

City of San Diego Community Forest Advisory Board Meeting

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, October 10, 2018 City Administrative Building, 202 C Street, Committee Room, 12th Floor

1. **Call to Order** Anne Fege, Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:50 am

2. Attendees

<u>Members</u> –Virginia Wilson, Chris Drayer, Muriel King, Rachele Melious, Troy Murphree, Tomas Herrera-Mishler, Vince Mikulanis, and Anne Fege

<u>City Staff</u> – Brian Widener and Christine Stontz, Transportation and Stormwater; Magen Shaw and Ed Drobnicki, Parks; and Terre Lien and Daniel Neri, Development Services

<u>Guests</u> – Guy Preuss; Nancy Holt, Britta Kuhlow, and Wes Janssen, District 4; Steve Wai; and Mike Palat, West Coast Arborists

- 3. **Approval of Minutes.** Minutes of June 13, 2018 were approved.
- 4. **Announcements and Updates.** Brian Widener reported that the City is reviewing advisory board activities. Fege met with the Mayor's office on discussion of the FY 2020 budget.
- 5. Actions (none)

6. Subcommittee Reports

a. Arbor Day subcommittee was formed for an event on April 26, 2019, with Widener, Herrera-Mishler, Rachele Melious and Vince Mikulanis.

7. City Staff Reports

- a. Widener gave updates on the recent grant from CalFIRE for a continued street tree inventory
- b. Widener gave an update on September numbers from the Street Division Urban Forestry section: 9 trees planted, 174 trees trimmed, 74 trees removed, 43 Free Tree SD requests, 511 tree evaluation requests, 545 tree evaluation requests completed, 2,166 tree evaluations pending.
- c. Widener gave an update on the tree municipal code revisions.
- d. Tree planting in FY 2019: Widener reported that there is now an online form to request trees, at https://www.sandiego.gov/blog/free-tree-sd.

8. Discussion

a. Muriel King is gathering information and attending meetings about the Joint School-Park use program, which is a cooperative effort of City Parks and the San Diego Unified School District. Some of the opportunities and challenges were discussed.

9. Public Comment

10. **Next Meeting** – The Board meets on the second Wednesday of the month. The next meeting will be Wednesday, November 14, 2018, at the regular meeting location, City Administration Building, 202 C Street, Committee Room, 12th Floor.