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Meeting Minutes Final

Tuesday, October 22, 2019, 6:00 p.m.

City Hall, Room 416

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 6:10 p.m.

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

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.

Denise Louis discussed wildfire concerns and urged Recreation & Parks to manage all trees including those with declining health in Glen Canyon.

3. Review and vote on approving the 2019 Annual Urban Forest Report. Speaker: Peter Brastow, Urban Forestry Coordinator, Department of Environment (Explanatory Document: 2019 Annual Urban Forest Report FINAL) (Discussion and Action)

Peter Brastow, Interim Urban Forestry Coordinator, San Francisco Department of the Environment, discussed the recent review and public commentary on this report. In receiving these responses, he worked on cleaning data and clarifying the narrative. Additionally, he commented on the good response rate from agencies.

Member Michael Sullivan complimented the quality of content and graphs.

Matthew Stephens discussed a sentence correction and ways to emphasize the estimated nature of the Recreation and Parks data.

Upon a motion by Member Michael Sullivan, and a second by Member Race, the resolution was adopted without objection. (Ayes: Members Crawford, Hillan, Andrew Sullivan, Mike Sullivan, Carter, Troxel, Stephens, and Race; Noes: None; Absent: Members Flanagan, Lacan, Pierce, Spigelman and Short.)

4. Review and vote on approving the 2019 Street Tree List. Speaker: Peter Brastow, Urban Forestry Coordinator, Department of Environment (Explanatory Document: SF Street Tree Species List 2019_Final) (Discussion and Action)

Peter Brastow, Interim Urban Forestry Coordinator, San Francisco Department of the Environment, explains some minor changes to the document and comments from the working group that culminated in additional text for resources and acknowledgments.

Member Race discussed adding the updated list to the Plant Finder website and metrics for tree height in the natives section.

Vice Chair Crawford praised this year's effort and noted the addition of the natives section as being responsive to public comments.

Denise Louie praised the addition of native plants to the street tree list because of the impact it can have on bird populations. She encouraged promoting San Francisco natives first.

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

5. Discussion on implementation of the Urban Forestry Council Strategic Plan, Priority Item #6 Attract Additional Funding for Tree Planting and Protection. Speaker: Nicholas Crawford, (Vice Chair, Urban Forestry Council) (Discussion)

Nicholas Crawford, Vice Chair of Urban Forestry Council, introduced the idea of convening a mini-summit with cities that have been successful in funding their urban forest programs. Several city programs were exemplified and could help inform incentive, disincentive or credit programs. The information from the summit would be used to develop an action plan with financial impact for reducing the canopy and financial benefits for increasing the canopy.

Member Andrew Sullivan suggested doing some background research of past policies and conducting outreach to other agencies on the topic of tree removal.

Member Crawford suggested that it might be most time effective to research existing policies than it would be to conduct outreach.

Member Stephens suggested thinking about changing the standards of the existing tree removal and replacement processes.

Member Andrew Sullivan discussed how this is largely tied to additional funding.

Member Stephens suggested that San Francisco use basal area formula, which is calculated so that tree replacement numbers are proportional to the size of the tree they are replacing, which would increase tree removal fee calculations and promote equity of replacement.

Member Troxel supported research and outreach to colleagues in other States and using these recommendations toward progress on the strategic plan.

Member Carter discussed the process of project prioritization and need for agenda items at planning committee.

Member Andrew Sullivan suggested leveraging other conferences to build connections with other programs.

Public Comment:

Anonymous speaker commented that funding needs to go toward the planting of trees but also the management and maintenance of trees.

6. Committee Reports: (Discussion)

Planning & Funding Committee. Igor Lacan, Committee Chair.

Vice Chair Crawford discussed a presentation from Recreation & Parks about what they are doing to minimize fire risk and their interest in a robust tree management program to improve their reporting. In addition, the report and street tree list were discussed.

Landmark Tree Ad Hoc Committee.

No meeting happened.

Vice Chair Crawford discussed setting up a date for the committee to meet.

Public Comment:

Denise Louie speaker discussed issues in Glen Canyon.

7. 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 doing more research on the Climate Stewardship Act and discussed an upcoming hearing about the City's work related to trees and climate change. In other announcements, there have been 2 reappointments and 4 new appointments to the Council. Peter provided updates on tree canopy data and a recent visit to Singapore.

General discussion on the details of LiDAR data.

8. Urban Forestry Council Member Announcements. (Discussion)

Vice Chair Crawford discussed the upcoming release of a Department of Public Works TV episode which recounts tree history in San Francisco.

There was no public comment.

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

Peter Brastow discussed making a regular item out of the strategic plan, inviting Recreation & Parks to a future meeting, following up on the Climate Stewardship Act and future discussion of Buena Vista Park.

Vice Chair Crawford discussed inviting the project at 3333 California Street to discuss their tree activities.

Member Hillan discussed concerns about the Glen Canyon forest fire risk.

Member Troxel discussed a future agenda item related to the Presidio Trust management practices for eucalyptus.

10. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

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