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MEETING MINUTES DRAFT

Tuesday, September 6, 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 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 4:09 p.m.

Present: Members Lacan, Polony and Sullivan.

Excused: None.

Absent: Member Crawford (arrived at 4:21 p.m.).

2. Review and vote on whether to approve Resolution File 2022-07-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 2022-07-UFC-PF) (Discussion and Action)

There was no public comment.

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

3. **Approval of Minutes of the August 2, 2022, Urban Forestry Council Planning and Funding Committee Meeting.** (Explanatory Document: August 2, 2022, Draft Meeting Minutes) (Discussion and Action)

There was no public comment.

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

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. **Informational Presentation and Discussion of the Friends of the Urban Forest Outreach Program, including successes and identified challenges for tree planting.** Speaker: Susie Wasserstrom, Community Engagement Program Manager, Friends of the Urban Forest. (Discussion)

Member Lacan and Jesus noted that Susie Wasserstrom was unable attend but plans to participate at a future meeting.

Member Crawford joined the meeting.

There was no public comment.

6. **Discussion and Possible Action regarding format and data presentation changes to the Annual Urban Forest report.** Speaker: Jesus Lozano, Urban Forestry Council Coordinator. (Explanatory document: 2021 Annual Urban Forest Report) (Discussion and Possible Action)

Jesus Lozano and Member Lacan discussed formatting changes to the Annual Urban Forestry Report. Members Crawford, Sullivan, and Polony provided suggestions regarding structural changes to the report. Member Lacan gave Jesus permission to move forward with the proposed additions.

There was no public comment.

7. **New Business/Future Agenda Items.** Committee members may introduce new agenda items for future consideration by the Committee. (Discussion)

Member Lacan discussed urban tree demographics. Member Crawford discussed mortality rates for young trees and proposed a future agenda item for the full Council.

Member Crawford discussed funding for tree planting and proposed a tree planting update for the full Council once Public Works' budget has been approved.

Members Sullivan and Lacan proposed a discussion item on Council funding at the full Council.

Members Polony and Lacan discussed potential agenda items for upcoming Planning and Funding Committee meetings, including a potential presentation on sidewalk plantings from the California

Native Plant Society. Jesus confirmed he will contact Friends of the Urban Forest about a potential presentation on sidewalk plantings.

There was no public comment.

8. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:18 p.m.