

City of San Diego
Community Forest Advisory Board

MEETING MINUTES
September 19, 2007
Civic Center Plaza Building, 14th Floor

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

2) **Present:**

Members – Marty Poirier, Dan Simpson, Jon Becker, Jolaine Harris, Mary Johnson, Joe Jones, Tershia d’Elgin.

Guests – Guy Pruess (Skyline/Paradise Hills CPG), Adreinne McCrumb (Center for Sustainable Energy). Walter Odening (D7 resident), Mayor Jerry Sanders

City Staff – Drew Potocki, Michael Marika, Tony Gangitano, Hirendira Sandoval, Jeff Harkness, Alissa Gabriel, Scott Kessler

3) **Approval of Minutes:** August minutes approved with 2 changes. 7 ayes, 1 abstention.

4) **Chair’s Announcements:** Met with Mayor regarding board appointments. Mayor’s office is waiting for City Council appointments. Discussed the option of requiring retiring members to nominate replacements.

5) **Action Item(s):** CP 200-05 Planting of Trees on City Streets (a)(3). Revise policy to be more specific regarding replacements. Potocki presented two options. Subcommittee to meet and further edit for next meeting.

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

a) Guest Speaker Jerry Sanders. Basic outline of the discussion is as follows:

- Wants to discover who possible funding partners are and learn from the board what processes and projects CFAB could be involved in. He wants the CFAB to think about other boards and groups that make sense to partner with.
- Concerned about canopy reduction. Can we change the concept of trees as aesthetic only to trees as economic/environmental tools. How to make sure people pick the “right” trees for the job.
- Trees as infrastructure. Make trees an intelligent choice as an investment into storm water mitigation systems. Can CFAB quantify to the public that using storm water funds for trees is within the parameters of the Stormwater Infrastructure Impact Plan.
- General Plan announcement that day. Wonders how can the City’s urban forestry policies relate?
- Question asked regarding finding funds for more staff time. CFAB would like to make presentations to community groups and have access to a public information officer.
- Shared with the Mayor the concept of requiring in the Landscape Ordinance that single family housing projects must plant a tree. 10,000 remodel permits per year – one tree each would be 10,000 new trees per year!



- Scott Kessler commented that he sees a nexus with CFAB and other department activities such as the CleanTech program. Offered use of some resources such as intern help in order to accomplish that.

b) Old Globe Eucalyptus removal and CFAB's potential involvement.

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

- a. Education & Outreach Committee –
- b. Planning Committee –
- c. Implementation Committee –
- d. Finance Committee –
- e. Staff Reports – no time for staff reports, carry to next meeting

8) **Referrals to Committees:** CFAB Retreat with the Mayor Committee to determine who should be there and what should be done. Make a list of the project to discuss.

9) **Public Comment:** none

10) **Next Meeting:** October 17 2007, 11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m., CAB12A - Closed Session Room

11) **Adjourned** at 1:15pm

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