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**MEETING MINUTES DRAFT**

**Tuesday, May 3, 2022, 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, Ildiko Polony,  
Andrew Sullivan.

**Order of Business**

Public comment will be taken before the Council takes action on any item.

**Land Acknowledgement**

The Urban Forestry Council acknowledges that we occupy the unceded ancestral homeland of the Ramaytush Ohlone peoples, who are the original inhabitants of the San Francisco Peninsula. We wish to pay our respects to the Ancestors, Elders and Relatives of the Ramaytush Community and to affirm their sovereign rights as First Peoples. We honor the Ramaytush Ohlone for their enduring commitment to steward Mother Earth. We recognize that the Ramaytush Ohlone have lived in harmony with nature for millennia, and that to achieve a truly ecologically sustainable future for San Francisco, we must embrace Indigenous traditional ecological knowledge in how we care for the city's lands, waters, and all its people.

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call.**

The meeting was called to order at 4:11 p.m.

Present: Members Nicholas Crawford, Ildiko Polony, and Andrew Sullivan.

Excused: Member Igor Lacan.

**2. Review and vote on whether to approve Resolution File 2022-04-UFC-PF, 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 2022-04-UFC-PF) (Discussion and Action)

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

There was no public comment.

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

**3. Approval of Minutes of the April 5, 2022, Urban Forestry Council Planning and Funding Committee Meeting.** (Explanatory Document: April 5, 2022, Draft Meeting Minutes) (Discussion and Action)

Member Crawford recommended removing the word "sufficient" from his characterization of available funding in the draft minutes.

There was no public comment.

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

**4. 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.

**5. Discussion of draft language for an Urban Forestry Council resolution supporting the Department of the Environment proposed 2022-2023 fiscal year budget.** Speaker: Ildiko Polony, Committee Member. (Explanatory Document: Draft resolution No. 2022-05-UFC endorsing Department of the Environment 2022-2023 budget) (Discussion and Possible Action)

The Committee may make a motion recommending support by the Urban Forestry Council for a resolution endorsing the Department of the Environment fiscal year 2022-2023 budget.

Member Polony described highlights from the draft resolution.

Peter Brastow reported that the Department's general fund request has been rejected by the Mayor's Office. Members discussed potential revisions to the resolution draft in light of the outcome of the Department's budget request. Peter noted that Committee members could approve a motion encouraging the Council to approve the resolution with the understanding that further changes will be made prior to the next Council meeting. Peter confirmed that the Council would be able to propose further edits as well. Member Polony confirmed that further language affirming the Council's support for additional Department funding will be added to the resolution draft.

Public Comment: Joshua Klipp underscored the importance of the Climate Action Plan, stressed the need for additional funding, and encouraged the Committee to take a firm stand. Aditya Jalihal expressed disappointment that the Department's budget request was not approved and stressed that additional resources are needed to meet the City's climate goals.

Upon a motion by Member Sullivan and a second by Member Crawford, the motion to approve the resolution with the inclusion of new language addressing the Mayor's decision to reject the funding request and reiterating the Council's support for additional funding was approved without objection. (Ayes: Members Crawford, Polony, and Sullivan; Noes: None; Absent: Member Lacan)

**6. Discussion of the Urban Forestry Council Strategic Plan's fundraising and communications priorities, including recommendations for implementation of certain actions to the Full Council.** Speaker: Ildiko Polony, Committee Member. (Discussion and Possible Action)

The Committee may make a motion to recommend to the full Council the prioritization of these goals, including identifying a structure and particular actions for implementation.

Members discussed supervisors who could potentially offer support and priorities to be articulated in a presentation before the Board. Member Polony said she would approach Supervisor Chan's office. Member Crawford said he would try to approach Supervisor Peskin at a neighborhood tree planting on May 7. Member Sullivan said he would create an outline for a presentation and said Committee members could work together to refine it before sharing it with the full Council. Kyle Wehner confirmed that an outline should be made available for posting by May 20.

Public Comment: Joshua Klipp recommended that the Committee cite American Forests' Tree Equity Calculator; the June 14, 2021, San Francisco Budget and Legislative Analyst's Report on StreetTreeSF; a recent report by a UC Berkeley graduate student on the needs of San Francisco's urban forest canopy; and Article 16 of the revised Public Works Code when developing the outline for a presentation before the Board of Supervisors. Joshua also suggested approaching Supervisors Chan, Mar, and Peskin for support, and offered to assist with introductions.

Upon a motion by Member Sullivan and a second by Member Crawford, the Committee voted to advance this item to the full Council, create an outline for a presentation at a Board of Supervisors meeting, and to report on progress and next steps for a presentation to the Council.

**7. Update and discussion of the draft implementation plan for the Climate Action Plan Healthy Ecosystems Chapter.** Speaker Peter Brastow, Urban Forestry Council Coordinator. (Discussion and Possible Action)

The Committee may make a motion to recommend to the full Council certain actions regarding the implementation of the Healthy Ecosystems Chapter of the Climate Action Plan.

Peter Brastow presented on the Climate Action Plan Healthy Ecosystems Chapter draft implementation plan. Peter observed that the Committee could ask him to deliver a version of his presentation before the full Council so that actions described in the presentation could be examined in greater detail by the Council. Members discussed the Climate Action Plan's urban forestry strategies and actions as well as options for reporting on progress at future meetings. Member Crawford recommended providing status updates at full Council meetings in order to prompt discussion on needed resources and items that the Council may wish to prioritize. Peter confirmed this item will be agendized at the next Council meeting.

Public Comment: Joshua Klipp said additional progress must be made on street tree planting. Joshua thanked Peter for his service and said it is important that resolutions of support articulate a clear need for resources to meet the City's climate goals.

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

Committee members can introduce new agenda items for future consideration by the Committee.

Peter Brastow discussed potential agenda items. Member Sullivan asked Peter and Kyle Wehner to coordinate with Chair Lacan on the agenda for the next Committee meeting. Member Crawford

requested that an update on the street tree nursery be included in the agenda for a future Council meeting.

There was no public comment.

## 9. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

**The next Planning and Funding Committee meeting is on June 7, 2022, at 4:00 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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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).)

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