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MEETING MINUTES DRAFT

**Friday, December 13, 2019, 8:30 a.m.
City Hall, Room 400
One Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Jr. Place
San Francisco, CA 94102**

Council Members: Dan Flanagan (Chair), Nicholas Crawford (Vice Chair, San Francisco Public Works), Jillian Keller, Morgan Vaisset-Fauvel, Igor Lacan, Ildiko Polony, Pamela Nagle, Edgar Xochitl Flores, Andrew Sullivan, Mike Sullivan, Tom Carter (San Francisco Port), Blake Troxel (Presidio Trust), Damon Spigelman (San Francisco Public Utilities Commission), 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 8:43 a.m.

Present: Chair Flanagan, Members Crawford, Vaisset-Fauvel, Lacan, Polony, Nagel, Spigelman, Race, Mike Sullivan (Arrived at 8:56 a.m.), Carter (Arrived at 8:51 a.m.); Absent: None; Excused: Keller, Andrew Sullivan, Troxel, Stephens, and Flores.

2. Chair's Welcome: The Chair of the Council will welcome the new members of the Council.

Chair Flanagan welcomed new members and invited them to introduce themselves.

Member Polony introduced herself as a native plant nursery manager.

Member Nagel introduced herself as a local landscape architect and certified arborist.

Member Vaisset-Fauvel introduced himself as a UCSF grant program manager and arborist.

There was no public comment.

Adoption of Minutes of the September 27, 2019 Urban Forestry Council Regular Meeting.
(Explanatory Document: September 27, 2019 Draft Minutes) (Discussion and Action)

Upon a motion by Member Crawford, and a second by Member Race, the minutes were adopted without objection. (Ayes: Chair Flanagan, Members Crawford, Vaisset-Fauvel, Lacan, Polony, Nagel, Spigelman, Race; Noes: None; Excused: Keller, Andrew Sullivan, Troxel, Stephens, and Flores.

- 3. 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.

There was no public comment.

- 4. Discussion on implementation of the Urban Forestry Council Strategic Plan.** Speaker: Igor Lacan, Chair, Planning and Funding Committee. (Explanatory Documents: Strategic Plan Member Assignment and UFC 2019 Strategic Plan) (Discussion)

Member Lacan discussed sign-up for Strategic Plan priority areas and the necessity for individual Council members to take the lead on these items.

Public Comment:

Christopher Kirby discussed structuring the process of two co-leaders and scheduled brainstorming to make the process more proactive.

Anonymous resident discussed concern with tree removal and interest in the Council being proactive.

Josh Klipp discussed the urgency for the Council to be proactive.

- 5. Discussion and vote on approval of Resolution File 2019-07-UFC in support of the federal Climate Stewardship Act.** Speaker: Peter Brastow, Urban Forestry Coordinator, San Francisco Department of the Environment (Explanatory Document: Draft Resolution 2019-07-UFC Climate Stewardship Act) (Discussion and Action)

Peter Brastow, Urban Forestry Coordinator, San Francisco Department of the Environment, recapped the history of the resolution and new clause additions.

Member Lacan discussed that this is worthy of support.

Member Carter discussed concerns about funding but appreciates the change in language and believes that overall it is important legislation.

Member Crawford discussed funding.

Member Vaisset-Fauvel discussed concern of funding for future maintenance.

There was no public comment.

Upon a motion by Chair Flanagan, and a second by Member Carter, the resolution was adopted without objection. (Ayes: Chair Flanagan, Members Crawford, Vaisset-Fauvel, Lacan, Polony, Nagel, Spigelman, Race, Mike Sullivan, Carter; Noes: None; Excused: Keller, Andrew Sullivan, Troxel, Stephens, and Flores.

6. Presentation on implementation of StreetTreeSF and Tree Planting. Speaker: Nicholas Crawford, San Francisco Public Works. (Discussion)

Member Crawford discussed the history of street tree policy, street tree census, tree pruning scheduling and program implementation. Nicholas provided updates about progress including key maps and sidewalk slicing.

Chair Flanagan discussed investigating number of sidewalk trip claims.

Member Vaisset-Fauvel discussed more long-term solutions for sidewalk slicing.

Member Crawford compared cost of different long-term solutions.

Member Polony discussed alternative products that might avoid trip-hazards.

Member Crawford reported backfilling work. Discussed discoveries and challenges including deferred maintenance, pruning cycle and species variation.

Member Lacan discussed how to address trees that do not fall in cycle.

Member Crawford discussed balancing the cycle of trees that need less maintenance with those that need urgent care.

Member Vaisset-Fauvel discussed guidelines related to building and sidewalk clearance.

Member Crawford discussed updates around funding and pruning numbers.

Member Spigelman discussed Prop E and worker contracting for these projects.

Member Crawford discussed hiring contractors and growing the in-house crew.

Chair Flanagan discussed the delay between ownership and funding with Prop E.

Chair Flanagan discussed funding figures and the percentage breakdown.

Member Crawford discussed satisfaction with the contractors.

Member Vaisset-Fauvel discussed interest in rate of pruning versus removal.

Chair Flanagan discussed the unexpected number of removals.

Member Crawford discussed priority areas for street tree planting projects, necessity of watering care, crew capacity, internal funding and funding partners. Discussed the tremendous need for a new database.

Member Race discussed a mechanism to update the street tree data.

Member Mike Sullivan discussed the process for tree replacement.

Member Crawford discussed bundling sites in order to maximize route efficiency.

Member Mike Sullivan discussed the percentage of removals that can be replanted.

Chair Flanagan discussed Public Works plan to remove trees, fix sidewalk, and within three months plant a tree.

Member Crawford discussed planting first in accessible basins.

Public Comment:

Christopher Kirby discussed concerns related to staffing capacity, appeals and scheduled tree replacements.

Anonymous speaker discussed concerns with contractor pruning and would like reviews of this work.

Josh Klipp discussed the benefits that improving law would have on budget capacity. He encouraged using the powers of community engagement, and tree removal.

7. Committee Reports: (Discussion)

Planning & Funding Committee. Igor Lacan, Committee Chair.

Igor Lacan, Committee Chair had nothing else to add from his earlier discussion.

Landmark Tree Ad Hoc Committee.

No report.

There was no public comment.

8. Staff Report. Peter Brastow, Urban Forestry Coordinator, San Francisco Department of the Environment (Discussion)

Peter Brastow discussed the pursuit of new urban canopy LiDAR data and securing funding to do this. The annual report was uploaded, and the strategic plan will be shortly. Discussed potential new location for street tree nursery, work updating plant finder, and upcoming notice for Commission Affairs Manager position at The Department of the Environment.

There was no public comment.

9. Urban Forestry Council Member Announcements. (Discussion)

Member Lacan thanked Anthony Valdez and Peter Brastow for their work.

Chair Flanagan leaves at 10:30 am.

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

Peter Brastow discussed agenda items for the next meeting including commending recently departed council members, potential presentations from a project at 3333 California Street and Buena Vista Park. Discussed several other updates at the funding committee that might end up on full agenda.

Member Crawford discussed a commendation for Anthony Valdez.

Member Race discussed bringing the freeway tree nursery item to the UFC.

There was no public comment on this item.

11. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

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