

**City and County of San Francisco  
Department of the Environment  
Urban Forestry Council**

**NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING AND AGENDA**

**Friday, March 24, 2017, 8:30 a.m.  
City Hall, Room 400  
One Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Jr. Place  
San Francisco, CA 94102**

Council Members: Dan Flanagan (Chair), Carla Short (Vice Chair) (Department of Public Works), Nicholas Crawford, Malcolm Hillan, Dan Kida, Igor Lacan, Meg Lowman, Phillip Pierce, Andrew Sullivan, Michael Sullivan, Tom Carter (San Francisco Port), Jon Swae (San Francisco Planning Department), Zachary Taylor (San Francisco Recreation and Park Department), Vacant (Public Utilities Commission) and Vacant (Golden Gate National Recreation Area)

**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 (arrived at 8:41 a.m.), Hillan, Lacan, Andrew Sullivan, Michael Sullivan, Carter, Swae and Taylor. Absent: Short, Lowman and Pierce.

**2. Adoption of Minutes of the February 28, 2017 Urban Forestry Council Regular Meeting.** (Explanatory Document: February 28, 2017 Draft Minutes) (Discussion and Action)

Upon a motion by Member Flanagan and a second by Member Carter, the minutes from the February 28, 2017 Urban Forestry Council were passed without objection. Ayes: Flanagan, Crawford (arrived at 8:41 a.m.), Hillan, Lacan, Andrew Sullivan, Michael Sullivan, Carter, Swae and Taylor; Noes: None; Absent: Short, Lowman and Pierce.

There was no public comment.

**3. 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.

An unidentified member of the public asked about the recording of meetings.

Anthony Valdez, Commission Affairs Manager, discussed the right of the public to record meetings so long as it does not disrupt the meeting.

**4. Hearing on nomination for Landmark Tree Status of the Coast Redwood (Sequoia sempervirens), located at 4 Montclair Terrace, San Francisco, CA 94109; Assessor's Block 1067, Lot 032.** The Council will hold a hearing to determine whether the tree nominated at the above location meets the criteria for designation as a landmark tree to forward findings to the Board of Supervisors. (Explanatory Documents: Resolution File 2017-01-UFC, Nomination Form, Arborist Report, Excerpt of History of Russian Hill, Staff Evaluation, Lacan Evaluation, Lowman Evaluation, Andrew Sullivan Evaluation, Michael Sullivan Evaluation) (Discussion and Possible Action)

Member Flanagan opened to public comment.

Hartley Cravens discussed concerns about safety.  
Joan Carr discussed concerns about safety

Kevin Kielty, Kielty Arborist Services, discussed an evaluation that was performed on the tree.

Meri Jaye, homeowner of 4 Montclair Terrace, discussed support for landmark tree status.

Matthew Gluck discussed support for landmark tree status.

John Callahan discussed support for landmark tree status.

Unidentified speaker discussed support for landmark tree status.

F. Joseph Butler discussed support for landmark tree status.

Nina Moore discussed support for landmark tree status.

Unidentified speaker discussed the health of the tree.

Roland Jadryev discussed support for landmark tree status.

Unidentified speaker discussed the value of trees.

Nancy Wuerfel discussed the Landmark Tree Program enabling legislation.

Richard Worn, University of San Francisco, discussed support for landmark tree status.

Val Young discussed support for landmark tree status.

Nancy Thomas discussed support for landmark tree status.

Roy Leggitt discussed support for landmark tree status.

Aurelio Silva discussed support for landmark tree status.

Darvette Abbate discussed support for landmark tree status.

Steve Ganz discussed support for landmark tree status.

Jacqui Bos discussed opposition to landmark tree status.

Ron Henggeler discussed support for landmark tree status.

Heidi Bioski discussed opposition to landmark tree status.

Jake Sigmund discussed opposition to landmark tree status.

Phil Zimbardo discussed opposition to landmark tree status.

Anthony De la Cruz discussed opposition to landmark tree status.

Mal Knox discussed opposition to landmark tree status.

Klarissa Thomas discussed opposition to landmark tree status.

Kathy Hoang discussed opposition to landmark tree status.

Veronica VanDenTop discussed opposition to landmark tree status.

Unidentified speaker discussed opposition to landmark tree status.

Terrance Inge discussed opposition to landmark tree status.

Unidentified speaker discussed opposition to landmark tree status.

Freddy Brick discussed opposition to landmark tree status.

Robert Rawls discussed support for landmark tree status.

Cindy discussed safety concerns.

Unidentified speaker discussed the importance of trees.

Nathan Allen discussed opposition to landmark tree status.

Vance discussed opposition to landmark tree status.

Harz Anzari discussed opposition to landmark tree status.

Catherine Bernal discussed support for landmark tree status.

Celia Waters discussed support for landmark tree status.

Unidentified speaker discussed opposition to landmark tree status.

Chair Flanagan asked Anthony Valdez to discuss research that has been done on container of a tree.

Member Crawford discussed the risk of safety caused by the tree, pruning, size, actions between neighbors, maintenance and councilmember evaluations.

Member Andrew Sullivan discussed focusing on the merits of the tree and access to the tree.

Mei Ling Hui, San Francisco Recreation and Park Department, discussed several landmark trees being inaccessible to the public.

John Swae asked whether or not there were limitations on addressing hazards caused by trees with landmark status.

Member Hillan discussed public scrutiny and public resources available for landmark trees.

Member Lacan thanked the public and discussed the concerns raised about hazards caused by the tree.

Member Flanagan thanked the public for attending.

Upon a motion by Member Flanagan and a second by Member Crawford Resolution File 2017-01-UFC was approved without objection. Ayes: Flanagan, Crawford (arrived at 8:41 a.m.), Hillan, Lacan, Andrew Sullivan, Michael Sullivan, Carter, Swae and Taylor; Noes: None; Absent: Short, Lowman and Pierce.

5. **Committee Reports:** (Discussion)

**Planning & Funding Committee.** Chair's Report.

Member Lacan said that the Committee will be discussing the tree census.

**Landmark Tree Ad Hoc Committee.** Chair's Report.

There are no trees nominated for landmark status.

There was no public comment.

6. **Staff Report.** (Discussion)

Chris Geiger, IPM Coordinator, San Francisco Department of the Environment announced being the person to fill in for Mei Ling Hui as the position is filled.

There was no public comment.

7. **Chair's Announcements:** Chair, Urban Forestry Council (Discussion)

Member Flanagan thanked Mei Ling Hui.

There was no public comment.

8. **Urban Forestry Council Member Announcements.** (Discussion)

Member Swae announced going on a sabbatical and will return in July.

There was no public comment.

9. **New Business/Future Agenda Items.** (Discussion)

Member Flanagan discussed TIDA and Geary BRT coming to future meetings.

Chris Geiger discussed the publication of the street tree census.

Member Crawford asked about the street tree ordinance.

Anthony Valdez discussed future amendments to the Urban Forestry Council bylaws to include information about the landmark tree process.

There was no public comment.

10. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

**The next meeting of the Urban Forestry Council is scheduled for Friday, May 26, 2017 at 8:30 a.m., City Hall, Room 400, San Francisco, CA 94102.**

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