City and County of San Francisco
Commission on the Environment

MEETING MINUTES DRAFT

Tuesday, May 24, 2022, at 5:00 PM
City Hall, Room 416
One Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Jr. Place
San Francisco, CA 94102

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COMMISSION MEMBERS: Eddie Ahn (President), Heather Stephenson (Vice President), Elmy Bermejo, Austin Hunter, Mike Sullivan, Johanna Wald, and Sarah Wan.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Public comment will be taken on each agenda item involving discussion or action before the Commission takes action on that item.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call.

   The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m.

   Present: Commissioners Eddie Ahn, Mike Sullivan, Johanna Wald, and Sarah Wan.
   Excused: Commissioners Elmy Bermejo, Austin Hunter, and Heather Stephenson.

2. President’s Welcome. (Discussion)

   President Ahn delivered the land acknowledgment and welcomed attendees to the meeting.

   Public Comment: David Pilpel confirmed his audio was working.
3. Approval of Minutes of the May 10, 2022, Commission on the Environment Special Meeting. (Explanatory Document: May 10, 2022, Draft Minutes) (Discussion and Action)

Public Comment: David Pilpel described concerns relating to the form of the draft minutes.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Sullivan and a second by Commissioner Wald, the draft minutes were approved without objection. (Ayes: Commissioners Ahn, Sullivan, Wald, and Wan; Noes: None; Absent: Commissioners Bermejo, Hunter, and Stephenson)

4. General Public Comment. Members of the public may address the Commission on matters that are within the Commission’s jurisdiction and are not on today’s agenda.

There was no public comment.

5. Presentation on Commission Role in Selecting New Department Director. Speaker: Kate Howard, Managing Deputy Director at the Department of Human Resources (Discussion)

Kate Howard presented on the Commission’s role in the Director recruitment process.

Commissioner Sullivan asked whether parts of the recruitment process will take place privately. Kate noted that discussions about firm selection and desired qualifications should take place during publicly noticed meetings. Kate noted that interviews and deliberations about specific candidates should take place in closed session.

Commissioner Wald asked whether the Commission could delegate this work to a committee. Kate confirmed this is permissible.

Commissioner Wald noted that former Deputy Director David Assmann may be a helpful resource for context on the previous Director recruitment effort.

Commissioner Wan asked whether Department staff will be involved in this process. Kate confirmed that only Commission Affairs Officer Kyle Wehner will be involved.

President Ahn confirmed that decisions on the selection of a recruitment firm and the possible delegation of recruitment work to a committee would be voted on at the Commission’s July meeting.

Commissioner Sullivan asked about the number of candidates commissioners can expect to evaluate. Kate noted that the Commission would likely evaluate between five and eight candidates.

Public Comment: David Pilpel expressed concerns about retaining a recruitment firm and expressed support for a clear and transparent recruitment process.

6. Director’s Report. Speaker: Tyrone Jue, Acting Director (Discussion)
Acting Director Jue provided updates on the Climate Action Month outreach campaign, the Antibiotic Use Ordinance, edible food recovery legislation, and other topics. Acting Director Jue also provided updates on ethics and gifts received by the Department.

Acting Director Jue introduced new Department staff. Environmental Outreach Aide Agustina Mogetta, Zero Waste Assistant Coordinator Anne Wong, and Climate Program Assistant Coordinator Stephanie Lee each introduced themselves and discussed their roles at the Department.

Commissioner Wald asked Acting Director Jue about the status of the Department’s budget. Acting Director Jue confirmed there have been no updates since the last Commission meeting.

Public Comment: David Pilpel discussed contract and grant information in the Director’s Report, Department personnel changes, and SFPUC Deputy General Manager and Chief Operating Officer Michael Carlin’s retirement and his support for the Department.

7. Committee Reports. (Discussion)

Commissioner Sullivan gave a report on the Policy Committee.

Commissioner Wan gave a report on the Operations Committee.

There was no public comment.

8. New Business/Future Agenda Items. Speaker: Charles Sheehan, Chief Policy and Public Affairs Officer (Discussion)

Charles Sheehan reviewed the schedule for future meetings and potential agenda items.

There was no public comment.


The meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

The next meeting of the Commission on the Environment is scheduled for Tuesday, July 26, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.

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