

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

MEETING MINUTES

July 8, 2015

City Administration Building, 12th Floor Conference Room

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

2) **Attendees.**

Members –Chris Drayer, Rachelle Melious, Robin Rivet, Steve Lamprides, Troy Murphree, Vince Mikulanis, Anne Fege

Guests –Guy Preuss (Skyline/Paradise Hills); Mike Palat, San Diego Regional Urban Forests Council, Marty Schmidt (Environs)

City Staff –Lesley Henegar (Planning); Sergio Arias (Streets); Jay Valencia (Stormwater)

3) **Approval of Minutes.** Minutes for June 10 meeting were approved.

4) Action Items.

5) **City Staff Reports**

- a) In the Urban Greening project for North Bay (Sports Arena and nearby areas), a Toolbox for Urban Greening is being develop, focused on enhanced tree health. Melissa Garcia-Planning and Marty Schmidt, Landscape Architect with Environs and consultant to City, gave an overview of the project. Many of the City’s standard drawings, for tree planting and care, need to be reviewed and updated with current Best Management Practices and local conditions.
- b) The draft Street Tree Selection List was reviewed. Sergio Arias had additional suggestions and will send them to the Chair.
- c) The City Council will take action on the new and renewed appointments to the Board, at one of their next meetings.
- d) The draft Urban Forest Management Plan is still undergoing environmental review by City staff.

6) **Discussion Items**

- a) Robin Rivet summarized information presented on Eucalyptus trees and responses to the recent Australian, from a workshop she attended in Los Angeles.

6) **Public Comment:**

No public comments were given.

7) **Agenda items for next meeting**

- a) Proposed changes to Heritage Tree nomination process and form
- b) New Low-impact Design Guidelines applicable to the City.

8) **Adjourned** at 1:15 p.m.