

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

MEETING MINUTES  
December 10, 2008  
City Administration Building

1) **Convene:** Vicki Estrada, Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:53 a.m.

2) **Present:**

Members – Patrick Caughey, Gail Roberts, Karen Davis, Victoria Heithaus, Stephen Lamprides, Mary Johnson, Joe Jones, Jon Becker.

[Not Present] – William Tall, Dan Simpson, Craig Jones, Tershia d’Elgin.

Guests – Guy Pruess (Skyline/Paradise Hills CPG), Usha Little (Urban Corps).

City Staff – Drew Potocki, Michael Marika, Tony Gangitano, Velmo Watson, Alissa Gabriel.

3) **Approval of November Minutes:** Jones/ Becker. Approved.

4) **Chair’s Announcements:**

- a. The Mayor announced that no new parks will be built due to the City’s inability to staff them.
- b. City received a \$10,000 gift for showcasing a project and getting it started. Possibly one of the CFAB’s proposed projects could benefit from

5) **Discussion Item(s):**

- a. Public relations strategies.
  - o Urban Analysis Report is on the web.  
<http://www.americanforests.org/resources/urbanforests/analysis.php>
  - o History of Desalination. The process results in salt which has a market value.
  - o County General Plan in the process of being finalized.
- b. Coast Classics power point presentation - tour of San Diego.

6) **Action Item(s):**

- a. none

7) **Reports:** Items *not* already on agenda

- a. Projects Committee –
- b. Staff Reports – Staff Reports Provided
  - Drew Potocki, Street Division Urban Forester
    - o Regional Forest Council Meeting. SDG&E tree planting funding is ending. CFAB should write a letter to the Water Authority requesting continuing the program. Send letter through Ron Roberts to ensure it is responded to.
    - o Tree inventory is on SanGIS and is accessible by DSD
    - o Council Policy re: donations. The Donations Manager position was eliminated but the new policy allowing greater ease tracking and spending donations will be completed soon.



- Potential money makers City could take advantage of: tree removal permit fee; desalination by-product sales; tree planting saves money
- Water bill inserts must all go through
- Michael Marika, Park & Recreation Dept. Arborist
- Velmo Watson, Code Compliance Officer
- Tony Gangitano, Development Services Dept. Senior Planner. DSD will update board on internal Tree Protection process improvements at next meeting.
- Alissa Gabriel, CPCI Project Manager. Still holding \$5,000 donation check while waiting for citywide donations policy to be completed.

8) **Referrals to Committees:**

9) **Public Comment:** Usha Little of Urban Corps wanted the board to know about UC's educational presentations and grants received for tree planting at the I5 & 54 and 54 & 125 interchanges.

10) **Next Meeting:** Second Wednesday of the month, 11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m., **CCP 14**

11) **Adjourned** at 1:20pm

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