



City of San Diego

Community Forest Advisory Board Meeting

MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, November 14, 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

Members –Virginia Wilson, Chris Drayer, Muriel King, Rachele Melious, Vince Mikulanis, Cheryl Lough, Butch Everett, and Anne Fege

City Staff – Brian Widener and Sergio Arias, Transportation and Stormwater; Magen Shaw, Parks

Guests – Guy Preuss, Paradise Hills; Colleen Dietzel, Ocean Beach; Dale Williams; Lissette Velarde, West Coast Arborists; and Dorothy Abeyta, Davey Resources

3. **Approval of Minutes.** None.

4. **Announcements and Updates.** Brian Widener emphasized community safety in urban forestry programs. Anne Fege outlined opportunities to position trees for climate adaptation, and to use Climate Action Plan commitments for budget requests.

5. Actions

- a. The Board discussed the City's decision to remove the Torrey pine at 4633 Long Branch Road, including the certified arborist's report, community input from Virginia Wilson and Colleen Dietzel, and safety issues. The Board voted not to make a recommendation, until the arborist's report is reviewed in more detail. The City Forester has authority to decide whether to remove the tree and plans to make the decision within a week.
- b. The Board agreed with the City's recommendation not to approve an Conserve-a-Tree application for the stone pine across from 3940 Kendall Street.

6. Subcommittee Reports

- a. Widener and Magen Shaw will be meeting with City departments, about the citywide Arbor Day event on April 26, 2019.

7. City Staff Reports

- a. Widener gave updates on two grants from CalFire for tree inventory and planting. The Free Tree SD initiative planted 291 trees in city parks during this past spring. The tree canopy map, data from year 2014, is displayed at <https://sandiego.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=22676b84005b4365aa44af1b217d4201>.
- b. Board member Vince Mikulanis asked that the recent iTree report generated from the recent street tree inventory be released for board review at the next meeting.

8. Discussion

- a. Magen Shaw reported that Tree San Diego provided tree care training to Balboa Park groundskeepers.

9. Public Comment

- a. Dale Williams provided information on Torrey pine mortality.

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