

Re: INFO: February 3 2022 Urban Forestry Council Landmark Tree Ad Hoc Committee Meeting Agenda

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Wed 2/2/2022 2:49 PM

To: Brastow, Peter (ENV) <peter.brastow@sfgov.org>

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Hi Peter,

I can't make the hearing tomorrow so wanted to put my comments in writing.

My concerns about these trees are threefold (no pun intended):

1. They affect our ability to put solar on our roof as we are on the northern side of these trees and thus in their shade. We have an electric car but no solar currently. Will they get even bigger?
2. Could they be a falling threat as they get older/ bigger?
3. They lose so much debris a lot of which makes it into our garden.

Appreciate the consideration of the committee as we are the downhill neighbor and probably the most affected.

Sincerely,

Darragh Howard
3334 Folsom St.

On Wednesday, February 2, 2022, 02:10:16 PM PST, Brastow, Peter (ENV) <peter.brastow@sfgov.org> wrote:

Hi Darragh,

If you haven't seen the website yet, please visit

<https://sfenvironment.org/event/february-3-2022-urban-forestry-council-landmark-tree-ad-hoc-committee-meeting-notice>

Best,
Peter

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Why should we plant native plants?

When we see land as a community to which we belong, we may
begin to use it with love and respect. – Aldo Leopold

From: Tanenberg, Diedre (ENV) <diedre.tanenberg@sfgov.org>

Sent: Monday, January 31, 2022 4:55 PM

Subject: INFO: February 3 2022 Urban Forestry Council Landmark Tree Ad Hoc Committee Meeting Agenda

City and County of San Francisco
Urban Forestry Council
[Landmark Tree Ad Hoc Committee](#)

SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

Thursday, February 3, 2022, 4:15 p.m.
Remote meeting via web conference

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

Committee Members: Mike Sullivan (Chair), Damon Spigelman, Jillian Keller, Pamela Nagle and Morgan Vaisset-Fauvel

Order of Business

Public Comment will be heard before the Committee takes action on any item.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call.

- 2. Review and vote on whether to approve Resolution File 2022-01-UFC-LT, Resolution Making Findings to Allow Teleconferenced Meetings Under California Government Code Section 54953(e).** Speaker: Peter Brastow, Urban Forestry Council Coordinator (Explanatory Document: Resolution File 2022-01-UFC-LT) (Discussion and Action)

The Council will consider adoption of a resolution making findings that newly enacted Government Code Section 54953(e) requires in order to allow the Council to hold meetings remotely, as currently required under local law, without complying with certain Brown Act requirements.

- 3. Approval of Minutes of the November 04, 2021, Urban Forestry Council Landmark Tree Committee Special Meeting** (Explanatory Document: November 04, 2021, Draft Minutes) (Discussion and Action)

- 4. 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.

- 5. Hearing on Nomination for Landmark Tree Status.** The Landmark Tree Committee will hold a hearing to determine whether the tree nominated at the following location meets the criteria for designation as a landmark tree. (Discussion and Possible Action)

Coast redwood (*Sequoia sempervirens*), located at 313 Scott Street, San Francisco, California. (Explanatory Documents: Nomination Form and Photographs; Evaluation forms)

Landmark Tree Hearing Recommended Guidelines

The Committee Chair has the discretion to change speaker order or length of time for each speaker if the Chair determines the request to be reasonable.

- 1) Sponsor/Property owner's presentation, including outside professional staff (8 min)
- 2) Staff analysis (5 min)
- 4) Public comment (up to 3 min/per person)
- 5) Committee Evaluation Reports (8 min total)
- 6) Discussion and Action by Committee

- 6. Hearing on Nomination for Landmark Tree Status.** The Landmark Tree Committee will hold a hearing to determine whether the tree nominated at the following location meets the criteria for designation as a landmark tree. (Discussion and Possible Action)

Giant sequoia (*Sequoiadendron giganteum*), located at 3344 Folsom Street, San Francisco, California. (Explanatory Documents: Nomination Form and Photographs; Evaluation forms)

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The Committee Chair has the discretion to change speaker order or length of time for each speaker if the Chair determines the request to be reasonable.

- 1) Sponsor/Property owner's presentation, including outside professional staff (8 min)
- 2) Staff analysis (5 min)

- 4) Public comment (up to 3 min/per person)
- 5) Committee Evaluation Reports (8 min total)
- 6) Discussion and Action by Committee

7. **Hearing on Nomination for Landmark Tree Status.** The Landmark Tree Committee will hold a hearing to determine whether the tree nominated at the following location meets the criteria for designation as a landmark tree. (Discussion and Possible Action)

Deodara pine (*Cedrus deodara*), located at 3340 Folsom Street, San Francisco, California. (Explanatory Documents: Nomination Form and Photographs; Evaluation forms)

Landmark Tree Hearing Recommended Guidelines

The Committee Chair has the discretion to change speaker order or length of time for each speaker if the Chair determines the request to be reasonable.

- 1) Sponsor/Property owner's presentation, including outside professional staff (8 min)
- 2) Staff analysis (5 min)
- 4) Public comment (up to 3 min/per person)
- 5) Committee Evaluation Reports (8 min total)
- 6) Discussion and Action by Committee

8. **Discussion on Landmark Tree nomination withdrawals and improving messaging about the Landmark Tree Program.** Speaker: Peter Brastow, Urban Forestry Council Coordinator (Discussion)

9. **New Business/Future Agenda Items.** (Discussion)

10. **Adjournment.**

The Landmark Tree Ad Hoc Committee meets as needed on the first Thursday of the month at 4:15 p.m. In compliance with the San Francisco Health Officer's Order No. C19-07c, directing all individuals to "shelter in place", Public meetings, panels and other advisory bodies will continue on a remote conferencing basis only. Find out about upcoming deadlines, public hearings and meetings. Search the SFEnvironment.org website archived minutes and agenda.

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Option 1: Watch the meeting using a computer or smart device by clicking on the following link:

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- If you are able to and would like to watch via your computer, please follow these instructions: i) Click on the link above; ii) Enter your first name, last name, and email address if desired; iii) Click “Join by Browser” (directly beneath the “Join Now” button);
- If you are able to watch via your smart mobile device: i) Download the Webex Meetings application; ii) Click on the link above; iii) Click “Join”; iv) Enter your name and email; v) Click “Ready to Join”.

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Dial: **415-655-0001** and then enter the Access Code: **2492 209 0953**

Participating During Public Comment

Members of the public will have opportunities to participate during public comment. The public is asked to wait for the particular agenda item before making a comment on that item. Comments will be addressed in the order they are received. When the moderator announces that the Committee is taking public comment, members of the public can:

Participate over the phone (information above) by pressing *3 (this step is very important, as it will activate the “Raise Hand” icon in the Webex Participant window).

Depending on the number of people also in line ahead of you, you may have to wait before it is your opportunity to speak. When it is your turn, you will be notified that your line has been unmuted, and it will be your opportunity to speak. Your line will be muted again when your allotted time expires.

In accordance with Governor Gavin Newsom’s statewide order for all residents to “Stay at Home” - and the numerous local and state proclamations, orders and supplemental directions - aggressive directives have been issued to slow down and reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Copies of explanatory documents are available, 1) on the Urban Forestry Council webpage <https://sfenvironment.org/about/taskforce/urban-forestry-council>; or (2) upon request to the Commission Affairs Manager, at telephone number 415-355-3700, or via e-mail at peter.brastow@sfgov.org.

Important Information

The ringing of and use of cell phones, pagers and similar sound-producing electronic devices are prohibited at this meeting. Please be advised that the Chair may order the removal from the meeting room of any person(s) responsible for the ringing or use of a cell phone, pager, or other similar sound-producing electronic devices.

Public Comment

At this time, members of the public may address the Committee on items of interest that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Committee but are not on today’s agenda. Public comment will be taken following each agenda item. Each member of the public may address the Committee for up to three minutes, unless otherwise announced by the Chair. If it is demonstrated that the comments by the public will exceed 15 minutes, the Chair may continue Public Comment to another time during the meeting.

NOTE: Persons unable to attend the meeting may submit to the Committee, by the time the proceedings begin, written comments regarding the agenda items above. These comments will be made a part of the official public record and shall be brought to the attention of Committee Members. Any written comments should be sent to: Commission Affairs Manager, Department of the Environment, peter.brastow@sfgov.org, by 5:00 p.m. on the day prior to the hearing. Written public comment received by the Council will be posted as an attachment to the minutes.

The Brown Act forbids the Committee from taking action or discussing any item or issue not appearing on the posted agenda. This rule applies to issues raised in public comment as well. In response to public comment, not on an agenda item, the Committee is limited to:

1. Briefly responding to statements made or questions posed by members of the public, or
2. Request staff to report back on a matter at a subsequent meeting, or
3. Directing staff to place the item or issue on a future agenda (Government Code Section 54954.2(a).)

Disability Access

The Urban Forestry Council meetings will be held virtually. The Committee meeting rooms are closed.

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Language Access

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語言服務

根據語言服務條例(三藩市行政法典第91章), 中文、西班牙語和/或菲律賓語(泰加洛語)傳譯人員在收到要求後將會提供傳譯服務。翻譯版本的會議記錄可在委員會通過後透過要求而提供。其他語言協助在可能的情況下也將可提供。上述的要求, 請於會議前最少48小時致電 415-355-3700或電郵至 peter.brastow@sfgov.org向委員會秘書提出。逾期提出的請求, 若可能的話, 亦會被考慮接納。

Acceso A Idioma

De acuerdo con la Ordenanza de Acceso a Idiomas "Language Access Ordinance" (Capítulo 91 del Código Administrativo de San Francisco "Chapter 91 of the San Francisco Administrative Code") intérpretes de chino, español y/o filipino (tagalo) estarán disponibles de ser requeridos. Las minutas podrán ser traducidas, de ser requeridas, luego de ser aprobadas por la Comisión. La asistencia en idiomas adicionales se tomará en cuenta siempre que sea posible. Para solicitar asistencia con estos servicios favor comunicarse con el Secretario de la Comisión al 415-355-3700, o peter.brastow@sfgov.org por lo menos 48 horas antes de la reunión. Las solicitudes tardías serán consideradas de ser posible.

Access Sa Wika

Ayon sa Language Access Ordinance (Chapter 91 ng San Francisco Administrative Code), maaaring mag-request ng mga tagapagsalin sa wikang Tsino, Espanyol, at/o Filipino (Tagalog). Kapag hiniling, ang mga kaganapan ng miting ay maaring isalin sa ibang wika matapos ito ay aprobahan ng komisyon. Maari din magkaroon ng tulong sa ibang wika. Sa mga ganitong uri ng kahilingan, mangyaring tumawag sa Clerk ng Commission sa 415-355-3700, o peter.brastow@sfgov.org sa hindi bababa sa 48 oras bago mag miting. Kung maari, ang mga late na hiling ay posibleng pagbibigyan.

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Government's duty is to serve the public, reaching its decisions in full view of the public. Commissions, boards, councils, and other agencies of the City and County exist to conduct the people's business. This ordinance assures that deliberations are conducted before the people and that City operations are open to the people's review. For more information on your rights under the Sunshine Ordinance or to report a violation of the ordinance, contact the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force, City Hall, Room 244, One Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, CA 94102-4683 at Phone No.: (415) 554-7724; Fax No.: (415) 554-5163; E-mail: sof@sfgov.org. Copies of the Sunshine Ordinance can be obtained from the Clerk of the Sunshine Task Force, the San Francisco Public Library and on the City's website at www.sfgov.org.

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Posted: January 31, 2021