City of San Diego Community Forest Advisory Board

MEETING MINUTES November 12, 2008 City Administration Building

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

2) Present:

<u>Members</u> –Gail Roberts, Jon Becker, Karen Davis, Victoria Heithaus, Stephen Lamprides, Craig Jones, Mary Johnson, Joe Jones.

[Not Present] – William Tall, Patrick Caughey, Dan Simpson, Tershia d'Elgin.

Guests – Guy Pruess (Skyline/Paradise Hills CPG), Jolaine Harris

City Staff – Maureen Gardiner, Drew Potocki, Michael Marika, Alissa Gabriel.

3) **Approval of October Minutes:** Approved - Davis/Johnson.

4) Chair's Announcements:

- a. City Budget. Estrada requested a summary of cuts that may affect CFAB: All DSD cuts to come from Landscape Division inspection and plan check; Streets Division to eliminate all palm trimming and some other tree trimming contracts; Treasurer eliminated Donations Manager position.
- b. New Council Contacts. Estrada would like to know which members have connections with incoming council members. All should consider having a quick bullet-point discussion with council to educate them on CFAB goals.

5) Discussion Item(s):

- a. Pedestrian Master Plan. Maureen Gardiner (and consultant) gave a presentation about what's been done so far, visionary planning, what's to be accomplished, and project recommendations in regards to the Pedestrian Master Plan. Further discussion about how this plan interacts with the General Plan and who is responsible for plan element implementation followed.
- b. Water conservation. The Water Department is writing new code. CFAB members would like a way to be sure new codes do not conflict with existing codes. Especially with regard to dealing with capturing runoff for public and private landscaping.
- 6) **Action Item(s):** none
- 7) **Reports:** Items *not* already on agenda
 - a. Projects Committee -
 - b. Staff Reports Staff Reports Provided
 - Drew Potocki, Street Division Urban Forester.
 - o CA State tree planting grant application completed.



- o Urban Forestry Conference Report. Conference was well-attended by participants from all over the U.S. and Canada. The bus tour participants gave positive feedback on the Street Design Manual.
- o Recommended to CFAB that everyone look for the recent story in the newspaper about the plans for the Our Lady of Peace Academy.
- o Working with Urban Corps to catalogue publicly owned trees.
- Michael Marika, Park & Recreation Dept. Arborist. Presented list of trees planted since January 2007.
- 8) **Referrals to Committees:** none
- 9) **Public Comment:** Jolaine Harris Friends of Park & Recreation wants to create a memory grove.
- 10) **Next Meeting:** Second Wednesday of the month, 11:45 a.m. 1:15 p.m
- 11) **Adjourned** at 1:15pm

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