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Policy Committee\***

**MEETING MINUTES FINAL**

**Monday, June 10, 2019, 5:00 p.m.  
City Hall, Room 421  
One Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Jr. Place  
San Francisco, CA 94102**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Commissioners Eddie Ahn (Chair), Mike Sullivan and Johanna Wald.

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

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

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call.**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

Present: Commissioners Ahn and Sullivan. Excused: Commissioner Wald.

**2. Approval of minutes of the May 13, 2019 Commission on the Environment Policy Committee meeting.** (Explanatory Document: May 13, 2019 Draft Minutes) (Discussion and Action)

Commissioner Sullivan introduced a non-substantive amendment.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Sullivan, second by Commissioner Ahn, the minutes were approved as amended without objection. (Ayes: Commissioners Ahn and Sullivan. Noes: None. Absent: Commissioner Wald.)

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.

There was no general public comment.

**4. Update on implementation of the Board of Supervisors Biodiversity Resolution.** Sponsor: Deborah Raphael, Director; Speaker: Peter Brastow, Senior Environmental Specialist (Discussion)

Deborah Raphael, Director, introduced the item.

Peter Brastow, Senior Environmental Specialist, discussed the global biodiversity crisis, an insect apocalypse, the monarch population collapse, Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services Report, FactB, Nature Needs Half Network, UN Decade on

Ecosystem Restoration, Global Climate Action Summit, California Biodiversity Initiative, San Francisco Climate Action Strategy, San Francisco Climate Emergency Resolution, Nature in the City, San Francisco's Complex Ecosystem of Species, San Francisco's Biodiversity Policy, Commission on the Environment Resolution, biodiversity goals, Interagency Biodiversity Working Group, San Francisco Biodiversity Policy, resolution structure, San Francisco biodiversity vision, the California quail, built and natural environments, turning grey to green and green to biodiverse, collaboration, City biodiversity initiatives, Fall 2018 biodiversity survey results, City department commitments, activities on the waterfront, Twin Peaks Bioregion and Crosstown Trail, pollinators mega garden, healthy housing landscaping, ecological targets for ecosystem health and developing habitat sites.

Jennifer Cooper-Sabo, Landscape Architecture Bureau Manager, San Francisco Planning Department, discussed biodiversity contributions, nature play, plant lists, the Sunset Boulevard Biodiversity Master Plan, Sunset Boulevard improvements, Sunset Boulevard Phase I, number of trees in San Francisco, tree species in San Francisco and native tree species.

Lisa Fisher, Senior Urban Planner Sustainability Lead, San Francisco Planning Department, discussed the City's growth patterns, planning highlights and opportunities, October 2018 Planning Department Biodiversity Survey, Planning Commission resolution overview, Planning Commission and Department Purview, major development area examples, Central SOMA, India Basin, Potrero Power Station and Balboa Reservoir.

Commissioner Ahn discussed the Potrero Hill Station project.

Commissioner Sullivan asked about how the City thinks about California natives that are not Bay Area native.

Deborah Raphael, Director, thanked the Planning Department and asked about the concept of a pollinator boulevard.

Commissioner Chu asked the key metrics that the Task Force has been successful with and one metric with room for improvement.

Public Comment:

Susan Karasoff, California Native Plant Society, discussed native plants and biodiversity.

Libby Ingalls, California Native Plant Society, discussed biodiversity.

Unidentified speaker discussed partnering with the San Francisco Unified School District.

Commissioner Ahn asked about the Green Schoolyards Project.

Unidentified speaker discussed local native plants and biodiversity.

- 5. Presentation on C40's Reinventing Cities unprecedented global competition to drive carbon neutral and resilient urban regeneration.** Sponsor: Deborah Raphael, Director; Speaker: Wendy Goodfriend, Climate Program Manager and Eden Brukman, Senior Green Building Coordinator (Discussion)

Eden Brukman, Senior Green Building Coordinator, discussed the Reinventing Cities competition including the C40 Reinventing Cities initiative, Reinventing Paris, participating cities worldwide, San Francisco sites, competition timeline, impacts across all phases, the ten challenges of the competition and European cities winners.

Commissioner Sullivan asked if San Francisco will be submitting a proposal to the competition.

Deborah Raphael, Director, asked about procurement of the properties in San Francisco.

Commissioner Chu asked about general ideas for how to redesign Halliday Plaza and how C40 contributed to San Francisco's competition.

Commissioner Sullivan asked if the idea was to inspire sustainable design around the world.

Deborah Raphael, Director, asked about which City agencies participated in the process.

Commissioner Chu asked who takes care of the financing of the projects.

There was no public comment.

**6. Director's Update.** Deborah Raphael, Director (Discussion)

Deborah Raphael, Director, discussed a celebration for the late Mayor Lee, the Pathways Report 2030 and San Francisco's Climate Strategy, a meeting by the Department of Emergency Management about power shut offs, the Department budget being heard before the Board of Supervisors Budget Committee and the Pride Parade.

Commissioner Sullivan asked about the Electric Vehicle Roadmap.

There was no public comment.

**7. New Business/Future Agenda Items.** Charles Sheehan, Chief Policy and Public Affairs Officer (Discussion and Possible Action)

Charles Sheehan, Chief Policy and Public Affairs Officer, discussed the July Policy Committee meeting including a presentation on the Safe Drug Disposal program and policy pathways for removing natural gas.

There was no public comment.

**8. Adjournment.**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

**The next meeting of the Commission on the Environment Policy Committee is scheduled for Monday, July 8, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. in City Hall, Room 421.**

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