



# City of San Diego City of San Diego

## Community Forest Advisory Board Meeting

### MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, February 14<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 Mikulanic, Wes Janssen, Butch Everett, Chris Tiffany

**City Staff- Transportation:** Brian Widener, Ynez Nevarez, Noelle Burke, Chaz Wilson, Olivia Mabee, John Ide, Ayad Youkhana; **Parks and Rec:** Erich Kast;

**Guests-** Anne Fege, Mike Palat

**Non-Agenda Public Comment-** Anne Fege: Need for tree protection, robust IT to manage our Forest data and inventory

### Announcements and updates

- **Brian Widener:** All CFAB minutes have been up to date since 2023, Chris Drayer is no longer serving on the Board
- **Jim Smith:** To be absent for March meeting as well as Vince; March meeting will be canceled due to quorum, unless newly nominated members are confirmed by Council before then.

### Actions

- January minutes approved by the Board

### City Staff Reports

- **Brian Widener** provided an update on staff changes (Urban Forestry)
  - o **Ayad Youkhana-** new Project Assistant
  - o Vacancies for Arborist for Parks & Rec (IPM) + Transportation Dept. Arborist
  - o U.S. Forest Service awarded 10 million and revised application has been submitted to the USFS.
  - o When applying for tree grants; past CFAB input, advice and thoughts are applied to proposed projects.
  - o Arbor Day 2024 (Noelle Burke)

- April 26, 2024 (8:30am-12pm), Location: Memorial Community Park (Logan Heights), 100 trees to be planted in both the park and as street trees

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

- Seats representing Districts 1, 3, 6, 8, 9 and the Horticulturist position are still vacant.
- Chris Drayer is no longer serving the D-3 position as there was a misunderstanding, and he was no longer a part of the board. We appreciate his service and commitment to San Diego urban forestry!
- D6 and D8 have two nominated candidates that are waiting for Council approval.

#### **Discussion**

- **Chris Tiffany** (landscape guidelines)
  - Presented concepts on silva cells and structural soils
    - Trees significantly impact the right of way and parking lots when grown in small spaces
  - Proposes increasing tree well size requirements (currently 5' x 8')

**Adjournment-** 11:35am