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MEETING MINUTES FINAL

Tuesday, August 2, 2022, 4:00 p.m.
Remote meeting via web conference

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

Land Acknowledgement

The Urban Forestry Council Planning and Funding Committee 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: Members Nicholas Crawford, Ildiko Polony, and Andrew Sullivan.

Excused: Member Igor Lacan.

2. Review and vote on whether to approve Resolution File 2022-06-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 2022-06-UFC-PF) (Discussion and Action)

There was no public comment.

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

3. **Approval of Minutes of the July 5, 2022, Urban Forestry Council Planning and Funding Committee Meeting.** (Explanatory Document: July 5, 2022, Draft Meeting Minutes) (Discussion and Action)

There was no public comment.

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

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.

Public Comment: Josh Klipp expressed concerns related to funding for street tree planting. Lance Carnes expressed concerns related to the Annual Urban Forest Report.

5. **Discussion of the invitation to join the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe's Trees in Cities Challenge.** Speaker Jesus Lozano, Urban Forestry Council Coordinator. (Discussion and Possible Action)

Jesus Lozano described the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe's invitation to participate in its Trees in Cities Challenge.

Member Sullivan provided additional context on the program's goals.

Members Polony, Sullivan, and Crawford discussed whether participating in the challenge would divert time and resources from the City's street tree planting efforts.

Member Sullivan discussed how the Mayor's Office would be involved in the application process.

Member Polony and Jesus discussed how Department staff would support the application process.

Jesus and Member Sullivan discussed next steps in the process.

Public Comment: Josh Klipp expressed concerns related to the use of Department resources to support an application for the Trees in Cities Challenge.

Upon a motion by Member Crawford and a second by Member Polony, a motion to bring a presentation on the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe's Trees in Cities Challenge to the full Urban Forestry Council was not approved. (Ayes: Members Crawford and Sullivan; Nays: None; Abstain: Member Polony; Absent: Member Lacan)

Member Crawford said the Committee can revisit this subject at a future meeting.

6. **Update and discussion on the impact of behested payments legislation on volunteer planting activities.** Speaker: Nicholas Crawford, Committee Member. (Discussion)

Member Crawford provided an update on the impact of behested payments legislation on volunteer planting activities.

Members Polony and Crawford discussed the legislation's effect on the California Native Plant Society's Sunset Boulevard planting activities.

Public Comment: Josh Klipp discussed Mission Verde's street tree planting efforts.

7. New Business/Future Agenda Items. (Discussion)

Member Crawford discussed a potential presentation by SFPUC on its new arborist program.

Members Sullivan, Crawford, and Polony discussed a potential presentation on Mission Verde and neighborhood street tree planting programs at the full Council. Jesus said he will help coordinate a presentation.

Public Comment: Josh Klipp invited Members to a Mission Verde tree watering event.

8. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:11 p.m.

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