

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

MEETING MINUTES
May 8, 2013
City Administration Building

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

2) **Present:**

Members – Anne Fege, Robin Rivet, Fausto Palafox, Mary Johnson, Joe Jones, Tershia d’Elgin.

[Not Present] –Jon Becker, Jake Banfield-Weir, Stephen Lamprides, Victoria Heithaus, Craig Jones,

Guests – Guy Preuss (Skyline – Paradise Hills CPG), Devon Boutte (Schmidt Design Group), Troy Murphree

City Staff – Michael Marika, Drew Potocki, Andrea Demich, Jeff Harkness

3) **Approval of April Minutes:** Approved [d’Elgin/J.Jones]

4) **Chair’s Announcements:** Urban Forest Grant Management Plan is moving forward with activity to begin in June.

Also, Budget Hearings are occurring in May. Fege spoke during public comment to request restoration of the Tree Warden and Urban Forester positions and \$150,000 for tree maintenance and installation. Rivet went to Park & Rec hearing to request more park rangers and a master park plan management plan update; and to Risk Management to report on risks of trees. Fege and Jake to attend the Transportation budget hearing.

5) **Reports:**

- a. Water Implementation Policy Task Force, reported by T.Murphree and D.Boutte. Schmidt Design Group is finalizing water conservation policy revisions. Members added information about how trees fit into the urban ecosystem and various trees offer different levels of benefit. Members will work on creating more robust details in time for the Task Force to go back to Council in July.
- b. Policies Working Group reviewing contradictions within Municipal Code and other rules governing CFAB procedures. So far, they have discovered inconsistencies, created a list of recommended edits, reviewed the tree removal/heritage tree designation applications, and reviewed the decision-making process.
- c. City Staff Reports
 - Drew Potocki – Arbor Day activities were a success!
 - Andrea Demich – Stormwater project in Clairemont will involve planting 95 trees.

6) **Public Comment:** Guy Preuss commented on Water Conservation document. Glen Schmidt Designs listed current projects of interest to CFAB.

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7) **For the Next Meeting:** Recommendation for designation of olive groves in Scripps Ranch for heritage or preservation groves. Presentations by Scripps Ranch Civic Association (applicant) and City of San Diego.

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

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