

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

MEETING MINUTES  
May 9, 2007  
City Administration Building

1) **Convene:** Vicki Estrada, Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:55 a.m.

2) **Present:**

Members – Vicki Estrada, Jolaine Harris, Tershia d’Elgin, Jon Becker, Mary Johnson, Joe Jones

Guests – Guy Pruess (Skyline/Paradise Hills CPG)

City Staff – Drew Potocki, Tony Gangitano, Velmo Watson, Alissa Gabriel, Jeff Harkness

3) **Approval of Minutes:** no quorum

4) **Chair’s Announcements:** Arbor Day Report. The event itself went really well with about 400 people in attendance. Mayor Sanders and Sempra Energy President made appearances.

5) **Action Item(s):** none

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

a. New Board Member Joe Jones (D7 appointee) introduced to the group.

b. Jolaine Harris reported that the Mayor’s office has indicated an interest in continuing the CFAB and filling the current vacancies.

c. Continued discussion regarding educating the public about tree responsibility. There was discussion about about current tree removal processes, the value of trees to both homeowners and municipalities, and the shift of tree maintenance responsibilities to the community and homeowner groups. Drew Potocki noted that the City is putting together a series of videos that CFAB could contribute to. CFAB needs to put together a prioritized list of tasks and start tackling them.

Regarding the Tree Protection Ordinance: Potocki indicated that CP 200-7 should be modified to make tree replacement *required*.

d. General Plan Update. Comments are due in June. There is still a concern that the tree element is weak/non-existent.

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

a. Staff Reports – Staff Reports Provided

- Drew Potocki, Street Division Urban Forester – full Staff Report went into detail about the following:

- 1. Palm Contract Trimming

- 2. Tree Preservation, general



3. Tree Preservation, pines on La Jolla Blvd at Turquoise.
  4. Tree Planting/Volunteer Coordination contract award
  5. Tree Removal/Planting contract award
  6. Code Compliance, damage recovery
  7. Arbor Day 2007
  8. Sea World/American Forests event
  9. Palomar College woodworking event
  10. City staffing issues and CFAB
- Velmo Watson, Code Compliance Officer
  - Tony Gangitano, Development Services Dept. Senior Planner – offered clerical assistance from DSD.
  - Alissa Gabriel, CPCI Project Manager – CPCI Public Information Officer is in the process of updating CFAB’s page on the City Website
- 8) **Referrals to Committees:** Education & Outreach committee to get together and make a plan for spending the \$50,000 available for that purpose.
- 9) **Public Comment:**
- 10) **Next Meeting:** June 13, 2007, 11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m., CAB12A
- 11) **Adjourned** at 1:15pm

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