

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

MEETING MINUTES  
January 14, 2009  
City Administration Building

1) **Convene:** Vicki Estrada, Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:49 a.m.

2) **Present:**

Members – Jon Becker, Patrick Caughey, Gail Roberts, Dan Simpson, Victoria Heithaus, Stephen Lamprides, Craig Jones, Mary Johnson, Joe Jones.

[Not Present] – Karen Davis, Tershia d’Elgin.

Guests – Guy Pruess (Skyline/Paradise Hills CPG), Maggie McCann (Kensington), Celia Conover (Kensington), Usha Little (Urban Corps), Scott Sandel (Mission Hills Town Council)

City Staff – Drew Potocki, Michael Marika, Tony Gangitano, Alissa Gabriel, Gary Gobel (Streets Division), Velmo Watson.

3) **Approval of December Minutes:** Approved with minor corrections. (C.Jones/J.Jones)

4) **Chair’s Announcements:**

- All CFAB members should try to go to the Mayor’s State of the City Address tonight.
- Presented draft letter to Mayor for edits/suggestions. She will update, deliver to Mayor and all Council Districts.
- February 26<sup>th</sup> V.Estrada + M. Singleton will be speaking at Coordinate for Century Three (C3) breakfast.

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

- a. Amanda from Urban Corps gave an overview of the Tree Smart Program presentation. UC does about 12 presentations per month to 4 – 6 graders.
- b. CFAB Mission Statement. Many examples from other similar groups presented. Heithuas will head up committee to work on.

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

- a. Conserve-a-Tree presentation by Maggie McCann. Kensington Park trees were planted before 1914 and could live another 300 years. Proposed library expansion will not make the library too much bigger. Neighborhood is deficient of trees already. Board discussed attending community planning group meetings to spread the word about the value of shade trees, creating street tree plans for neighborhoods that don’t already have them, and contacting Council District 3 office to let other community members know what the issues are.  
Motion to approve the nomination of the Heritage Grove at Kensington MiniPark. (C.Jones/Simpson). Approved unanimously.
- b. Establishment of Subcommittees. Suggested committees are: Projects, Outreach, Policy, and Technical. Members of the public could sit on subcommittees.



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

a. Staff Reports – Staff Reports Provided

- Drew Potocki, Street Division Urban Forester – 1) Grant from CDF for GIS/application process and technical upgrade. 2) Arbor Day plans in the works for Route 252 park location. 3) Chollas Park set up but there are no trees planted due to lack of maintenance budget.
- Michael Marika, Park & Recreation Dept. Arborist
- Velmo Watson, Code Compliance Officer – Commented at the last City of San Diego Town Hall meeting.
- Tony Gangitano, Development Services Dept. Senior Planner

8) **Referrals to Committees:**

9) **Public Comment:** Usha Little from Urban Corps informed board that at USFS grant is due at the end of February and she needs ideas for projects. Estrada pointed to CFAB projects list: Beyer Blvd, Streamview Drive, and Chollas Parkway.

10) **Next Meeting:** Second Wednesday of the month, 11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m., 1200 Third Avenue, Civic Center Plaza Building, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor

11) **Adjourned** at 1:15pm

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