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**MEETING MINUTES APPROVED**

**Friday, September 27, 2019, 8:30 a.m.  
City Hall, Room 400  
One Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Jr. Place  
San Francisco, CA 94102**

Council Members: Dan Flanagan (Chair), Nicholas Crawford (Vice Chair), Malcolm Hillan, Igor Lacan, Phillip Pierce, Andrew Sullivan, Mike Sullivan, Tom Carter (San Francisco Port), Blake Troxel (Presidio Trust), Damon Spigelman (San Francisco Public Utilities Commission), Carla Short (Department of Public Works), Patrick Race (San Francisco Planning Department) and Matthew Stephens (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 8:50 a.m.

Present: Crawford, Hillan, Mike Sullivan, Carter, Troxel, Spigelman, Short and Stephens. Excused: Members Flanagan, Lacan, Pierce, Andrew Sullivan and Race.

**2. General 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.

Lance Kerns discussed the Every Tree SF survey and the Bureau of Urban Forestry.

**3. Discussion and vote on approval of Resolution File 2019-06-UFC commending Sal Genito for service to the Urban Forestry Council** Speaker: Dan Flanagan, Chair, Urban Forestry Council (Explanatory Document: Resolution File 2019-06-UFC Commending Sal Genito) (Discussion and Action)

Peter Brastow, Urban Forestry Coordinator, read the commendation.

Member Short discussed the work of Sal Genito.

Member Troxel discussed the work of Sal Genito.

Sal Genito thanked the Council.

There was no public comment.

Upon a motion by Member Short, second by Member Carter, Resolution File 2019-06-UFC was approved without objection. (Ayes: Members Crawford, Hillan, Mike Sullivan, Carter, Troxel, Spigelman, Short and Stephens. Noes: None. Excused: Members Flanagan, Lacan, Pierce, Andrew Sullivan and Race)

**4. Discussion and vote on approval of Resolution File 2019-07-UFC in support of the federal Climate Stewardship Act.** Speaker: Peter Brastow, Urban Forestry Coordinator, San Francisco Department of the Environment (Explanatory Document: Draft Resolution 2019-07-UFC Climate Stewardship Act) (Discussion and Action)

Peter Brastow, Urban Forestry Coordinator, San Francisco Department of the Environment, discussed the history of the federal Climate Stewardship Act.

Member Mike Sullivan expressed support for the resolution.

Member Short discussed federal funding for reforestation and tree planting by the federal government.

Member Troxel asked about the Act's funding for reforestation.

Member Carter discussed the text of the Act.

Member Mike Sullivan proposed an amendment to change the word unprecedented to increased and add a resolved clause to urge further increases in funding.

Member Carter proposed an amendment to recommend funding for the planting of trees.

Member Mike Sullivan asked if the resolution was urgent or if it can be revised and taken up at a future meeting.

Public Comment:

Susan Karasoff discussed biodiversity and increased habitat.

Upon a motion by Member Short, and a second by member Hillan, the item was continued without objection. (Ayes: Members Crawford, Hillan, Mike Sullivan, Carter, Troxel, Spigelman, Short and Stephens. Noes: None. Excused: Members Flanagan, Lacan, Pierce, Andrew Sullivan and Race)

**5. Presentation on San Francisco's Focus 2030: A Pathway to Zero Emissions Report.** Speaker: Silvia Pac, Climate and Sustainability Analyst, San Francisco Department of the Environment (Explanatory Document: Focus 2030: A Pathway to Zero Emissions Report) (Discussion)

Silvia Pac, Climate and Sustainability Analyst, San Francisco Department of the Environment, discussed San Francisco greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction goals, carbon sequestration as part of San Francisco's goals, San Francisco's emissions by sector, the 0-80-100 Roots framework, items that were evaluated in the report, residual emissions, a Board of Supervisors hearing on the report, changes to the San Francisco Environmental Code, mitigation and adaptation, racial and social equities, incorporation into the GHG Inventory and the timeline for San Francisco's Climate Action Plan.

Member Troxel asked about the current GHG methodologies and third party verification.

Member Stephens asked about mapping out sequestration tactics.

Member Mike Sullivan discussed sources of data for the number of trees in San Francisco and developing policy to sequester more carbon in San Francisco.

Member Crawford discussed trees on private property.

Member Hillan asked about educating the public.

Member Stephens asked if there would be new policy proposed by the Department.

Member Troxel asked about how San Francisco quantifies carbon stored in existing trees.

Member Sullivan asked about additionality.

Member Troxel asked about carbon sequestration and composting.

Public Comment:

Christopher Kirby discussed the report and urban forestry.

Susan Karasoff discussed carbon sequestration from multiple sources.

Josh Klipp discussed the report and urban forestry and trees on private property.

**6. Discussion on implementation of the Urban Forestry Council Strategic Plan.** Speaker: Igor Lacan, Chair, Planning and Funding Committee (Discussion)

Member Crawford discussed opportunities for members to contribute to objectives that were set by the Council.

Member Short asked about timing about new members and reappointment.

Public Comment:

Christopher Kirby discussed an application to be a member of the Urban Forestry Council.

Susan Karasoff discussed biodiversity in various San Francisco parks.

**7. Committee Reports:** (Discussion)  
**Planning & Funding Committee.** Igor Lacan, Committee Chair.

There was no meeting of the Planning and Funding Committee.

**Landmark Tree Ad Hoc Committee.**

There was no meeting of the Landmark Tree Ad Hoc Committee.

There was no public comment.

**8. Staff Report.** Peter Brastow, Urban Forestry Coordinator, San Francisco Department of the Environment (Discussion)

Peter Brastow, Urban Forestry Coordinator, San Francisco Department of the Environment, discussed the development of the Annual Report and a meeting with Jon Swae regarding a study of Coast Live Oak trees in San Francisco.

Member Troxel asked about the purpose of the studies of the Coast Live Oak trees.

There was no public comment.

#### **9. Urban Forestry Council Member Announcements.** (Discussion)

There were no announcements.

There was no public comment.

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

Peter Brastow, Urban Forestry Coordinator, San Francisco Department of the Environment, discussed upcoming presentations including the Street Tree List and the Annual Report.

Member Crawford discussed a possible presentation by CPMC about a landmark tree nomination about a fig tree.

Member Short requested that the Landmark Tree Committee convene to discuss a landmark tree removal process.

Member Stephens requested an item to discuss the sequencing to activate the various objectives of the strategic plan.

There was no public comment.

#### **11. Adjournment.**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:14 a.m.

**The next meeting of the Urban Forestry Council is scheduled for Tuesday, October 22, 2019 at 6:00 p.m., City Hall, Room 400, San Francisco, CA 94102.**

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