



City and County of San Francisco
Urban Forestry Council
Planning and Funding Committee

MEETING MINUTES DRAFT

Tuesday, February 21, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.
Remote meeting via web conference

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Members Igor Lacan (Chair), Nicholas Crawford, and Andrew Sullivan.

Order of Business

1. Call to Order and Roll Call.

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 p.m.

Present: Members Igor Lacan, Nicholas Crawford, and Andrew Sullivan

Excused: None

Absent: None

2. Review and vote on whether to approve Resolution File 2023-01-UFC-PF, Resolution Making Findings to Allow Teleconferenced Meetings Under California Government Code Section 54953(e). Speaker: Jesus Lozano, Urban Forestry Council Coordinator. Explanatory Document: Resolution File 2023-01-UFC-PF. (Discussion and Action)

There was no public comment.

Upon a motion by Member Lacan and a second by Member Crawford, the resolution was approved without objection. (Ayes: Members Lacan, Crawford, and Sullivan; Noes: None; Absent: None)

3. Adoption of Minutes of the December 6, 2022, Urban Forestry Council Planning and Funding Committee Meeting. Explanatory Document: December 6, 2022, Meeting Draft Minutes. (Discussion and Action)

There was no public comment.

Upon a motion by Member Lacan and a second by Member Crawford, the minutes was approved without objection. (Ayes: Members Lacan, Crawford, and Sullivan; Noes: None; Absent: None)

4. General Public Comment. (Discussion)

Public Comment: Josh Klipp expressed concerns related to San Francisco's tree planting budget.

Jesus Lozano, Urban Forestry Council Coordinator, discussed the Council's letter expressing support for additional funding for urban forestry programs.

5. **Discussion and Possible Action regarding Community Solutions for Expanding Citywide Urban Forestry Efforts.** Speaker: Mike Yarak, Program Director, Friends of the Urban Forest. (Discussion and Possible Action)

Mike Yarak, Program Director at Friends of the Urban Forest, discussed his organization's tree planting goals and related challenges.

Member Crawford and Mike Yarak discussed the effect of tree basin requirements on tree planting efforts.

Member Crawford discussed the role of state funding in supporting urban forestry programs.

Members Crawford and Sullivan discussed the role of the Bureau of Urban Forestry and community-based organizations in building support for funding for urban forestry programs.

Member Lacan discussed the need for demonstration projects featuring large tree basins.

Mike Yarak discussed Friends of the Urban Forest's focus on environmental justice and the importance of community engagement in shaping budget decisions.

Member Lacan, Mike Yarak, and Jesus Lozano discussed the effect of limited tree nursery stock on Friends of the Urban Forest's planting goals.

Member Crawford and Mike Yarak discussed the need for education related to tree care and the benefits of trees.

Members Lacan and Crawford discussed the Bureau of Urban Forestry's stump removal work.

Mike Yarak discussed tree watering needs and the importance of integrating trees into urban design.

Jesus Lozano and Mike Yarak discussed Friends of the Urban Forest's focus on environmental justice.

Jesus Lozano and Mike Yarak discussed capacity-building needs related to tree care and community engagement.

Member Crawford and Mike Yarak discussed Friends of the Urban Forest's evolving goals and focus.

Members Lacan and Crawford discussed the need to prioritize specific funding needs.

Member Crawford, Jesus Lozano, and Mike Yarak discussed tree planting restrictions.

Public Comment: Susan Karasoff expressed support for the use of native plants in San Francisco's urban forestry programs. Josh Klipp discussed Mission Verde's tree planting work.

Upon a motion by Member Lacan and a second by Member Sullivan, a motion to advance an item on this topic to the Urban Forestry Council was approved without objection. (Ayes: Members Lacan, Crawford, and Sullivan; Noes: None; Absent: None)

6. Discussion and Possible Action regarding the Urban Forestry Council's Review of Major Projects.

Speaker: Ilaria Salvadori, Council Member. Explanatory Documents: Draft UFC Dev Prez Guidelines and Checklist. (Discussion and Possible Action)

Member Salvadori discussed the Planning Department's role in supporting San Francisco's urban forest.

Members Sullivan and Salvadori discussed the Planning Department's process for assessing large infrastructure projects with implications for San Francisco's urban forest.

Members Lacan, Sullivan, and Salvadori discussed the Planning Department's criteria for assessing large infrastructure projects with urban forest implications.

Members Crawford, Sullivan, and Salvadori discussed the Council's role in reviewing large infrastructure projects with urban forest implications.

Member Crawford discussed the Department of Public Works' role in overseeing large infrastructure projects with urban forest implications.

Members Lacan and Salvadori discussed coordination between the Council and the Planning Department related to large infrastructure projects with urban forest implications.

Members Crawford and Salvadori discussed the criteria used to review large infrastructure projects with urban forest implications.

Members Lacan, Crawford, Sullivan, and Salvadori and Jesus Lozano discussed the importance of formalizing the Council's process for reviewing large infrastructure projects with urban forest implications.

Public Comment: Susan Karasoff expressed support for incorporating native trees and plants into large infrastructure projects. Josh Klipp discussed the Council's authority to review large infrastructure projects.

7. New Business/Future Agenda Items. (Discussion)

Member Lacan and Jesus Lozano, Urban Forestry Council Coordinator, discussed the Council's role in promoting job and volunteer opportunities related to urban forestry.

Members Lacan and Crawford and Jesus Lozano discussed the next Planning and Funding Committee meeting.

Members Crawford and Lacan and Jesus Lozano discussed agenda items for the next Council meeting.

Member Lacan thanked Environment Department staff for their support in facilitating virtual meetings.

Public Comment: Susan Karasoff expressed support for a presentation on the impact of recent winter storms on San Francisco's urban forest. Josh Klipp discussed the Council's role in promoting job and volunteer opportunities related to urban forestry.

8. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:13 p.m.