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Community Forest Advisory Board Meeting

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, January 8, 2025

Meeting held at Malcolm X Library from 10 am to 11.30 am

1.) Call to Order – 10:05am

2.) Roll Call

Members Jim Smith, Morgan Justice-Black, Leon Cassel, Alyssa Way, Chris Tiffany, Wes Janssen, Frank Buncom IV, Ami Young, Chuck Morgan.

Guests – Alix Aceituno, Emma Smith, Daniela Bravo, Kirra Snyder, Anne Fege, Anisah Enciso, Craig Jones, Eddie Price, Elizabeth Castero, R. Terrell Rackley.

City Staff- Jonathan Salgado, Cindy Crosby, Amy Nonaka, Annabel Rossi, Vanessa Shevlin, John Ide, Erich Kast, Alandon Joe, Ynez Nevarez, Thomas Zlatic, Noelle Burke, Olivia Mabee, Brian Widener

3.) Non-Agenda Public Comment

- Intent of our efforts, centering the purpose. The Urban Collaborative Project has a TCC grant to support community outreach for tree planting, she needs more info from City on timing of tree planting – Anne Fege

4.) Announcements and updates

- **Brian Widener:** The Urban Forestry team is prepared for any emergency response to support downed trees or limbs from Santa Ana wind events. There is a new code of conduct form that all CFAB members need to sign. New website for Ready, Set, Grow program. Staff is partnering with Casa Familiar in San Ysidro who is going door-to-door doing outreach for tree planting, and in discussions with Urban Collaborative Project and Groundworks on future collaborations.

5.) Actions

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve minutes from 12/11/24 meeting. Motion by (Morgan), second (Ami). Vote is unanimous.

- Nominate and vote on next Chair Frank Buncom -> Motion by Jim Smith, second by Ami Young. Vote is unanimous.
- Nominate and vote on Vice-Chair Morgan Justice Black -> Motion by Jim Smith, second by Frank. Vote is unanimous.
- Nominate and vote on next notetaker Chris Tiffany-> Motion by Jim Smith, second by Wes Janssen. Vote is unanimous.

6.) City Staff Reports

- **Trees for Communities.** 1,258 trees (629 since beginning of planting season in Oct) have been planted under this project. At this time the majority of work is taking place in Priority Area 3 (Mt Hope, Shelltown, Stockton, Grantville). Sidewalk cutout sites (166 locations) are being prepared. Casa Familiar interns are visiting homes in San Ysidro for opt-in tree planting. A webmap is being developed, and will show where the trees have been planted. There was a 100% audit of the 816 trees planted during first portion of program. Tree planting audits and field trips are planned at nursery to review nursery stock.
- Community Forums planned in many areas to invite public to illicit input from public on planting locations, tree species selection (Jan 11 from 1:30pm – 3pm at Mtn View Community Center and Feb 3 at Otay Mesa West/Nestor Library) Ready Set Grow SD– Staff have been hired (Amy, Annabel, Karen, Daniel) – Tree planting will begin in Otay Mesa Nestor under the Ready, Set, Grow San Diego project.
- The Program has signed an agreement with Tree SD to do tree stewardship workshops. The first one is scheduled with Logan Heights Community Development Corp. on 1/18 and one in San Ysidro on 3/1. All outreach materials will be translated into Spanish.

Guest Presentation from Emma Smith & Kirra Snyder – See handout.

Public Comment:

- There is a desire to have phone number for residents to call from doorhanger.
- How does the City come up with watering schedule.
- UCP has TCC grant to create an urban greening plan for D4/SESD, RSG will help jumpstart the objective of TCC, but we want to work closely with City of SD on this effort.
- Concern that City of SD never removes stakes.
- Nursery stock is a big thing, picking tree and time to plant is vital.

7.) Discussion

- Land Development Code update for trees – no update from Brian Elliott with Council District 1 on this effort.
- CFAB Bylaws – several small formatting issues that were identified. Motion to approve bylaws – Chuck. Seconded by Ami Young, unanimously approved.
- Next meeting – send out the workplan for CFAB in 2025, add conserve-a-tree application review.

8.) Adjourned at 11:28am