building, 202 C Street, Committee Room, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor

- 1) **Convene.** Anne Fege, Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:50 a.m.
- 2) **Attendees.**
  - Members – Rachele Melious, Troy Murphree, Virginia Wilson, Vince Mikulanis, Muriel King, Butch Everett, Puja Batra, Isabelle Kay, and Anne Fege
  - City Staff – Brian Widener, Sergio Arias, and Christina Fernandez, Transportation and Stormwater; Magen Shaw, Katrina Burritt and Ed Drobnicki, Park and Recreation; Lesley Henegar and Nancy Graham, Planning; Matthew Harmatz, Economic Development.
  - Guests –Guy Preuss (Paradise Hills), Charlene Pulsonetti (CFAB nominee)
- 3) **Approval of Minutes.** Minutes were approved for January 10 and February 14 meetings. (Motion made by Rachele Melious and seconded by Vince Mikulanis.)
- 4) **Chair and City Forester Announcements.** Anne Fege urged CFAB members to send brief note to Council Staff after each meeting, to share meeting news and other information.
- 5) **Actions** – None.
- 6) **Subcommittee Reports**
  - a. Tree Watering Taskforce - Fege identified the need to work with San Diego County Water Authority staff to identify triggers for tree watering messages. This could include sequential days of high temperatures, days without rain, and data collected in state-wide California Irrigation Management Information System (CIMIS).
  - b. Municipal Code and Council Policy – Mikulanis described progress in reviewing sections of Street Tree Protection and Planting code and tree code language from other cities.
  - c. Urban Tree Canopy Data & Website – Puja Batra and Fege will meet with University of California San Diego staff from the Supercomputer Center and the Regional Bioregional Center to discuss available data platforms, questions for analyses, and display of information for community members. Widener showed an example of webpage and maps that City may host on website in the future.
- 7) **City Staff Reports**
  - a. Citywide Urban Forestry Program Tracking Report – Widener reviewed data reported monthly, including palms trimmed, shade trees pruned and removed, and tree

evaluations. Since July 1, more than 400 street trees have been planted, and planting requests for several hundred trees have been approved.

- b. Tree planting, includes community outreach, CFAB member and Council District assistance, and Park & Rec assistance. Rachele Melious recently conducted workshop on care of trees.
- c. Community Planning Reports – Lesley Henegar and Nancy Graham outlined current work on the Kearny Mesa and Mission Valley community plan updates. There are opportunities to grow tree canopy in Mission Valley; policy framework should include: general language of Urban Forest Policy, work with Street Tree Plan, contractor/community involvement, subcommittee to sit in. Kearny Mesa – inventory of trees, Community Plan Update Tree Recommendations, plant largest tree possible in planting area space possible.
- d. Update on open Citywide Horticulturist positions – Widener confirmed that the Streets Division is reviewing applications for vacant Horticulturist position. Park & Rec will soon hire two Horticulturists. Update on San Diego Tree City USA application – Widener noted that the application still needs copy of recent Arbor Day proclamation. Shaw invited the Board to attend Arbor Day event on April 27 in Balboa Park.

#### 8) Discussion

- a. Future CFAB meeting times and locations – The April 11 meeting will be at the same time and place as past meetings. The May 9 meeting will be at another city site, as the conference room is unavailable.

#### 9) Public Comment

- 10) **Next Regular Meeting** – the Board meets on the second Wednesday of the month, and the next meeting will be Wednesday, April 11, 2018. It will be held at the City Administration Bldg. 202 C Street – 12<sup>th</sup> Floor, Conference Room A.