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Planning and Funding Committee**

MEETING MINUTES DRAFT

**Tuesday, March 5, 2019, 4:00 p.m.
Offices of the San Francisco Planning Department
1650 Mission Street, Room 400
San Francisco, CA 94103**

Committee Members: Members Igor Lacan (Chair), Nicholas Crawford, Dan Flanagan, Andrew Sullivan and Blake Troxel.

Order of Business

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

1. Call to Order and Roll Call.

This meeting was called to order at 4:11 p.m.

Present: Members Lacan, Crawford, Andrew Sullivan and Troxel. Excused: Member Flanagan.

2. Approval of Minutes of the February 5, 2019 Urban Forestry Council Planning and Funding Committee Meeting. (Explanatory Document: October 2, 2018 Draft Meeting Minutes) (Discussion and Action)

Upon a motion by Member Andrew Sullivan and a second by Member Lacan, the meeting minutes were approved without objection. (Ayes: Members Lacan, Crawford, Andrew Sullivan and Troxel. Excused: Member Flanagan)

There was no public comment.

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

Susan Karasoff discussed the native plants in Washington Square Park.

4. Presentation on proposed habitat restoration and tree planting project at Buena Vista Park.

Speaker: Carol Sionkowski, Park Services Manager, San Francisco Recreation and Park Department (Discussion)

Carol Sionkowski, Park Services Manager, San Francisco Recreation and Park Department, discussed a proposed habitat restoration and tree planting project at Buena Vista Park including, San Francisco Recreation and Park Department jurisdiction, Buena Vista Park characteristics, types of trees in the park, invasive plants, habitat for birds, usage by San Francisco residents, history of the park, grant funding, trees that have been removed, tree planting efforts, identifying tree species, partnerships in nonprofit organizations, volunteers, consideration of creating GPS tags on trees, deciding on an approach to reforestation, developing a centralized location for information storage, training young arborists, community outreach and education, managing storm water, plans for future plantings and a plant palette.

Member Andrew Sullivan asked if there is a complete inventory of trees in the park.

Member Crawford asked about leaving open space for mixed habitat.

Member Andrew Sullivan asked about funding resources to implement the plan and stormwater management plans.

Member Lacan discussed various funding opportunities.

Member Troxel invited Recreation and Park to visit various sites at Presidio Trust.

Public Comment:

Jake Sigg discussed biodiversity and native plants.

Unidentified speaker discussed various grants.

5. Discussion on progress of Phase III of the San Francisco Urban Forest plan. Speaker: Gordon Matassa, Urban Forestry Coordinator, San Francisco Department of the Environment (Discussion)

Gordon Matassa, Urban Forestry Coordinator, San Francisco Department of the Environment, discussed the hiring process of an intern through the University of California system.

Member Andrew Sullivan asked about next steps.

There was no public comment.

6. New Business/Future Agenda Items. (Discussion and Possible Action)

Gordon Matassa, Urban Forestry Coordinator, San Francisco Department of the Environment, discussed resolutions to honor former Urban Forestry Council members, an upcoming strategic planning retreat, a presentation on the Crystal Springs reforestation plan, an update on reforestation at the SFPUC treatment plant, a presentation on Sunset Boulevard Plan and Gordon Matassa's departure.

Member Andrew Sullivan asked about any updates on strategic planning.

7. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

The next Planning and Funding Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 2, 2019 at 4:00 p.m., Offices of the San Francisco Planning Department, 1650 Mission Street, Room 400.

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