

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

MEETING MINUTES
September 14, 2011
Civic Center Plaza Building

1) **Convene:** Vicki Estrada, Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:51 a.m.

2) **Present:**

Members – Vicki Estrada, Fausto Palafox, Robin Rivet, Robin Rivet, Jon Becker, Stephen Lamprides, Craig Jones, Mary Johnson, Joe Jones, Tershia d’Elgin

[Not Present] – Victoria Heithaus

Guests – Guy Pruess (Skyline/Paradise Hills CPG), Chris Hyatt, and Gabe Filkey.

City Staff – Drew Potocki, Tony Gangitano, Ken Healy, Andrea Demich, Jeff Harkness, Lara Gates, Mary Wright, Deborah Sharpe

3) **No minutes to approve.**

4) **Chair’s Announcements:** none

5) **Working Group Reports:** none

6) **Discussion Item(s):**

- a. CCSE effort to do an expansive GIS/LIDAR tree mapping project for San Diego. Discussed options and uses of several software choices.
- b. ATAC is also developing a large website for local urban forestry. Rivet requested input about what community resources are available in their region, neighborhood, school, government, etc.
- c. Status of open CFAB positions. A.Gabriel reported that the restructuring question has been assigned to a new city attorney, which will push out the final date a month or so. In the meantime, D.Garcia will take all the appointments except the non-profit seat through the approval process. A.Fege’s application for chair was received and has gone through the PD background check.
- d. Status and reliability of tree and other data available on SAN-GIS.

7) **Action Item(s):**

- a. Approve Barrio Logan Urban Forestry Section of the draft Barrio Logan Community Plan. Lara Gates, Barrio Logan Plan Update Project Manager. [Johnson/J.Jones] Approved unanimously.

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

- a. Board Member Reports. none

b. City Staff Reports

- Drew Potocki, Urban Forester, Transportation & Stormwater Department, Utilities Undergrounding Program. Taking note of historical trees during continued utility undergrounding.
- Ken Healy, Code Compliance Officer. Thanked F. Palafox for hosting the Eco-Runner events. Reporting continuing efforts to coordinate with BIDs to plant trees.
- Andrea Demich, Storm Water Department, Assistant Civil – informational presentation on one of Storm Water’s projects in construction - Kellogg Park Green Lot.
- Jeff Harkness, Park Planning. Summarized city staff roles and handed out a draft organization chart.

c. City Planning Reports: none

- Lara Gates, Plan Update Project Manager – Presented Existing Conditions Study for the Euclid & Market Land Use & Mobility Plan, pointing out methodology for measuring current trees vs. desired trees. Also reported on the receipt of a grant to study open spaces in City Heights.

9) **Public Comment:**

- a. G.Preuss shared SD Vision Workshops mention in Union-Tribune.
- b. Real Estate Agent team Hyatt and Filkey plan to plant 650 trees in council district 3 to replace trees utilized in real estate marketing activities. Looking to CFAB for ideas on where to plant the trees.

10) **Referrals to Committees:** none

11) **Adjourned** at 1:20 p.m.