



**TRANSPORTATION**

## **City of San Diego City of San Diego**

### **Community Forest Advisory Board Meeting**

#### **MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, July 10, 2024

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

- 1.) **Call to Order – 10:03am**
- 2.) **Roll Call**

**Members** - Jim Smith (D1/Chair), Chris Tiffany (Landscape Architect), Chuck Morgan (nonprofit), Ami Young (artist), Leon Cassel (certified arborist), Morgan Justice Black (D2), Frank Buncom IV (D8), Wes Janssen (D4)

**City Staff**- Brian Widener, Ynez Nevarez, Alandon Joe, Noelle Burke, Olivia Mabee, John Ide, Ayad Youkhana, Chaz Wilson, Thomas Zlatic, Jonathan Salgado, Erich Kast

**Guests** – Robert Wrightson (West Coast Arborist)

#### 3.) **Non-Agenda Public Comment**

- **Erich Kast:** Chollas Creek watershed — plan to remove sycamores in riparian area, with little oversight of trees being removed. Perhaps reactionary due to flooding event. Marie Wideman Park is primary location being affected.

#### 4.) **Announcements and updates**

- **Brian Widener:** Need to double-down/focus more on tree preservation/protection (issues with new developments or redevelopments, such as Gallagher Square in Petco Park, East Village Green, Sports Arena rainbow eucalyptus, Chollas Creek park)
  - 1:1 or 2:1 replacement isn't always happening. Ensure mitigation/enforcement/monitoring on those replacements. Tree bank?
  - Use iTree to ID GHG benefits of trees being removed and use it to calculate what's most appropriate for replacement.
  - Handouts should be given to CFAB chair, and they will determine if they are appropriate to hand out to the group. Guests should not approach CFAB members or staff to influence them.
  - Misinformation about projects. City is official information for the projects.
- **Jim Smith:** Consent agenda at City Council mtg forthcoming to officially change the number of CFAB members from 15 to 13. This will mean that quorum will be set moving forward at 7.

#### 5.) **Actions**

- Delay approval of meeting minutes was deferred to the next CFAB mtg, as the minutes were not distributed to CFAB members until day of meeting.

#### 6.) **City Staff Reports**

- CalFIRE grant application; has been submitted, anticipate decision this summer. CFAB members request a copy of the grant application.

#### 7.) **Discussion**

- Tree planting protocols – pushing to next meeting.
- Conserve-a-Tree – will bring 1-2 each month, but not this month. Can be time consuming process, and other city staff priorities.
- Code revision update – land development code + the minimum root needs. Suggest that we present to City Councilmembers individually, as well as submit through the proper channels.
  - **ACTION** - Motion to authorize Chris Tiffany + Jim Smith to submit code revision updates as developed by CFAB subcommittee as recommendation of the full CFAB board. (Jim – made motion, Vince – seconded motion, all voted in favor of motion)
- CFAB workplan –  
**Jim Smith:** Presented the draft workplan and several edits/suggestions were made. Currently, 4 major areas, with specific CFAB members identified to champion these efforts.
  - Canopy expansion & health – Rachele, Chuck, others?
  - Community engagement & education – Ami + Wes
  - Policy & advocacy – Chris Tiffany
  - Data & technology – Vince
  - Bylaws review – Jim + Frank
- CFAB bylaws – Jim presented on draft bylaws. Pushing to change quorum to majority of seated members, not a majority of all seats (filled or not). Interested in subcommittee. Also considering officers (leadership positions) in CFAB, such as a vice chair and secretary.
- Kate Sessions Day – District 9 – looking at locations in Otay-Mesa Nestor.
  - Suggestion to plant in Linda Vista – residents are excited.

#### 8.) **Adjournment-** 11:36am