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Planning and Funding Committee**

MEETING MINUTES APPROVED

**Tuesday, October 01, 2019, 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), Nicholas Crawford, Dan Flanagan, Andrew Sullivan and Blake Troxel.

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 4:00 p.m.

Present: Members Igor Lacan, Nicholas Crawford and Blake Troxel. Excused: Members Dan Flanagan and Andrew Sullivan.

2. 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.

Lance Karns discussed the Every Tree SF survey and the Bureau of Urban Forestry data system.

John Goldsmith discussed trees at the Castro MUNI Station.

Denise Louis discussed native plants.

Susan McCarthy discussed native plants.

3. Discussion of tree management within City Parks. Speakers: Dennis Kern, Director of Operations, Recreation and Park Department and Eric Andersen, Superintendent of Parks and Open Spaces, Recreation and Park Department (Discussion)

Dennis Kern, Director of Operations, Recreation and Park Department and Eric Andersen, Superintendent of Parks and Open Spaces, Recreation and Park Department discussed arborist staff and tree crews, park bonds and capital projects, tree assessments, a tree database system, tree species, disease and pathogens, tree replacements and the Natural Resource Management Plan.

Member Lacan asked if residents in fire danger zones are notified by Recreation and Parks.

Member Troxel asked about best practices in management software and an accounting of acreage of high value native landscapes.

Member Crawford asked about accounting and logistics for the 2:1 tree replanting goal and how Part II of the Urban Forestry Council is being considered with the Recreation and Parks Department's tree planting plans.

Judy Irving discussed tree management.

Denise Louis urban forest management.

Unidentified speakers discussed the watering of trees.

John Goldsmith discussed the calculation of carbon sequestration.

Josh Klipp discussed carbon sequestration goals, canopy replacement, deferred maintenance costs and tree preservation.

Eddie Bartley discussed biodiversity.

Tom Bordon discussed records of removed foliage and the removal of street trees.

4. Review and vote on whether to recommend that the full Council approve the Annual Urban Forest Report. Speaker: Peter Brastow, Urban Forestry Coordinator, Department of Environment (Explanatory Document: 2019 Annual Urban Forest Report) (Discussion and Action)

Peter Brastow, Urban Forestry Coordinator, Department of Environment, discussed the report's process, content and formatting.

Member Lacan proposed substantive edits to the report.

Member Troxel asked about the purpose of the report, tree removals outpacing tree plantings, missing records, using LIDAR data to confirm the findings of departments and using additional colors in the report to demonstrate contrast for items of concern.

Member Crawford asked if Peter Brastow needs assistance in pushing agencies to respond to requests for information and missing contractor data from UCSF.

Member Troxel asked if there are any questions in the survey that should be changed?

Member Crawford asked a photo of a street tree can be added.

Member Lacan discussed developing a process for changing questions on the survey.

Public Comment:

Christopher Kirby discussed adding additional information to the report.

Josh Klipp discussed using the report as a tool and the Urban Forest Plan.

John Nulty discussed information that is being omitted from the report.

Upon a motion by Member Lacan, second by Member Troxel, the Planning and Funding Committee recommended that the full Council approve the Annual Urban Forest Report with staff edits without objection. (Ayes: Members Igor Lacan, Nicholas Crawford and Blake Troxel. Noes: None. Absent: Members Dan Flanagan and Andrew Sullivan)

5. Review and vote on whether to recommend that the full Council approve the proposed 2019 Street Tree List. Speaker: Peter Brastow, Urban Forestry Coordinator, Department of Environment (Explanatory Document: SF Street Tree Species List 2019_Final Draft) (Discussion and Action)

Peter Brastow, Urban Forestry Coordinator, Department of Environment, discussed the meeting of various working groups, the various sections of the list and additions and removals.

Member Lacan offered various unsubstantive edits.

Member Crawford asked about any policies for the inclusion of an organization's website.

Member Troxel asked if there is a list of prohibited trees and including track changes from last year's list.

Public Comment:

Bob Hall discussed native species on the list.

Eddie Bartley discussed native species on the list.

Denise Louis discussed native plants.

John Goldsmith discussed the California Buckeye.

Upon a motion by Member Lacan, second by Member Troxel, the Planning and Funding Committee recommended that the full Council approve the proposed 2019 Street Tree List with staff edits without objection. (Ayes: Members Igor Lacan, Nicholas Crawford and Blake Troxel. Noes: None. Absent: Members Dan Flanagan and Andrew Sullivan)

6. New Business/Future Agenda Items. (Discussion and Possible Action)

Peter Brastow, Urban Forestry Coordinator, Department of Environment, discussed honoring former council members, a possible landmark tree, material reuse, diseases, Buena Vista Park and the strategic plan.

Member Troxel asked if there was a path forward in discussing and implementing the Strategic Plan.

Member Crawford discussed inviting Recreation and Park come and present to the full Council.

7. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

The next Planning and Funding Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at 4:00 p.m., Offices of the San Francisco Planning Department, 1650 Mission Street, Room 400.

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