

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

MEETING MINUTES

December 9, 2015

City Administration Building, Committee Room

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

2) **Attendees.**

Members –Chris Drayer, Davon Withrow, Jake Sibley, Robin Rivet, Steve Lamprides, Anne Fege

Guests –Guy Preuss (Skyline/Paradise Hills)

City Staff –Lesley Henegar, Jeremy Barrick, (Planning); Sergio Arias (Streets Division)

3) **Approval of Minutes.** Minutes of October 14, 2015 meeting were approved.

4) **Action Items.**

- a) Jeremy Barrick, Urban Forestry Program Manager, identified minor changes to be made in the Urban Forest Management/Action Plan that will be forwarded to City Council in the next several weeks. A draft “vision” statement was discussed, drawn from the General Plan and various current city-wide initiatives, and recommended to be added to the Plan. A recommendation was made by the Board to rewrite the vision statement. No vote was taken. Item to return in January 2016

5. City Staff Reports

- a) Jeremy Barrick outlined City preparations for El Nino storm events, related tree damage and actions. There are City staff and two tree services contractors who can provide crews locally and from other California locations. Media messages will still be developed, to reinforce the value of trees and the changes that can be made to reduce future storm damage and increase tree health.
- b) Jeremy Barrick described the difficulty in getting specific budget information for FY 2016 expenditures, as urban forestry activities are not tracked specifically in most departments. The staff is beginning to develop FY 2017 budget requests.

6. Discussion

Community Forest Advisory Board vacancies were reviewed, and several suggestions were made on how to recruit for candidates. Need new members for the following Districts and categories:

- 1) District 2
- 2) District 4 (Steve L. term ends 12/31/2015, now third term)
- 2) District 6
- 3) District 7 Vince Mikulanis, needs to be renewed

- 4) Certified Arborist
- 5) Horticulturalist/Nursery
- 6) Artist

Lesley to send request to Mayor's Office to request filling of seats and renewing Vince's seat.

7. Other Reports (none given)

8. Public Comment

Guy Preuss reported that a tree had just been cut down in his neighborhood, planted in 1959 and now a stump, and that greater attention needs to be paid to tree protection.

9. Next Regular Meeting – Second Wednesday of the month, January 13, 2016

- a) Update on tree planting, including changes needed in City diagrams for tree planting and care
 - b) Update on FY 2017 budget process
 - c) Current implementation of City policies on tree removal and tree protection
- 8) **Adjourned** at 1:20 p.m.