

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

MEETING MINUTES

June 8, 2016

1010 Second Avenue, Sixth Floor (Executive Complex), not regular meeting room

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

2) **Attendees.**

Members – Chris Drayer, Rachele Melious, Robin Rivet, Troy Murphree, Vince Mikulanic, Anne Fege

Guests – Guy Preuss (Skyline/Paradise Hills), Corey Bassett (District 6), Stephanie Reed (District 2), Mike Palat (SD Regional Urban Forests Council)

City Staff – Jeremy Barrick, Sergio Arias

3) **Approval of Minutes.** Minutes of the April 13 and May 11 meetings were approved.

4) **Action Items.** None.

- a) Board discussed and approved letter to the Mayor and Council about the imperative of inspections and code compliance for trees in the City. Inspections and compliance checks are occurring rarely in the City. Most development permits incorporate trees in the landscaping design, and years later many of those trees are missing, dead, topped, or are otherwise unhealthy.
- b) Board discussed and approved letter to the Mayor and Council about the need for arboriculture expertise in sidewalk and other public works projects, particularly early in the design phase and in the construction monitoring.
- c) Board discussed and recommended nomination of Brazilian pepper tree at 6801 Mission Gorge Road, as a heritage tree. The tree is primarily as it is 50 years old but has no apparent historic connection. City staff have inspected the tree and have public safety concerns.

5) **City Staff Reports.**

- a) Barrick gave a brief update on tree planting, tree inventory, and urban tree canopy assessment (CalFire grant).
- b) Arias reported that 14 Jacaranda trees will be planted at Roosevelt and Richmond streets, using Figg Funds.

6) **Discussion.**

None.

7) **Other Reports**

- a) Mike Palat, Tree San Diego Board member, outlined plans for volunteer Tree Steward training, that has been partially funded by a grant from Councilmember Gloria's office.

8) **Public Comment**

None.

9) **Next Regular Meeting** – Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month, at City Administration Bldg. 202 C Street - 12th Floor, Conference Room A. Due to summer schedules, the July meeting is cancelled. Due to the California Regional Urban Forests conference during the second week of August, the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 3, from 11:45 to 1:15 pm.

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

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