City and County of San Francisco
Joint meeting of the
Commission on the Environment and
Commission on the Status of Women

SPECIAL JOINT MEETING MINUTES DRAFT

Wednesday, October 24, 2018, 4:00 P.M.
San Francisco Main Library, Koret Auditorium - Lower Level
100 Larkin Street, San Francisco, CA 94102

COMMISSION MEMBERS: Elmy Bermejo (President), Johanna Wald (Vice President), Eddie Ahn, Lisa Hoyos, Heather Stephenson, Mike Sullivan and Sarah Wan.

ORDER OF BUSINESS
Public comment will be taken before the Commission takes action on any item.

1) Call to order and roll call.

The meeting was called to order at 4:07 p.m.


2) President's welcome. (Discussion)

President Debbie Mesloh, San Francisco Commission on the Status of Women and President Elmy Bermejo, San Francisco Commission on the Environment welcomed participants and discussed the work of their respective departments.

There was no public comment.

3) Presentation of Commission on the Status of Women Commendation and Commission on the Environment Environmental Service Award to Supervisor Katy Tang and the Mission Science Workshop. (Discussion and Action)

President Bermejo and Mesloh discussed the work of Supervisor Katy Tang and presented her with a commendation from the Commission on the Status of Women and an Environmental Service Award from the San Francisco Commission on the Environment.
Supervisor Katy Tang accepted the award and discussed having worked with the Department on the Environment and the Department on the Status of Women.

Deborah Raphael, Director, Department of the Environment discussed the leadership of Supervisor Katy Tang.

Emily Murase, Director, Department on the Status of Women, discussed the policy contributions on Supervisor Tang in San Francisco and the state.

Commissioner Soo commended Supervisor Katy Tang.

Commissioner Mesloh commended Supervisor Katy Tang.

Commissioner Hoyos commended Supervisor Katy Tang.

Commissioner Shorter commended Supervisor Katy Tang.

Commissioner Hoyos and Commissioner Zwart discussed the work of the Mission Science Workshop and presented them with a commendation from the Commission on the Status of Women and an Environmental Service Award from the San Francisco Commission on the Environment.

Commissioner Soo commended the Mission Science Workshop.

Commissioner Stephenson commended the Mission Science Workshop.

Director Raphael commended the Mission Science Workshop.

Ziggy Khan of the Mission Science Workshop accepted the award.

Public Comment:

Anastasia Glikshtem discussed the work of Supervisor Katy Tang.

Roberta Guise discussed the work of Supervisor Katy Tang.

Beverly Upton discussed the work of Supervisor Katy Tang.

The Commission on the Status of Women voted to approve the two resolutions of commendation.

4) Presentation on a collaboration between the San Francisco Department on the Status of Women and the San Francisco Department of the Environment to address worker safety and human trafficking through the San Francisco Healthy Nail Salon Program. (Discussion)

Emily Murase, Director, Department on the Status of Women, introduced the item.

Megan Kalsman, Commercial Toxics Reduction Assistant Coordinator, San Francisco Department of the Environment, discussed the San Francisco Healthy Nail Salon Program, a program overview, why have the program, demographics, chemicals, health impacts, first in the nation program, program elements, in-salon training, recognition of participating salons,
Minouche Kandel, Women’s Policy Director, San Francisco Department on the Status of Women, discussed human trafficking in San Francisco, prevalence in the Bay Area of child sex trafficking, the Mayor’s Task Force on Anti-Human Trafficking, the 3rd human trafficking in San Francisco report, survivors under 25, industries in which trafficking shows up in San Francisco and human trafficking in supply chain of goods and services.

Victoria Chan, Community Advocate, Workers’ Rights Program, Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Asian Law Caucus, discussed Advancing Justice - Asian Law Caucus (ALC), the ALC’s seven programs, workers’ rights and participation in the Healthy Nail Salon Program.

Commissioner Melara asked what the Department of the Environment does to get salons interested in participating and the possibility of mandatory training for salons.

Commissioner Soo discussed the San Francisco Healthy Nail Program.

Commissioner Stephenson discussed the outreach program of the San Francisco Department of the Environment and asked if there were any lessons learned about the collaboration.

Commissioner Melara discussed inter-department collaborations.

Commissioner Bermejo discussed inter-department collaborations.

Commissioner Soo discussed state legislation.

Commissioner Hoyos discussed the possibility of a follow-up joint commission meeting in a year and the importance of equity and inclusion.

Commissioner Mesloh discussed inter-department collaborations and community based advocates.

There was no public comment.

5) Presentation on a study sponsored by C40, the San Francisco Department of the Environment and the San Francisco Bicycle Coalition on gender differences in the experience of urban spaces and climate policies particularly the use of San Francisco bike lanes. (Discussion)

Deborah Raphael, Director, San Francisco Department of the Environment, introduced the item.

Wendy Goodfriend, Climate Program Manager, San Francisco Department of the Environment, discussed the purpose of the study.

Margaret McCarthy, Former Senior Transportation Marketing Specialist, San Francisco Department of the Environment, discussed key research questions, the study approach, main findings, research highlights, key takeaways and seven recommendations.

Commissioner Melara discussed the challenges of cultural norms, traffic, pedestrian safety and reducing the number of drivers in San Francisco.

Commissioner Soo discussed the challenges of San Francisco’s hills, bicycle theft, bicycling by geography, infrastructure, women as caregivers and electric scooters in bike lanes.
Commissioner Shorter discussed developing a bicycle culture in San Francisco, bicycling demographics, the framework in which bicycling is discussed in San Francisco, gender inequities around bicycling, cultural representation in the study, the culture of bicycling in San Francisco and the cost of bicycling.

Commissioner Harris discussed segmentation of the data.

Commissioner Zwart discussed cultural representation in the study, the challenges of equipment required to bicycle in San Francisco including equipment storage, public information on bicycle lanes and San Francisco laws pertaining to cars in bicycle lanes.

Commissioner Stephenson discussed considering child safety when discussing biking policies.

Director Raphael discussed next steps for the study.

Commissioner Soo discussed the challenge of biking for service workers.

Commissioner Shorter discussed the cultural perception of biking.

Wendy Goodfriend, Climate Program Manager, San Francisco Department of the Environment, discussed why the study was held in the South of Market Area and how easy it will be to transfer to other neighborhoods.

Commissioner Soo asked if commissioners can review the questions in the study.

Public Comment:

Roberta Guise discussed the demographics represented in the study.

Unidentified speaker discussed America’s car culture and accessibility to bicycle lanes.

6) **Review and vote on approval of joint resolution regarding women and the environment**  
(Discussion and Action)

President Mesloh recognized the presence of former Police Commissioner Susan Loftus who was in attendance, indicated support for the resolution and thanked the Departments for developing the resolution.

President recognized the historic nature of the meeting and indicated support for the resolution.

Commissioner Soo discussed women and water accessibility.

Commissioner Stephenson introduced amendments to the resolution that were accepted without objection.

Public Comment:

Unidentified speaker read a letter from the San Francisco Forest Alliance.
Upon a motion by Commissioner Stephenson and a second by Commissioner Wan, the Commission on the Environment passed the resolution without objection. (Ayes: Commissioners Bermejo, Ahn, Hoyos, Stephenson and Wan; Noes: None; Excused: Commissioners Hoyos, Sullivan and Wald)

Upon a motion by Commissioner Shorter, and a second by Commissioner Soo, the Commission on the Status of Women approved the resolution without objection. (Ayes: Commissioners Mesloh, Zwart, Harris, Melara, Shorter and Soo; Noes: None; Absent: Commissioner Schwab-Pomerantz)

7) General Public Comment. Members of the public may address the Commission on matters that are within the Commission’s jurisdiction and are not on today’s agenda.

Verna Liza Caba, Executive Director, Friends of the Commission on the Status of Women, discussed the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) awards ceremony, the award of money by Friends of the Commission on the Status of Women to the Department on the Status of Women, San Francisco’s charitable giving campaign, and events sponsored by San Francisco’s Equal Pay Initiative.

8) Director’s Report. (Discussion)

This item was tabled.

There was no public comment.

9) Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

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