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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES DRAFT

**Friday, September 22, 2017, 8:30 a.m.
City Hall, Room 400
One Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Jr. Place
San Francisco, CA 94102**

Council Members: Dan Flanagan (Chair), Carla Short (Vice Chair) (Department of Public Works), Nicholas Crawford, 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), 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 8:38 a.m.

Present: Crawford, Genito, Hillan, Lacan, Pierce, Short, Spigelman, Andrew Sullivan, Michael Sullivan, Swae and Taylor. Excused: Flanagan, Carter and Lowman.

Vice-Chair Crawford chaired the meeting.

2. Chair's Welcome. (Discussion)

Vice-Chair Crawford welcomed everyone to the meeting.

3. Adoption of Minutes of the June 27, 2017 Urban Forestry Council Regular Meeting. (Explanatory Document: June 27, 2017 Draft Minutes) (Discussion and Action)

Anthony Valdez, Commission Secretary, clarified that Member Crawford was present for the June meeting.

Upon a motion by Member Short, and a second by Member Andrew Sullivan, the minutes from the June 27, 2017 Urban Forestry Council meeting were adopted as amended without objection. (Ayes: Crawford, Genito, Hillan, Lacan, Pierce, Short, Spigelman, Andrew Sullivan, Michael Sullivan, Swae and Taylor; Noes: None; Absent: Flanagan, Carter and Lowman)

There was no public comment.

- 4. 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.

- 5. Accept the recommendation of the Planning and Funding Committee by approving Resolution File No. 2017-05-UFC regarding amendments to the Urban Forestry Council bylaws to clarify the Landmark Tree Process and the general duties and responsibilities of the Chair of the Urban Forestry Council.** Speaker: Anthony Valdez, Commission Secretary, San Francisco Department of the Environment (Explanatory Document: Resolution File No. 2017-05-UFC bylaws amendments and Current Urban Forestry Council Bylaws) (Discussion and Action)

Anthony Valdez, Commission Secretary, discussed the origin of the item and the changes to the bylaws that were being proposed by staff.

Member Short amended draft Resolution File No. 2017-05-UFC on page 3, line 15, to clarify that the Landmark Tree Committee Chair or their designee prepares a written summary of the evaluation forms.

The Council amended draft Resolution File No. 2017-05-UFC to clarify the description of a property that "contains the subject tree" on page 2, line 19.

Member Hillan discussed Landmark Tree Committee member site visits.

Upon a motion by Member Short, and a second by Member Andrew Sullivan, Resolution File No. 2017-05-UFC was adopted as amended without objection. (Ayes: Crawford, Genito, Hillan, Lacan, Pierce, Short, Spiegelman, Andrew Sullivan, Michael Sullivan, Swae and Taylor; Noes: None; Absent: Flanagan, Carter and Lowman)

There was no public comment.

- 6. Presentation on the Mount Sutro Environmental Impact Report.** Speakers: Christine Gasparac, Interim Director of Community Relations, University of California San Francisco and Julie Sutton, Facilities Program Manager, University of California San Francisco. (Discussion)

Christine Gasparac, Interim Director of Community Relations, University of California San Francisco and Julie Sutton, Facilities Program Manager, University of California San Francisco (UCSF), discussed the Mount Sutro Open Space Reserve Proposed Vegetation Management Plan, a brief history of Mount Sutro, UCSF policies in the reserve, decline in the health of the reserve, 2016 tree survey and tree decline, surge lot from 2006 to 2015, hazardous trees, East Ridge Trail, public process, project timeline, goals for the management of the reserve, management plan forest types, management plan recommendations and current Mount Sutro operations.

Member Andrew Sullivan asked about whether there is a distinction between how City and UCSF properties are managed, the time periods for the phasing of the program, how trees are assigned to a phase and a plan for replanting by species or density.

Member Michael Sullivan asked why eucalyptus are suffering on Mount Sutro, the plan for tree regeneration and the types of trees that will be replanted.

Member Lacan discussed addressing invasives.

Member Hillan asked about public comment on the plan to date.

Anthony Valdez, Commission Secretary, discussed the Council and councilmembers taking a position on the Mount Sutro Open Space Reserve Proposed Vegetation Management Plan.

- 7. Accept the recommendation of the Planning and Funding Committee recommendation by approving the 2017 Annual Urban Forest Report.** Speaker: Gordon Matassa, Urban Forestry and Green Purchasing, San Francisco Department of the Environment (Explanatory Document: Draft 2017 Annual Urban Forest Report) (Discussion and Action)

Gordon Matassa, Urban Forestry and Green Purchasing, San Francisco Department of the Environment, discussed the 2017 Annual Urban Forest Report, sections including the Street Tree Census, Proposition E of 2016, the number of agencies that have responded to the survey, data comparisons over time, concerns and limitations and changes made in the Planning and Funding Committee.

Dr. Chris Geiger, Integrated Pest Management Manager, thanked Gordon Matassa and the addition of a graph with data of all the agencies that have reported.

Member Crawford discussed adding another data point to the report next year.

Member Short discussed adding an emphasis on maintenance not just funding and or planting.

Upon a motion by Member Hillan, and a second by Member Andrew Sullivan, Resolution File No. 2017-05-UFC was adopted without objection. (Ayes: Crawford, Genito, Hillan, Lacan, Pierce, Short, Spiegelman, Andrew Sullivan, Michael Sullivan, Swae and Taylor; Noes: None; Absent: Flanagan, Carter and Lowman)

There was no public comment.

- 8. Discussion of neonicotinoid residues in street trees.** Speaker: Dr. Chris Geiger, Toxics Reduction and Integrated Pest Management Coordinator, San Francisco Department of the Environment (Discussion)

Dr. Chris Geiger, Integrated Pest Management Manager, San Francisco Department of the Environment, neonicotinoid residues in street trees, dependence on pollinators, honeybees, 44 percent lost, native bees, long terms pollinator decline, causes, residues found in flowering trees, tree data, what is known and what is not known.

Member Short asked about residuals in mature trees.

Member Crawford asked about the authority of the federal government to eradicate invasive species.

Public Comment:

Terry Oxford, Urban Bee San Francisco, planting of pre-treated trees, species diversity, diet of pollinators, duration of chemicals, regrettable substitutions, treatment of trees in Portland, protection of biodiversity and neonicotinoids as pest control.

Member Lacan discussed the City's ban on the use of neonicotinoids on City property and the question of regulating neonicotinoids in private industry, a study on the impact of neonicotinoids, the impact of regrettable substitutions a study on the nector of eucalyptus.

Member Hillan asked about the availability of funds to study the impact of neonicotinoids.

There was no public comment.

9. Committee Reports: (Discussion)

Planning & Funding Committee. Igor Lacan, Committee Chair. Chair Lacan discussed the Committee's discussion about The Council's budget and the development of a workplan.

Landmark Tree Ad Hoc Committee. There was no Landmark Tree Ad Hoc Committee meeting report.

Member Andrew Sullivan asked for an update on the 4 Montclair Terrace landmark tree nomination.

There was no public comment.

10. Staff Report. Gordon Matassa, Urban Forestry and Green Purchasing, San Francisco Department of the Environment (Discussion)

Gordon Matassa, Urban Forestry and Green Purchasing, San Francisco Department of the Environment discussed a meeting for the Better Market Street plan.

There was no public comment.

11. Chair's Announcements. Dan Flanagan, Chair, Urban Forestry Council (Discussion)

There were no announcements.

There was no public comment.

12. Urban Forestry Council Member Announcements. (Discussion)

There were no announcements.

There was no public comment.

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

Gordon Matassa, Urban Forestry and Green Purchasing, San Francisco Department of the Environment, announced that at the next Urban Forestry Council meeting there will be presentations on the Geary Bus Rapid Transit program, the Masonic Avenue project, a presentation on Phase II and Page III of the Urban Forest Plan and a commendation for Mei Ling Hui.

Anthony Valdez, Commission Secretary, discussed the possibility of the Council to take a position on both the Mount Sutro Open Space Reserve Proposed Vegetation Management Plan and proposed changes to the San Francisco Public Works Code.

Member Short discussed the proposed changes to the Public Works Code that were submitted to the Board of Supervisors.

There was no public comment.

14. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:29 a.m.

The next meeting of the Urban Forestry Council is scheduled for Tuesday, October 24, 2017 at 6:00 p.m., City Hall, Room 416, San Francisco, CA 94102.

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