



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

MEETING MINUTES

April 11, 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 – Butch Everett, Chris Drayer, Rachele Melious, Virginia Wilson, and Anne Fege

City Staff – Brian Widener and Sergio Arias, Transportation and Stormwater; Lesley Henegar, Planning; Ashley Rosia, Sustainability; Terre Lien and Daniel Neri, Development Services; Magen Shaw, Park and Recreation

Guests –Guy Preuss (Paradise Hills); Lissette Velarde, West Coast Arborist

3) **Approval of Minutes.** No minutes were approved.

4) **Announcements and Updates.** The Board will continue to focus on staffing and budget, for the urban forestry program.

5) **Actions.** No official actions were taken.

6) **Subcommittee Reports**

- a. Municipal Code and Council Policy. All sections have been drafted for the revised Street Tree Protection and Planting code. The subcommittee will meet in the next month, and bring the proposed draft to next CFAB meeting.
- b. Website Review. Widener reported that the subcommittee has identified changes to some pages, and will continue to suggest revisions.
- a. Urban Tree Canopy Assessment. Ashley Rosia, Widener and others are developing maps to assist community members in visualizing current trees and where trees can be planted. Puja Batra and Fege met with University of California San Diego staff from the Supercomputer Center and the Bioregional Center on March 16. UCSD has the files and will be analyzing data from many perspectives, focusing on District 8.

7) **City Staff Reports**

- a. Widener gave updates on the citywide tracking report, which is tied to the Infrastructure Asset Management System. The field tree inventory is about 95% done, and will include data on about a third of the City's trees. California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CalFire) has invited the City to submit final application for more tree inventory and planting.
- b. Sergio Arias reported progress on tree requests and plantings.

- c. New pests are well established in southern California, and tree mortality may be extensive. The San Diego Regional Urban Forests Council meeting on April 4 featured an update and field identification for “Invasive Shot Hole Borer... Coming to a tree near you!” More information at [www.pshb.org](http://www.pshb.org).
- d. New Horticulturist has been selected, accepted and will start work in early May.

#### 8) Discussion

- a. The City’s Arbor Day event will be Friday, April 27, 10 am, on Park Avenue between Zoo Place and Morley Field. Co-organized by Friends of Balboa Park, more information at <https://friendsofbalboapark.org/2018-arbor-day/>
- b. Fege, Melious, Virginia Wilson, and Charlene Pulsonneti attended the City Council meeting on April 10, for Council approval of two appointments and seven re-appointments. Five Councilmembers affirmed their commitment to tree benefits and management.
- c. The Mayor’s proposed FY2019 budget will be released on April 12, <https://www.sandiego.gov/fm/proposed/>. Budget hearings will be held May 2 to 9.
- d. Karl Strauss is brewing Urban Arbor IPA this month, <https://www.karlstrauss.com/beer/urban-arbor-ipa/>, with juniper contributed by San Diego Urban Timber.

#### 9) Public Comment

Guy Preuss urged CFAB members to communicate regularly with Council staff in their district, make an appointment to meet briefly with them after CFAB meetings, and become established as the “go to” person for tree issues and opportunities in their District.

#### 10) Next Regular Meeting

The Board meets on the second Wednesday of the month, and the next meeting will be Wednesday, May 9, 2018. It will be held at the North Park Recreation Center, 4044 Idaho Street, San Diego, CA 92104.

**Meeting Adjourned at 1:20 pm**