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Urban Forestry Council**

NOTICE OF REGULAR MINUTES APPROVED

**Friday, March 23, 2018, 8:30 a.m.
City Hall, Room 400
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 8:40 a.m.

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

2. Adoption of Minutes of the February 27, 2018 Urban Forestry Council Regular Meeting.
(Explanatory Document: February 27, 2018 Draft Minutes) (Discussion and Action)

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

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 public comment.

4. Presentation on California ReLeaf. Speaker: Cindy Blain, Executive Director, California ReLeaf (Discussion)

Cindy Blain, Executive Director, California ReLeaf discussed building partnerships, integration as an imperative, building a strong network, the prime directive, education, education initiatives, health inequities, climate change, advocacy, 2018 advocacy actions and advocacy expansion.

Member Swae asked about the range of grants.

Member Crawford asked about addressing the challenges of grant requirements.

Member Flanagan asked about planting trees as an act of gentrification.

There was no public comment.

5. Discussion of programs and policies regarding carbon and trees in San Francisco. Speaker: Gordon Matassa, Urban Forestry Coordinator (Discussion)

Gordon Matassa, Urban Forestry Coordinator, discussed the policy question, carbon estimates from data compiled in the past five years, tree canopy coverage by city, street tree policies, Proposition E of 2016, park tree policies, existing City plans for trees, examining carbon benefits, carbon and trees, calculating carbon benefits, an urban forest assessment, information needs including species, size and health, assessing the data, assumptions, the data gap, carbon estimates compiled from the past five years, carbon storage benefit gained, worst case scenario, net carbon storage benefit, projections, projections based on current policies, metric tons of carbon sequestered per year, other environmental and social benefits of trees, opportunities and an award from the Arbor Day Foundation.

Member Spigelman asked about whether the report includes tree deaths.

Member Flanagan asked about tree mortality.

Member Short discussed empty tree basins and whether they are potential tree planting sites.

Member Swae discussed tree mortality.

Member Flanagan discussed backyard trees.

Member Hillan asked about the incorporation of how trees impact carbon consumption.

There was no public comment.

6. Committee Reports: (Discussion)
Planning & Funding Committee. Igor Lacan, Committee Chair.

Chair Lacan reported that the last Planning and Funding Committee meeting was canceled.

Landmark Tree Ad Hoc Committee.

Anthony Valdez, Commission Secretary, reported that no landmark tree nominations had been received by the Department of the Environment.

There was no public comment.

7. 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, discussed Arbor Day, a tree planting for Mayor Lee, the tree species list update and the Urban Forestry Council Strategic Plan.

Member Flanagan thanked Public Works for the Arbor Day program.

Member Short reported on Arbor Day.

There was no public comment.

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

Member Flanagan discussed working with the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission to address tree removals.

There was no public comment.

9. Urban Forestry Council Member Announcements. (Discussion)

Member Lacan discussed the mature and historic trees symposium.

There was no public comment.

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

Gordon Matassa, Urban Forestry Coordinator, San Francisco Department of the Environment, announced at that May 25th Urban Forestry Council meeting that there will be a presentation by the California Urban Forests Council as well as Urban Forest Credit as well as upcoming presentations by Geary BRT and the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission.

There was no public comment.

11. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

The next meeting of the Urban Forestry Council is scheduled for Friday, May 25, 2018 at 8:30 a.m., City Hall, Room 400, San Francisco, CA 94102.

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