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**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES APPROVED**

**Tuesday, June 26, 2018, 6:00 p.m.  
City Hall, Room 416  
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 6:05 p.m.

Present: Flanagan, Crawford (arrived at 6:30 p.m.), Genito, Lacan, Short, Spigelman, Swae, Mike Sullivan and Taylor. Excused: Carter, Hillan, Lowman, Pierce and Andrew Sullivan.

**2. Adoption of Minutes of the May 25, 2018 Urban Forestry Council Regular Meeting.** (Explanatory Document: May 25, 2018 Draft Minutes) (Discussion and Action)

Upon a motion by Member Short, and a second by Member Flanagan, the minutes from the May 25, 2018 Urban Forestry Council meeting were adopted without objection. (Ayes: Flanagan, Genito, Lacan, Short, Spigelman, Swae, Mike Sullivan and Taylor; Noes: None; Absent: Carter, Crawford, Hillan, Lowman, Pierce and Andrew 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 the Presidio Trust's Forestry Program.** Sponsor: Sal Genito, Speaker: Blake Troxel, Forester, Presidio Trust (Discussion)

Sal Genito, Member, Urban Forestry Council introduced the item and introduced Blake Troxel.

Blake Troxel, Forester, Presidio Trust, discussed the Presidio Trust's Forestry Program including the Presidio forest of the past, objectives of the Presidio Afforestation Program, design of the Presidio, tree species distribution, vegetation management plan zones, former Presidio Forester Peter Ehrlich, current state of the Presidio Forest and the Presidio Forest of the future.

Member Short asked about finding alternate species of eucalyptus to accommodate historical requirements, the status of planting disease resistant monterey pine species and the possibility of sharing the mill with San Francisco Public Works.

Member Mike Sullivan asked if specimen trees are part of the forestry plan for the Presidio and the development of a list of trees that would be appropriate for the Presidio.

Member Swae discussed breaking down silos in urban forestry and the relationship between Phase 2 of the Urban Forestry Plan and the Presidio.

There was no public comment.

**5. Presentation on the book *Designing with Palms*.** Speaker: Jason Dewees, Author, *Designing with Palms* (Discussion)

Jason Dewees, Author, *Designing with Palms*, discussed Flora Grubb in San Francisco, various species of palms, palm characteristics and habitats.

Member Mike Sullivan asked which species should be planted in San Francisco and the future of canary island date palms in San Francisco.

Member Crawford asked about moving forward with the world's fair and canary island date palms in San Francisco.

There was no public comment.

**6. Nomination of Urban Forestry Council Chair and Vice-Chair.** (Discussion and Action)

Member Flanagan nominated Member Crawford for Vice-Chair.

There was no public comment.

Member Mike Sullivan nominated Member Flanagan for Chair.

There was no public comment.

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

**Planning & Funding Committee.** Igor Lacan, Committee Chair.

Chair Lacan reported that the Committee met in June and discussed a draft street tree list, physical limitations on street trees, a tree canopy goal, Phase 3 of the Urban Forestry Plan and the strategic planning process.

Member Crawford discussed new funding from various City agencies and strategies to encourage City agencies to contribute more to the Urban Forestry Council.

### **Landmark Tree Ad Hoc Committee.**

Anthony Valdez, Commission Secretary reported that there have been no landmark tree nominations.

There was no public comment.

### **8. Staff Report.** Gordon Matassa, Urban Forestry Coordinator, San Francisco Department of the Environment (Discussion)

Gordon Matassa, Urban Forestry Coordinator, discussed new membership on the Landmark Tree Committee, the species list and an affiliate event for the Global Climate Action Summit.

There was no public comment.

### **9. Chair's Announcements.** Dan Flanagan, Chair, Urban Forestry Council (Discussion)

Chair Flanagan thanked Gordon Matassa, Urban Forestry Coordinator, for organizing an affiliate event for the Global Climate Action Summit.

There was no public comment.

### **10. Urban Forestry Council Member Announcements.** (Discussion)

There were no announcements.

There was no public comment.

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

Gordon Matassa, Urban Forestry Coordinator, announced that the August Urban Forestry Council meeting will include presentations on the Geary Bus Rapid Transit program, the tree selection process for the Better Market Street Design, an implementation update for Proposition E and the change in date for the July Planning and Funding Committee meeting.

Member Mike Sullivan asked about an update on the implementation of Proposition E of 2016.

Member Crawford asked about the necessity to create a committee to plan for an affiliate event for the Global Climate Action Summit.

### **12. Adjournment.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

**The next meeting of the Urban Forestry Council is scheduled for Tuesday, August 28, 2018 at 6:00 p.m., City Hall, Room 416, San Francisco, CA 94102.**

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