



# City of San Diego City of San Diego

## Community Forest Advisory Board Meeting

### MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Meeting held at Valencia Park Malcom X Library from 10 am to 11.30 am

**Roll Call** -Jim Smith, Chuck Morgan, Rachele Melious, Morgan Justice-Black, Ami Young, Vince Mikulanis, Wes Janssen, Butch Everett

**City Staff- Transportation:** Brian Widener, Ynez Nevarez, Alandon Joe, Noelle Burke, Chaz Wilson, Olivia Mabee, John Ide; **Parks and Rec:** Erich Kast; **DSD:** Vanessa Kohakura and Andrea Navagato

**Guests-** Frank Buncom IV, Chris Drayer, Anne Fege

**Non-Agenda Public Comment-** Anne Fege: Need for tree protection, robust IT to manage our forests

### Announcements and updates

- **Frank Buncom IV:** D8 Tijuana River Valley Candidate for CFAB
- Opportunity for CFAB members to give updates during every meeting
- **Brian Widener:** Moving meetings from 10.00am to 11.30am to a working lunch time to potentially gain more volunteers to join CFAB, since meetings are in person
- **Jim Smith:** Request to review meeting minutes in advance

### Actions

- October minutes approved by the Board

### City Staff Reports

- Brian Widener provided an update on staff changes (Urban Forestry)
  - o John Ide- new UF Program Coordinator/ managing APCD settlement project
  - o Olivia Mabee- new Community Engagement Specialist
  - o Project Assistant-TBD
  - o Vacancies for Arborist for Parks & Rec (IPM) + Transportation
- Development Services Department- Senior Planners: Vanessa Kohakura and Andrea Navagato

- Reviewing projects to ensure meeting site landscape requirements: site landscaping, street trees, revegetation/erosion control, street yards, municipal codes, brush management and water conservation
- New: Climate Action Plan(CAP)-gives DSD more power to enforce tree requirements on single family homes when adding ADU's

#### **CFAB Report on Vacancies and Termed Out Positions (Brian Widener)**

- D3&D5: no candidates (need to do outreach to Council offices)
- D6: Candidate has been identified & Council has nominated
- D8: Candidate has been identified & Council office is working on memo
- D9: Candidate is being considered

#### **Tree Planting Efforts (John Ide)**

- 400 trees planted in fiscal year
- Another 200 identified and planted
- FreeTreeSD: around 200 requests come into the Program every 3 months, Arborists evaluate and send to contractor. Longest wait should be about 9 months

**APCD:** Aiming for 600 trees by end of fiscal year

**Arbor Day:** April 26, 2024 to be held possibly in D4, D8 or D9

#### **Discussion**

- SD Parks Foundation/City of SD Parks & Rec
  - Planned planting for Spring 2024 (Montgomery Waller, Southcrest Trails, NTC park)

**Adjournment-** 11:35am