

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

MEETING MINUTES
November 14, 2007
City Administration Building

- 1) **Convene:** Vicki Estrada, Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:56 a.m. .
- 2) **Present:**
Members –Dan Simpson, Jon Becker, Mike Singleton, Jolaine Harris, Mary Johnson, Joe Jones, Tershia d’Elgin.
Guests – Guy Pruess (Skyline/Paradise Hills CPG)
City Staff – Michael Marika, Drew Potocki, Alissa Gabriel, Jeff Harkness
- 3) **Approval of Minutes:** d’Elgin moved to approve the October 17, 2007 with one change. Jones seconded. Approved unanimously.
- 4) **Chair’s Announcements:** General Plan Update update.
- 5) **Action Item(s):** none
- 6) **Discussion Item(s):** Wildfire Discussion
 - a) Report by Tershia d’Elgin on the 32nd Street Canyon Task Force. Received funds to research the City’s canyon management practices and evaluate ecosystems. If brush must be cleared 100ft from homes, City’s urban canyons would be bare. Brush “management” → erosion, more weeds coming back, removal of evergreens. A FEMA grant for bush management about to come in that would affect 16,000 acres in San Diego (we only have 20,000!). Also discussed the role of irrigation in brush management.
 - b) Are trees to blame for fire spread? Replanting RB ideas being tossed around and the Mayor’s office is requesting information about where to plant new trees. Perhaps fires have created a pilot project to present to the Mayor? All new trees should have a watering agreement. What can be learned? Who does the research?
Irrigated crops and citrus groves make good fire breaks. Trees make good wind breaks. “Fire Safe Councils” set up in some communities to help educate the public.
- 7) **Reports:** Items not already on agenda
 - a. Staff Reports – Staff Reports Provided
 - Drew Potocki, Street Division Urban Forester
 1. New DSD Director. Now may be a good time to close some of the Land Development Code loopholes.
 2. Carbon credits discussion. Make sure funds do not go to the general fund. Issues regarding setting a baseline.
- 8) **Referrals to Committees:** Set up committee to prepare for retreat scheduled for January 19th



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9) **Public Comment:** none

10) **Next Meeting:** December 12, 2007, 11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m., CAB12A

11) **Adjourned** at 1:05pm

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