

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

MEETING MINUTES  
February 11, 2009  
City Administration Building

1) **Convene:** Vicki Estrada, Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:45 a.m.

2) **Present:**

Members – Fausto Palafox, Gail Roberts, Dan Simpson, Jon Becker, Karen Davis, Victoria Heithaus, Stephen Lamprides, Mary Johnson, Joe Jones, Tershia d’Elgin.

Not Present – Patrick Caughey, Craig Jones.

Guests – Guy Pruess (Skyline/Paradise Hills CPG), Nancy Parton (K/NH Friends of Library), Diane Perry (K/NH Friends of Library), Janice Raidebush (K/NH Friends of Library), Cecelia Garl (K/NH Friends of Library), Margaret Downing (K/NH Friends of Library), Drew Hubbell (Kensington resident), Shirley Kelly (Kensington resident), Anne Fege (SD Natural History Museum).

City Staff – Drew Potocki, Michael Marika, Jeff Harkness, Alissa Gabriel.

3) **Approval of January Minutes:** Corrections made. (Becker/Davis) Approved. D’Elgin abstained.

4) **Chair’s Announcements:**

- a. Introduction of newly appointed CFAB member Fausto Palafox.
- b. Reminder of upcoming Citizens Coordinate for Century Three event.  
<http://www.c3sandiego.org/>
- c. Anne Fege presentation on City’s brush management strategies. Powerpoint attached. Additional news: applying for a grant to review brush management policies and procedures. Pest alert: the oak bore is killing all infected trees and all species of oak are susceptible.
- d. Urban Corps has applied for a grant for improvements to Beyer Blvd in San Ysidro.

5) **Discussion Item(s):**

- a. Water Saving. Questions about watering golf courses while restricting other uses, including watering trees. Since both the Mayor and the UT are talking about water, now is the time to contact both with the facts about watering trees.

6) **Action Item(s):** none.

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

- a. Staff Reports
  - Drew Potocki, Street Division Urban Forester.
    - i. Regional Council meetings are changing due to State budget constraints. Attendants will now be charge small fee to cover cost of meetings.
    - ii. Proposing a grant with the Water Department to help citizens



- iii. Article in DED newsletter canceled due to conflicting policy on watering trees.
- iv. Streets Division not doing any brush management.
- v. Approval for pre-proposal to do a tree inventory and database. Includes historic and preservation status category.
  - Alissa Gabriel, CPCI Project Manager. The Mayor needs your budget suggestions. Visit [www.sandiego.gov](http://www.sandiego.gov) to provide input. Also note on same page, Water Allocation Workshops schedule is posted.

8) **Referrals to Committees:** Continued discussion of Tree Protection Policy and Nomination Form.

9) **Public Comment:** Several members of the Friends of Kensington/Normal Heights Library spoke about the community input process and the library expansion project. Discussion followed regarding how to send information in advance to community groups and how CFAB meetings are noticed (according to standard City practice of posting a copy of the agenda in a publicly accessible location at least 72 hours prior to the meeting). Some history of the tree protection process development was shared. Library expansion architect D. Hubbel described the design process and added that research into the trees' value was calculated at \$80,000 each. Further discussion about tree removal followed.

10) **Next Meeting:** Second Wednesday of the month, 11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m., 1200 Third Avenue, Civic Center Plaza Building, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor

11) **Adjourned** at 1:20pm

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