

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

MEETING MINUTES  
March 12, 2014  
City Administration Building

1) **Convene:** Anne Fege, Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:50 a.m.

2) **Present:**

Members – Anne Fege, Fausto Palafox, Samuel Bonacci, Robin Rivet, Erin McConkey, Stephen Lamprides, Rachele Melious, Troy Murphree.

[Not Present] – Jake Sibley, Jake Banfield-Weir, Chris Drayer, Mary Johnson, Vince Mikulanis, Tershia d’Elgin.

Guests – Guy Preuss (Skyline-Paradise Hills PG), Craig Rose, Devon Boutte (Schmidt Design Group), Mike Palat (SDRUFC)

City Staff – Drew Potocki

3) **Approval of February Minutes:** Approved with edits. [McConkey/Murphree]

4) **Chair’s Announcements:** none

5) **Items for Report, Discussion, Action:** Items *not* already on agenda

- a. Other departments and issues. *Not discussed.*
- b. Introduction of newly-appointed Board members.
- c. San Diego Regional Urban Forests Council Report. Planning for Ca UF Council June 25-27 conference. Nancy Hughes has 100 trees to plant in San Diego during the conference.
- d. Tree San Diego non-profit organization update. Second board recruitment meeting happened.
- e. Final Tree Steward training March 23. 115 people are registered so far. All upcoming classes are full.
- f. Nominations to fill remaining CFAB position. Landscape Architect, and District 6 and 8 positions still need to be filled.
- g. City processes to be reviewed in Urban Forest Management Plan, including No Fee Street Tree Permit Applications and watering agreements. Board members are still not sure what the process is to obtain a permit to remove a tree. The process still requires some reworking of Code Compliance procedures.

6) **Public Comment:**

- Rivet reported that the Master Garden Seminar has openings.
- Bonacci asked: If high schools have garden or conservation clubs, why not tie into them?

- Guy Preuss complimented the Tree Steward handbook.
- Palafox reported on a 2015 Balboa Park Celebration Committee meeting. The City is working with Friends of Balboa Park’s Horticultural subcommittee to continue to move ahead with planned improvements to the park.

7) **Items For the Next Meeting:** a. Work with DSD to update code compliance reporting form, invite DSD to attend next CFAB meeting, and develop a list of desired outcomes. b. Figg Fund update.

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