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**Planning and Funding Committee**

**MEETING MINUTES DRAFT**

**Tuesday, July 5, 2022, 4:00 p.m.**  
**Remote meeting via web conference**

Committee Members: Members Igor Lacan (Chair), Nicholas Crawford, Ildiko Polony,  
Andrew Sullivan.

**Land Acknowledgement**

The Urban Forestry Council acknowledges that we occupy the unceded ancestral homeland of the Ramaytush Ohlone peoples, who are the original inhabitants of the San Francisco Peninsula. We wish to pay our respects to the Ancestors, Elders and Relatives of the Ramaytush Community and to affirm their sovereign rights as First Peoples. We honor the Ramaytush Ohlone for their enduring commitment to steward Mother Earth. We recognize that the Ramaytush Ohlone have lived in harmony with nature for millennia, and that to achieve a truly ecologically sustainable future for San Francisco, we must embrace Indigenous traditional ecological knowledge in how we care for the city's lands, waters, and all its people.

**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 4:06 p.m.

Present: Chair Lacan and Members Crawford and Polony.

Excused: None.

Absent: Member Sullivan.

**2. Review and vote on whether to approve Resolution File 2022-05-UFC-PF, Resolution Making Findings to Allow Teleconferenced Meetings Under California Government Code Section 54953(e).** Speaker: Jesus Lozano, Urban Forestry Council Coordinator (Explanatory Document: Resolution File 2022-05-UFC-PF) (Discussion and Action)

There was no public comment.

Upon a motion by Chair Lacan and a second by Member Crawford, the resolution was approved without objection. (Ayes: Chair Lacan, Members Crawford and Polony; Noes: None; Excused: None; Absent: Member Sullivan)

**3. Approval of Minutes of the May 3, 2022, Urban Forestry Council Planning and Funding Committee Meeting.** (Explanatory Document: May 3, 2022, Draft Meeting Minutes) (Discussion and Action)

There was no public comment.

Upon a motion by Member Polony and a second by Chair Lacan, the minutes were approved without objection. (Ayes: Chair Lacan, Members Crawford and Polony; Noes: None; Excused: None; Absent: Member Sullivan)

**4. 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 public comment.

**5. Discussion of the content, format and process for the 2022 Annual Urban Forestry Report.** Speaker Jesus Lozano, Urban Forestry Council Coordinator. (Discussion and Possible Action)

Jesus Lozano, Urban Forestry Council Coordinator, discussed potential changes to the Annual Urban Forestry Report process.

Chair Lacan and Member Crawford discussed technical limitations the Committee hopes to resolve through a revised reporting timeline. Members Crawford and Polony discussed a potential October 1 deadline, which would allow the Planning and Funding Committee to review a draft report during its October 4 meeting. Jesus confirmed he will consult the City Attorney's Office regarding changes to the timeline.

Member Crawford discussed opportunities to improve the data-sharing process. Jesus confirmed he will distribute an editable list of survey questions during the data collection period.

There was no public comment.

**6. Discussion of the planting goal of 30,000 trees by 2040 in the Climate Action Plan and Urban Forest Plan, including exploration of process and resources for implementation.** Speaker: Nicholas Crawford, Committee Member. (Discussion and Possible Action)

Member Crawford discussed San Francisco Public Works' Bureau of Urban Forestry's (BUF) planting strategy.

Chair Lacan and Member Crawford discussed tree planting costs. Member Polony discussed how BUF's planting strategies can be used to advocate for additional funding.

Members Polony and Crawford discussed tree mortality and removal rates. Chair Lacan and Members Crawford and Polony discussed approaches for tracking changes in canopy coverage.

Chair Lacan and Members Crawford and Polony discussed strategies to generate public support for additional funding for tree planting, including coordination with non-profit organizations. Jesus Lozano discussed potential coordination with Friends of the Urban Forest (FUF) as well as planting limitations for certain projects.

Member Polony discussed how to frame needs related to tree basin renovations and Lidar technology to monitor canopy coverage.

Jesus discussed potential objections to street tree planting and strategies to counter them. Chair Lacan suggested inviting a FUF representative to a future Planning and Funding Committee meeting to coordinate on responses to objections.

Member Polony discussed the number of trees that will need to be planted to meet BUF's planting goals. Chair Lacan confirmed he will analyze available planting data.

Public Comment: Kyle Wehner, Commission Affairs Officer, noted that written comments were submitted by Ariane Eroy, James Collector, San Francisco Forest Alliance, Anastasia Glikshtern, Robin Sherrer, and Tom Borden.

## **7. New Business/Future Agenda Items.** (Discussion and Possible Action)

Chair Lacan said the Committee will revisit the issue of tree planting goals.

Member Crawford and Chair Lacan discussed the use of Lidar technology to monitor canopy coverage as a future agenda item.

Members Crawford and Polony discussed the impact of recent behested payments legislation on volunteer planting activities.

Public Comment: Ariane Eroy expressed support for San Francisco's non-native trees and discussed the need to maintain the City's existing tree population.

## **8. Adjournment.**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:49 p.m.