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NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES APPROVED

**Tuesday, February 27, 2018, 6:00 p.m.
City Hall, Room 416
One Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Jr. Place
San Francisco, CA 94102**

Council Members: Dan Flanagan (Chair), Nicholas Crawford (Vice Chair), Malcolm Hillan, Igor Lacan, Meg Lowman, Phillip Pierce, Andrew Sullivan, Michael Sullivan, Tom Carter (San Francisco Port), Sal Genito (Presidio Trust), Damon Spigelman (San Francisco Public Utilities Commission), Carla Short (Department of Public Works), Jon Swae (San Francisco Planning Department) and Zachary Taylor (San Francisco Recreation and Park Department).

Order of Business

Public comment will be taken before the Council takes action on any item.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Flanagan, Crawford, Carter, Lacan, Lowman, Short, Spigelman, Andrew Sullivan, Michael Sullivan and Swae. Excused: Genito, Hillan, Pierce and Taylor.

2. Adoption of Minutes of the January 26, 2018 Urban Forestry Council Regular Meeting. (Explanatory Document: January 26, 2018 Draft Minutes) (Discussion and Action)

Upon a motion by Member Michael Sullivan, and a second by Member Carter, the minutes from the January 26, 2018 Urban Forestry Council meeting were adopted without objection. (Ayes: Flanagan, Crawford, Carter, Lacan, Lowman, Short, Spigelman, Andrew Sullivan, Michael Sullivan and Swae; Noes: None; Absent: Genito, Hillan, Pierce and Taylor)

There was no public comment.

3. General Public Comment: Members of the public may address the Council on matters that are within the Council's jurisdiction and are not on today's agenda.

There was no general public comment.

4. Presentation on the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. Speaker: Jimi Scheid, Regional Urban Forester, Cal Fire (Discussion)

Jimi Scheid, Regional Urban Forester, CAL FIRE, discussed the mission and jurisdiction of CAL FIRE, definition of urban forestry, California Urban Forestry Act of 1978, Cal FIRE U&CF services, encouraging best management practices, program highlights, studies and trends, canopy cover and effects of trees on the environment, cross cutting policy work, partners and programs, grants, grant eligibility, disadvantaged communities and low income communities, SB 535 disadvantaged communities, CalEnviroScreen 3.0, AB 1550 Low-Income Communities, DAC Hunters Point, history of Cal FIRE activity in San Francisco, future assistance to San Francisco and grant funding keys for San Francisco.

Member Crawford asked about applications for citywide projects.

Member Swae asked about the availability for grants in next year's state budget.

Member Flanagan asked how the Urban Forestry Council can help ensure more funding for CAL FIRE in the future.

There was no public comment.

5. Presentation on the Biodiversity Assessment of the Every Tree SF Street Tree Census. Speaker: Peter Brastow, Biodiversity Coordinator, San Francisco Department of the Environment (Explanatory Document: Urban Forest Habitat Assessment) (Discussion)

Peter Brastow, Biodiversity Coordinator, San Francisco Department of the Environment, discussed the San Francisco Street Tree Census, the Urban Forest Plan, habitat and biodiversity, rarity and rich hotspots, Bay Area landscape, ancient San Francisco, San Francisco biodiversity, census and assessment methods, native trees, urban forest map, San Francisco natives, coast live oak, invasive plants, 2017 street tree list, recommendations, green connections, novel ecosystems, green hairstreak butterfly, species of breeding butterflies, plant selection, San Francisco Plant Finder, nurseries pledge, guidelines for the Blue Greenway, built environment, Yerba Buena and Treasure Islands and citywide biodiversity goals.

Member Flanagan asked about the number of invasive species in San Francisco.

Member Michael Sullivan asked about certain Monterrey Cypress and Monterrey Pine being listed as invasive species.

Member Lacan discussed invasive species versus urban forestry.

Member Swae asked about the biodiversity resolution before the Board of Supervisors.

Public Comment:

An unidentified speaker asked about whether a particular tree is invasive.

6. Presentation on the Re-Oaking Silicon Valley Report. Erica Spotswood, Applied Ecologist, San Francisco Estuary Institute (Discussion)

Robin Grossinger, Program Director, San Francisco Estuary Institute, discussed ecosystem management, places and partnerships, how to get from history to resilience,

Erica Spotswood, Applied Ecologist, San Francisco Estuary Institute, discussed the technical advisory committee, maps showing the change in Silicon Valley's urban forest, effects of climate change, importance of urban gardens, lost ecosystems, valley oaks, species supported by oaks, evaluating change over time, actions for biodiversity, species that would benefit, benefits to humans, carbon sequestration, spatial analysis, ecosystem services provided by native oaks, distribution of ecosystem services, regional opportunities, implications for San Francisco and next steps.

Member Crawford asked about soil analysis in developing maps.

Member Andrew Sullivan asked if there was a program in each of the municipalities to adopt the initiative.

Member Lowman asked about a model for how the program can be developed in low income communities who couldn't afford the vegetation.

Member Swae asked if there were environments that allow or disallow for the planting of oaks.

Member Michael Sullivan asked carbon sequestration from the coast live oak.

Member Crawford asked about working with nurseries to make the trees available.

Member Lacan asked about street trees and ecological resiliency.

Member Flanagan asked about the use of valley oaks as a street tree in San Francisco.

Public Comment:

Bob Hall discussed the replacement of existing trees with coast live oaks and the benefits of California oak woodlands.

7. Committee Reports: (Discussion)

Planning & Funding Committee. Igor Lacan, Committee Chair, announced that at the February meeting the Committee discussed the role of non-trees in vegetation in San Francisco.

Landmark Tree Ad Hoc Committee. Anthony Valdez, Commission Secretary, noted that there have been not landmark trees nominated since the last Council meeting.

There was no public comment.

8. Staff Report. Gordon Matassa, Urban Forestry Coordinator, San Francisco Department of the Environment (Discussion)

Gordon Matassa, Urban Forestry Coordinator, San Francisco Department of the Environment, announced that Phase III of the Urban Forest Plan is in the works.

There was no public comment.

9. Chair's Announcements. Dan Flanagan, Chair, Urban Forestry Council (Discussion)

Dan Flanagan, Chair, Urban Forestry Council, announced that the Arbor Day will be on March 17th,

Member Short announced the planting of a tree in memory of Mayor Lee.

There was no public comment.

10. Urban Forestry Council Member Announcements. (Discussion)

There were no announcements.

There was no public comment.

11. New Business/Future Agenda Items. (Discussion)

Gordon Matassa, Urban Forestry Coordinator, San Francisco Department of the Environment, announced that the March meeting will include a presentation from ReLeaf and the May meeting will include a presentation from the California Urban Forestry Council.

Public Comment:

David Moore, City of Oakland, discussed being the new urban forestry point person for the City of Oakland.

12. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

The next meeting of the Urban Forestry Council is scheduled for Friday, March 23, 2018 at 8:30 a.m., City Hall, Room 400, San Francisco, CA 94102.

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