

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

MEETING MINUTES
July 11, 2012
Civic Center Plaza Building

- 1) **Convene:** Jon Becker, Interim Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:49 a.m.
- 2) **Present:**
Members –Fausto Palafox, Robin Rivet, Jon Becker, Victoria Heithaus, Craig Jones, Joe Jones, Tershia d’Elgin.
[Not Present] – Anne Fege, Jake Banfield-Weir, Stephen Lamprides, Mary Johnson,
Guests – Ty Sterns (Urban Corps)
City Staff – Michael Marika, Drew Potocki, Alex Hempton, Andrea Demich, Jeff Harkness
- 3) **Approval of June Minutes:** Approved with edits. [Jones/d’Elgin]
- 4) **Chair’s Announcements:** Urban Management tool kit workshop coming up. Passed out a relevant Wealthy Cities article.
- 5) **Working Group Reports:**
 - a. Outreach/Education reviewed some of the more outstanding website issues.
 - b. Funding/Partnerships reported progress of the FOI results review. Also looked at the 2013 proposed budget although it is possibly too late to recommend changes.
 - c. Policies/Programs i) Working with SD Botanical Foundation to make Balboa Park the center of tree development. ii) UF advocacy training report focused on how to market urban forestry to the average citizen.
- 6) **Reports:** Items *not* already on agenda
 - a. Board Member Reports
 - Heithaus met with Park & Recreation Dept about tree replacement in MADs. Project coordinated with Urban Corps to make a list of good tree planting locations.
 - Becker reported on review of policy documents
 - Rivet – Train the Trainers workshop on SD County maps project.
 - b. City Staff Reports
 - Potocki – Stonebridge estates added 10,000 street trees in new developments. This is a result of the new street tree design manual requirements. Walter Figg Fund had a reserve of \$323,000.
 - c. Urban Corps Report. i) Todd Gloria was at recent tree planting events. The next one will be at Chollas Park. ii) Reported on residential tree planting progress throughout the city. iii) UC planted 450 trees in the last two months. iv) Training more corps member on tree care.
- 7) **Discussion Item(s):**
 - a. Elements of comprehensive urban forestry mastery plan. Lynnette Short reported on Cal Fire grant application and the urban forestry management plan tool kit.

8) Action Item(s):

i) Resolved, that the City of San Diego undertake a broad Urban Forest Management Strategy by December 31, 2012, using the Urban Forest Management Plan toolkit (www.ufmptoolkit.com) and led by the Community Forest Advisory Board. It would be based on existing tree data (www.sandiegotreemap.org), the General Plan, and current ordinances. CFAB meetings would be extended to three hours on August 8, October 10 and December 12, with additional information gathered between meetings by working groups of CFAB members and City staff. This will guide decisions about the urban forestry program and budget, assist the new City Forester, and could be followed by a more detailed plan in 2014. Motion approved [Becker/Jones]

ii) Extend CFAB meetings up to three hours in August, October, and December to work on undertaking a broad urban forest management strategy. [Heithaus/Rivet]

9) Public Comment: none.

10) Adjourned at 1:15 p.m.