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Planning and Funding Committee**

**MEETING MINUTES DRAFT**

**Tuesday, October 4, 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 4:06 p.m. Members Lacan, Flanagan and Swae were present. Member Andrew Sullivan was excused.
- 2. Approval of Minutes of the September 13, 2016 Urban Forestry Council Planning and Funding Committee Meeting.** (Explanatory Document: September 13, 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.

There was no public comment.

- 4. Presentation on Pacific Gas and Electric Pipeline Project.** Pacific Gas and Electric will present on a pipeline improvement project. Speakers: Darin Cline and Ramneek Saini, Public Affairs, Pacific Gas and Electric (Discussion)

Darin Cline, Public Affairs, Pacific Gas and Electric discussed high power gas transmission lines, testing and monitoring of pressurized pipes, first responders to a gas leak, the history of planting vegetation over transmission lines, the vegetation standard that was filed with the California Public Utilities Commission to establish standards for the distance between various types of vegetation and transmission lines, the process for reviewing and determining when a tree must be

removed in San Francisco, the 384 trees counted on the right of way, the 39 trees that were determined as unacceptable.

Member Swae asked if most transmission lines run along the streets.

Darin Cline discussed CEQA requirements, environmental reviews provided to the City for tree removal, public outreach to residents near transmission lines and the policy of planting a new tree for each removed.

Member Swae asked for instances where tree roots have impacted the lines, how trees are delineated in the list of trees in the right of way and asked if the location of the 39 trees that have been identified will be provided to the Council.

Member Flanagan asked about the concern about trees over distribution lines and the frequency of automated valves.

Member Swae asked where the transmission lines come from.

Member Flanagan discussed one to one mitigation.

There was no public comment.

#### **5. New Business/Future Agenda Items.** (Discussion)

Coordinator Mei Ling Hui discussed intentions to bring the Geary BRT to present to the October 25, 2015 full Council meeting and an upcoming Landmark Tree hearing.

Member Swae discussed the tree census.

Member Flanagan asked about when SNRMP would be heard.

The Committee discussed bringing the Geary BRT project to the full Council.

#### **6. 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.

#### **7. Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 4:48 p.m.

**The next Planning and Funding Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 6, 2016 at 4:00 p.m., Offices of the San Francisco Planning Department, 1650 Mission Street, Room 400.**

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