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Planning and Funding Committee**

**MEETING MINUTES APPROVED**

**Tuesday, December 01, 2020, 4:00 p.m.  
Remote meeting via web conference**

**Refer to the “Remote Access to Information and Participation” section below for instructions.**

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 4:04 p.m.

Present: Chair Igor Lacan, Nicholas Crawford, and Dan Flanagan.

Excused: Andrew Sullivan and Blake Troxel.

**2. Approval of Minutes of the October 6, 2020 Urban Forestry Council Planning and Funding Committee Meeting.** (Explanatory Document: October 6, 2020 Draft Meeting Minutes) (Discussion and Action)

There was no public comment.

Upon a motion by Member Flanagan and a second by Member Crawford, the minutes were approved without objection. (Ayes: Chair Igor Lacan, Nicholas Crawford and Dan Flanagan; Noes: None; Excused: Andrew Sullivan and Blake Troxel)

**3. 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.

There was no public comment.

**4. Presentation on urban forestry management at Mount Sutro.** Speaker: Morgan Vaisset-Fauvel, University of California, San Francisco. (Discussion)

Morgan Vaisset-Fauvel gave a presentation on the history of Mount Sutro, an overview of the vegetation management plan, and a summary of the progress that had been made.

Chair Lacan mentioned that the project received an International Society of Arboriculture Gold Leaf award and congratulated Morgan on the work put into the project.

Member Flanagan asked how Morgan felt about the timeline for the project.

Morgan said that he feels good about where the project is in its timeline and covered next steps.

Chair Lacan asked if there were any other questions.

Member Crawford asked if there were similarities with the Presidio project due to working with a state/federal agency on the decisions to plant native species.

Morgan added that it's important to consider historical significance when choosing species to plant.

Chair Lacan thanked Morgan for his presentation.

Public Comment via Telephone:

Susan Karasoff, California Native Plant Society Yerba Buena Chapter, expressed thanks for the presentation and information on techniques, partners, and local tree species. She mentioned that she would have liked to see more local species used in the project because the area does not have sidewalk limitations. She added that she was confused why more eucalyptus would be added when it does not add to biodiversity and does not benefit other species.

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

Peter Brastow highlighted potential future agenda items including one agency to manage city trees and the potential to look at city codes that impact urban forestry.

Chair Lacan added that it might be a good idea to consult with city attorneys.

Member Flanagan asked if it would be possible to talk to Public Works to guide these conversations.

Peter added that some ideas had come out of the development of the Climate Action Plan.

Member Crawford mentioned that the new Supervisor would need to support these ideas.

Chair Lacan said this should be considered for future agendas. He expressed gratitude for the Committee and staff for the work that has gone into the virtual meetings.

Member Crawford agreed and asked if the Committee could revisit determining criteria for planning projects coming to the Council.

Peter said that there is desire at BUF to be earlier in the process of trees being reviewing when projects are initiated with the planning department.

Chair Lacan agreed that would be a good sequence and asked if there were any additional comments.

Public Comment via Webex:

The commenter mentioned that regarding updates to Article 16, the protection and the growth of our urban forest are only as strong as our city codes and encouraged the Committee to prioritize this. He added that the Board of Appeals will be discussing Article 16 on December 16.

Public Comment via Telephone:

Susan Karasoff thanked the Committee for potentially bringing projects that have significant tree impacts to the UFC and looked forward to an update on the interagency meeting.

## 6. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

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