

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

MEETING MINUTES

January 13, 2016

City Administration Building, Committee Room

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

2) **Attendees.**

Members –Davin Widgerow, Devon Boutte, Jake Sibley, Rachele Melious, Robin Rivet, Stephen Lamprides, Anne Fege, Troy Murphree

Guests –Guy Preuss (Skyline/Paradise Hills), Kimi Sugeno (Cortez Hill resident)

City Staff –Lesley Henegar, Jeremy Barrick, (Planning); Sergio Arias (Streets Division)

3) **Approval of Minutes.** Minutes of the December 9, 2015 meeting were approved. No meeting was held in November.

4) **Action Items.**

- a) Jeremy Barrick, Urban Forestry Program Manager, reviewed the final changes to the Urban Forest Management/Action Plan, including the vision statement. The appendices will be removed from the Plan and will become the starting point for the Implementation Schedule. The environmental review will be covered by the Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) for the City's Climate Action Plan. The Board voted unanimously to recommend that the Plan be forwarded to the Council for approval.

5) **City Staff Reports.**

- a) Jeremy has submitted an application for the City to be designated a Tree City USA. The City had last applied and was designated in 2008.
- b) For the upcoming Community Plan Updates, Jeremy is working with planners to develop standard suggested text for urban forestry elements, for adaptation in each community, and to include maps of existing trees.
- c) Lesley Henegar gathered and reviewed the FY2016 funding data, from Planning, Parks, Transportation and Stormwater departments, and the total is estimated to be \$6,281,000. The Council is preparing guidance for the FY2017 budget, and recommendations will be prepared and sent from Anne Fege as Board Chair (as time does not permit this to be an official Board resolution).
- d) Sergio Arias distributed a copy of the City's Tree Planting, Care and Staking diagram and guidelines, and asked that comments and recommended changes be sent to him within a week.

6) **Discussion.**

- a) Board meetings could be extended to two hours. Some issues could be discussed in committees between meetings, and then proposed actions brought to the Board. Efforts are being made to identify candidates for filling vacant Board positions.

7) **Other Reports**

- a) Mike Palat outlined the City of San Diego and Tree San Diego event on Saturday, February 27 in Barrio Logan, that will plant trees funded by the grant from the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CalFire). The Mayor is scheduled to attend.

8) **Public Comment**

None.

- 9) **Next Regular Meeting** – Second Wednesday of the month, February 10, 2016.

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

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