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**City and County of San Francisco  
Urban Forestry Council  
Planning and Funding Committee**

**MEETING MINUTES APPROVED**

**Tuesday, September 13, 2016, 4:00 p.m.  
Offices of the San Francisco Planning Department  
1650 Mission Street, Room 400  
San Francisco, CA 94103**

Committee Members: Members Igor Lacan (Chair), Dan Flanagan, Andrew Sullivan and Jon Swae

**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 4:03 p.m. Members Lacan, Flanagan and Andrew Sullivan were present. Member Swae was excused.
- 2. Approval of Minutes of the August 2, 2016 Urban Forestry Council Planning and Funding Committee Meeting.** (Explanatory Document: August 2, 2016 Meeting Draft Minutes) (Discussion and Action)

Member Flanagan moved to approve the meeting minutes and Member Lacan seconded. The meeting minutes were approved without objection.

There was no public comment.

- 3. 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.

An unidentified member of the public asked for hearing assistance. The meeting was recessed at 4:05 p.m. to address the matter.

At 4:13 p.m. the meeting was reconvened. Urban Forestry Coordinator Mei Ling Hui noted that the agenda requests 48 hours notice for special accommodations and that the Committee was able to accommodate the late request.

An unidentified member of the public asked when public comment can be made on the Geary Avenue Bus Rapid Transit Project.

- 4. Presentation on Geary Avenue Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Project.** The Geary BRT Project team will provide an update on the project and development process, including the release of the Draft

Environmental Document in November 2015, comments received from the Urban Forestry Council, the team's responses to the comments, and schedule for the remaining environmental process and engineering design steps, phasing and construction of the project. Speakers: Chester Fung, Senior Transportation Planner, Arup; Kate Elliott, Public Information Officer, San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency; Wahid Amiri, Geary BRT Project Manager, SFMTA; Nicholas Ancel, Landscape Architect, San Francisco Public Works. (Discussion)

Chester Fung, Senior Transportation Planner, Arup introduced the item.

Kate Elliott, Public Information Officer, SFMTA discussed the Background for the project including transit needs and project goals, community input through public workshops and community groups, overview of proposed improvements, overview of proposed improvements by staff, Geary BRT Project features and opportunity for beautification.

Wahid Amiri, Geary BRT Project Manager, Geary BRT Manager, discussed project phasing, approval actions and next steps, summary of UFC comments

Nicholas Ance, Landscape Architect, San Francisco Public Works discussed tree replacement goals, soils and irrigation, limiting factors, tree selection and the tree removal process.

Member Flanagan asked about when phase two – tree removal will begin, why there would be a one for one replacement policy if there are two medians, who sets the one for one policy, and how phase one diseased trees will be replaced.

Member Lacan discussed the one for one replacement.

Public Comment:

Unidentified speaker discussed where the money would come to remove trees, the rightaway of trees, the time it takes for maturation and how many trees would be removed.

Bob Sarzo discussed the cost and necessity of phase two.

Billy Klein discussed the size of the trees, timing of planting, proximity to sewers and dedicated funding sources.

Antonio White requested a list of all the trees and CO2 assessments.

Marcus Edgar discussed travel times for busses and the necessity to remove trees.

**5. Review and Recommend Approval of Draft 2016 Annual Urban Forest Report.** (Explanatory Document: Draft 2016 Annual Urban Forest Report) (Discussion and Action)

Coordinator Hui noted changes to the executive summary, increases and decreases to tree planting, conversations and responses from various agencies. drought caused removals, tree inventory.

Member Andrew Sullivan asked if there had been any significant projects at Public Works this past year.

Member Flanagan made a correction to the Friends of the Urban Forest budget and discussed the tree inventory.

Member Lacan said he may have some more changes before the Urban Forestry Council.

There was no public comment.

**6. New Business/Future Agenda Items.** (Discussion)

Member Flanagan, Andrew Sullivan and Lacan discussed bringing the Geary Avenue Bus Rapid Transit Project to the full Council.

Coordinator Hui discussed the Natural Areas Plan coming to the full Council in November, PG&E's presentation to the Committee on a pipeline project.

Member Flanagan and Lacan discussed the PG&E Presentation.

There was no public comment.

**7. 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.

**8. Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 5:06 p.m.

**The next Planning and Funding Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 4, 2016 at 4:00 p.m., Offices of the San Francisco Planning Department, 1650 Mission Street, Room 400.**

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