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Planning and Funding Committee**

**MEETING MINUTES DRAFT**

**Tuesday, May 2, 2017, 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, Meg Lowman and Andrew Sullivan.

**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 4:00 p.m.

Present: Members Lacan, Crawford and Flanagan; Excused: Members Lowman and Andrew Sullivan.

**2. Approval of Minutes of the March 7, 2017 Urban Forestry Council Planning and Funding Committee Meeting.** (Explanatory Document: March 7, 2017 Meeting Draft Minutes) (Discussion and Action)

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

There was no public comment.

**3. 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.

There was no public comment.

**4. Update on the Street Tree Census.** Sponsor: Dan Flanagan, Chair, Urban Forestry Council; Speaker: Anne Brask, Planner and Urban Designer, San Francisco Planning Department (Discussion)

Anne Brask, Planner and Urban Designer, San Francisco Planning Department discussed the Street Tree Census including the EveryTreeSF project to count every tree in San Francisco, the final street

tree count, a contest to guess how many street trees are in San Francisco, vacant planting sites, the number of tree species in San Francisco, sidewalk damage locations, the Urban Forest map, street trees neighborhood, Proposition E and biodiversity and native species analysis.

Member Flanagan asked if there was an average amount of trees per mile.

Member Crawford if the vacant planting sites are open basins or cemented.

The Committee discussed the various neighborhoods in the study.

There was no public comment.

**5. Recommendation that the Urban Forestry Council adopt the Draft 2017 Recommended Street Tree List.** (Explanatory Document: Draft 2017 Recommended Street Tree List) (Discussion and Action)

The item was tabled at the call of the Chair.

There was no public comment.

**6. Discussion of utility undergrounding as it relates to street tree planting.** Sponsor: Dan Flanagan, Chair, Urban Forestry Council (Discussion)

Member Flanagan said that there are individuals who would like powerlines to be moved underground and asked the Committee if this is something the Committee should opine on.

Member Lacan said it would be nice to get a summary of the positives and negatives of moving lines underground.

Member Flanagan will have a discussion with Member Short about who would present on the issue.

There was no public comment.

**7. 2017 Work Planning for the Urban Forestry Council.** Sponsor: Dan Flanagan, Chair, Urban Forestry Council (Discussion)

Member Flanagan asked Committee members what items they will like discussed in the coming year.

Member Flanagan discussed the Urban Forestry Council having previously used a facilitator to manage a conversation about the future work and goals of the Council, using a facilitator in the Fall after the new Urban Forestry Coordinator at the Department of the Environment has been hired, the Council playing a role in the second phase of the Urban Forestry plan and talk about a long term vision with the state to plant trees on the corridor of freeways to mitigate carbon emissions in the surrounding neighborhoods.

Member Crawford asked how granular the San Francisco Department of the Environment can get with identifying households that are affected by pulmonary issues.

Chris Geiger, Integrated Pest Management Program Coordinator, San Francisco Department of the Environment, asked about where the maps originated and the quantification of the results of planting trees on the effects of carbon emissions.

There was no public comment.

## **8. New Business/Future Agenda Items.** (Discussion)

Member Crawford asked what agenda items will happen in the summer.

Member Flanagan discussed future agenda items including Geary BRT, TIDA, Proposition E implementation and the change in the Public Works code.

Chris Geiger, Integrated Pest Management Program Coordinator, San Francisco Department of the Environment, said that there may be a Presidio Trust appointment by the next meeting and that there may be a new Urban Forestry Coordinator hired by the May Urban Forestry Council meeting.

There was no public comment.

## **9. Adjournment.**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:44 p.m.

**The next Planning and Funding Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 6, 2017 at 4:00 p.m., Offices of the San Francisco Planning Department, 1650 Mission Street, Room 400.**

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