



City and County of San Francisco
Meeting Minutes
Land Use and Transportation Committee

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San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

Members: Myrna Melgar, Dean Preston, Aaron Peskin

Clerk: Erica Major (415) 554-4441

Monday, January 11, 2021

1:30 PM

Regular Meeting

Present: 3 - Myrna Melgar, Dean Preston, and Aaron Peskin

The Land Use and Transportation Committee met in regular session through videoconferencing, and provided public comment through teleconferencing, on Monday, January 11, 2021, with Chair Myrna Melgar presiding. Chair Melgar called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Remote Access to Information and Participation

In accordance with Governor Newsom's Executive Order No. N-33-20 declaring a State of Emergency regarding the COVID-19 outbreak and Mayor London N. Breed's Proclamation declaring a Local Emergency issued on February 25, 2020, including the guidance for gatherings issued by the San Francisco Department of Public Health Officer, aggressive directives were issued to reduce the spread of COVID-19. On March 17, 2020, the Board of Supervisors authorized their Board and Committee meetings to convene remotely (via Microsoft Teams) and will allow remote public comment via teleconference. Visit the SFGovTV website at (www.sfgovtv.org) to stream the live meetings, or to watch meetings on demand. Members of the public are encouraged to participate remotely via detailed instructions on participating via teleconference available at: <https://sfbos.org/remote-meeting-call>.

Members of the public may participate by phone or may submit their comments by email to: Erica.Major@sfgov.org; all comments received will be made a part of the official record. Regularly scheduled Land Use and Transportation Committee Meetings begin at 1:30 p.m. every Monday of each month. Committee agendas and their associated documents are available at <https://sfbos.org/committees>.

ROLL CALL AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

On the call of the roll, Chair Melgar, Vice Chair Preston, and Member Peskin were noted present. A quorum was present.

AGENDA CHANGES

There were no changes.

REGULAR AGENDA

Chair Melgar requested File Nos. 201429 and 210017 be called together.

201429 [Hearing - Comprehensive Parnassus Heights Plan and Memorandum of Understanding]

Sponsor: Preston

Hearing on the Comprehensive Parnassus Heights Plan proposed by the University of California at San Francisco (UCSF) as well as the draft Memorandum of Understanding between UCSF and the City; and requesting the Planning Department to report.

12/22/20; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Land Use and Transportation Committee.

01/05/21; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to the Planning Department for informational purposes.

Heard in Committee. Speakers: Jeff Buckley (Office of the Mayor); Josh Switzsky (Planning Department); Charles Sullivan (Office of the City Attorney); Sam Hawgood and Brian Newman (University of California at San Francisco); presented information and answered questions raised throughout the discussion. Harlan Pippenger; Molly Shane; Ace Brown; Buck Kelly; David Steinam; Steve Brown; Maureen Duggan; Navie Nan; Jay Gondi (YIMBY); Zahra Hajee (Office of Senator Scott Wiener); Jamie Michaels; Annie Leonard; Dave Santos; Lee Marcosin; Andrew Day; Tes Welborn; Jerry Gratler; Laura Vetterman; Ellen Haller; Sarah Smith Jones; Kelly Powers, Director (Hotel Council of San Francisco); Carlos Mendoza (San Francisco Housing Action Coalition); Lach Messien; Cathy Cone; Glen Dane Lang; Cynthia Henkle; Miguel Galarzes; Karen Kierstat; Lorraine Petty; Scott; Richard Rothman; Francisco Da Costa; Jim Chapel (Housing Action Coalition); Lope Yap Jr. (George Washington High School Alumni Association); Fernando Marti (Council of Community Housing Organizations); Katie Sittleman; Kathleen Courtney; Gloria Berry (San Francisco Democratic Party); Felix; Theresa Palmer; Jeff Colewell; Martha Aaronfield; Miji Harday; Matthew Connell; David Maychild; Katherine Howards (Sierra Club); Dennis Antinori; Speaker; Speaker; Ozzie Rohm (San Francisco Land Use Coalition); Norman Bagelman; Anastasia Yovanopoulous (San Francisco Tenants Union); Mohe Kidatha; Peter Papadopoulos; Sam Dutch; Adam Bookminer; Jason Khoo; Fitz Plan; Pat Scutina; Jonathan Trest; Emily Anthony; Lisa Kessler; Ruby; Zach Zubin; Adam; Dave Groffman; Roha Bose; George Holing (San Francisco Land Use Coalition); Alexander Bilderman; Sharon Bell; Gavin Letta; Ramon; Perry Black; Theo Gordon; Rene Kuren; Alicia Whitmore; Hala Hijazi; Cliff Barger; Devin Crow; Speaker; Tim Dension; Evelyn Danford; Netty Gardener; Alan Naculik; Ian Wilson; Emily Abraham (San Francisco Chamber of Commerce); Robert Fruckman; Kenneth Russell; Jona; Miguel Bustos; Tamara Allison; Doug Anderson; Kristen Evans; Charles J. Bing; Mushi Kipurera; Marlane Morgan; Sarah Olgeby; Caroline Koffman; Speaker; Peter Cohen (Council of Community Housing Organizations); Evan; Lisa Aubrey; Steve Marzo; Joel; Emily Shell; Francy Tang; Ari; Natasha Bowl; Corey Smith (San Francisco Housing Action Coalition); Chris Avern; Simon Minagunali; Speaker; Jennifer Tailey; John Elbern; Jason Kruda; Shavier Saniva; Mike Chen; Nathan; Martin Munez; Lo Sheen; David Alexander; Sechin; Patrick Trauber; Jay Lenard; Speaker; Sarah Knox; Adam Catching; Kimberly; Calvin Welsh; spoke on various concerns relating to the hearing matter.

Member Peskin moved that this Hearing be HEARD AND FILED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Melgar, Preston, Peskin

210017 [Urging California Regents to Consider the Proposed UCSF Parnassus Expansion Plan EIR]

Sponsor: Preston

Resolution urging the California Regents to move consideration of the proposed University of California at San Francisco (UCSF) Parnassus Expansion Plan Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and Amendment to the 2014 Long Range Development Plan (LRDP) from their January 2021 meeting to their March 2021 meeting.

01/05/21; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Land Use and Transportation Committee.

Heard in Committee. Speakers: Jeff Buckley (Mayor's Office); Josh Switzsky (Planning Department); Charles Sullivan (Office of the City Attorney); Sam Hawgood and Brian Newman (University of California at San Francisco); presented information and answered questions raised throughout the discussion. Harlan Pippenger; Molly Shane; Ace Brown; Buck Kelly; David Steinam; Steve Brown; Maureen Duggan; Navie Nan; Jay Gondi (YIMBY); Zahra Hajee (Office of Senator Scott Wiener); Jamie Michaels; Annie Leonard; Dave Santos; Lee Marcosin; Andrew Day; Tes Welborn; Jerry Gratler; Laura Vetterman; Ellen Haller; Sarah Smith Jones; Kelly Powers, Director (Hotel Council of San Francisco); Carlos Mendoza (Housing Action Coalition); Lach Messien; Cathy Cone; Glen Dane Lang; Cynthia Henkle; Miguel Galarzes; Karen Kierstat; Lorraine Petty; Scott; Richard Rothman; Francisco Da Costa; Jim Chapel (Housing Action Coalition); Lope Yap Jr. (George Washington High School Alumni Association); Fernando Marti (Council of Community Housing Organizations); Katie Sittleman; Kathleen Courtney; Gloria Berry (San Francisco Democratic Party); Felix; Theresa Palmer; Jeff Colewell; Martha Aaronfield; Miji Harday; Matthew Connell; David Maychild; Katherine Howards (Sierra Club); Dennis Antinori; Speaker; Speaker; Ozzie Rohm (San Francisco Land Use Coalition); Norman Bagelman; Anastasia Yovanopoulous (San Francisco Tenants Union); Mohe Kidatha; Peter Papadopoulos; Sam Dutch; Adam Bookminer; Jason Khoo; Fitz Plan; Pat Scutina; Jonathan Trest; Emily Anthony; Lisa Kessler; Ruby; Zach Zubin; Adam; Dave Groffman; Roha Bose; George Holing (San Francisco Land Use Coalition); Alexander Bilderman; Sharon Bell; Gavin Letta; Ramon; Perry Black; Theo Gordon; Rene Kuren; Alicia Whitmore; Hala Hijazi; Cliff Barger; Devin Crow; Speaker; Tim Dension; Evelyn Danford; Netty Gardener; Alan Naculik; Ian Wilson; Emily Abraham (San Francisco Chamber of Commerce); Robert Fruckman; Kenneth Russell; Jona; Miguel Bustos; Tamara Allison; Doug Anderson; Kristen Evans; Charles J. Bing; Mushi Kipurera; Marlane Morgan; Sarah Olgeby; Caroline Koffman; Speaker; Peter Cohen (Council of Community Housing Organizations); Evan; Lisa Aubrey; Steve Marzo; Joel; Emily Shell; Francy Tang; Ari; Natasha Bowl; Corey Smith (San Francisco Housing Action Coalition); Chris Avern; Simon Minagunali; Speaker; Jennifer Tailey; John Elbern; Jason Kruda; Shavier Saniva; Mike Chen; Nathan; Martin Munez; Lo Sheen; David Alexander; Sechin; Patrick Trauber; Jay Lenard; Speaker; Sarah Knox; Adam Catching; Kimberly; Calvin Welsh; spoke on various concerns relating to the hearing matter.

Vice Chair Preston moved that this Resolution be AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING NEW TITLE, on Page 1, Lines 5-6, by adding 'and Amendment to the 2014 Long Range Development Plan (LRDP)' after '(EIR)'; on Page 3, Lines 18 and 23, and on Page 4, Line 2, by adding 'and 2014 LRDP amendment'. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Melgar, Preston, Peskin

Vice Chair Preston moved that this Resolution be RECOMMENDED AS AMENDED AS A COMMITTEE REPORT. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Melgar, Preston, Peskin

210016 [Initiating Landmark Designation - 800 Chestnut Street - Diego Rivera Mural “The Making of a Fresco Showing the Building of a City”]**Sponsor: Peskin**

Resolution initiating a landmark designation under Article 10 of the Planning Code for Diego Rivera’s fresco, titled “The Making of a Fresco Showing the Building of a City,” painted in 1931 and located at 800 Chestnut Street.

01/05/21; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Land Use and Transportation Committee.

Heard in Committee. Speakers: Art Hazelwood (San Francisco Art Institute); Patcha Torrain; Lindsay White; Pam Rorklevy; Elizabeth Travelight; Rene Morrison; Dr. Jennifer Risler; Bonnie Levenson; Maria Elena; Lonnie Grant; Sarah Knight; Margorie Battery; Kate Laster; Speaker; Speaker; spoke on various concerns relating to the hearing matter.

Member Peskin moved that this Resolution be RECOMMENDED AS COMMITTEE REPORT. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Melgar, Preston, Peskin

201370 [Interim Zoning Controls - Large Residential Projects in RC, RM and RTO Districts]**Sponsor: Peskin**

Resolution imposing interim zoning controls for an 18-month period for parcels in Residential-Commercial Combined (RC), Residential - Mixed (RM) and Residential - Transit Oriented (RTO) districts, requiring Conditional Use Authorization for any residential development that does not maximize the number of units allowed by applicable density restrictions; affirming the Planning Department’s determination under the California Environmental Quality Act; and making findings of consistency with the General Plan, and the eight priority policies of Planning Code, Section, 101.1.

12/08/20; ASSIGNED UNDER 30 DAY RULE to Land Use and Transportation Committee, expires on 1/7/2021.

12/11/20; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to the Planning Department for environmental review.

12/15/20; RESPONSE RECEIVED. Not defined as a project under CEQA Guidelines Sections 15378 and 15060(c)(2) because it would not result in a direct or indirect physical change in the environment.

12/15/20; SUBSTITUTED AND ASSIGNED UNDER 30 DAY RULE to Land Use and Transportation Committee. 12/15/20 - Supervisor Peskin introduced a substitute Resolution bearing the same title.

12/18/20; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to the Planning Department for environmental review.

12/18/20; RESPONSE RECEIVED. Not defined as a project under CEQA Guidelines Sections 15378 and 15060(c)(2) because it would not result in a direct or indirect physical change in the environment.

12/18/20; NOTICED. 20-Day Notice for 1/11/2021 Land Use and Transportation Committee hearing posted online, pursuant to Planning Code Section 333.

Heard in Committee. Speakers: Aaron Starr (Planning Commission); presented information and answered questions raised throughout the discussion. Karen Kurtis; Ozzie Rohm; Speaker; Jonathan Randolph; Kenneth Russell; spoke in opposition of the hearing matter. Robert Fruckman; Chris Schulman; Sonya Trauss (YIMBY); Sarah Olgeby; Corey Smith (San Francisco Housing Action Coalition); spoke on various concerns relating to the hearing matter.

Member Peskin moved that this Resolution be AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE BEARING SAME TITLE, on Page 4, Line 15, by striking the period after ‘zoning districts’; on Page 4, Lines 18-20, by clarifying that maximum density permitted; on Page 5, Lines 7-12, by clarifying the intent of the resolved clause regarding expansions; and by adding other clarifying and conforming changes. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Melgar, Preston, Peskin

Member Peskin moved that this Resolution be RECOMMENDED AS AMENDED AS A COMMITTEE REPORT. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Melgar, Preston, Peskin

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Land Use and Transportation Committee adjourned at the hour of 9:09 p.m.

N.B. The Minutes of this meeting set forth all actions taken by the Land Use and Transportation Committee on the matters stated, but not necessarily in the chronological sequence in which the matters were taken up.

ADDENDUM

The following information is provided by Anastasia Glikshtern, pursuant to Administrative Code, Section 67.16. The content is neither generated by, nor subject to approval or verification of accuracy by, the Clerk of the Board or the Board of Supervisors.

Dear members of the SF Land Use and Transportation Committee,

The Mount Sutro Forest must be preserved, regardless of what is or isn't approved for the UCSF Parnassus Heights development.

The development must not lead to the destruction of trees.

It isn't only the pandemic crisis, but also the climate crisis we are living through now.

Trees are very important for carbon sequestration, pollution and noise reduction, as wind barriers & habitat for wildlife. They provide shade and improve the health and well-being of all of us. The conservation of existing trees and the planting of new trees has been established as the most efficient and cost effective way to fight climate change. Global deforestation is a primary cause of the climate crisis.

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2019/jul/04/planting-billions-trees-best-tackle-climate-crisis-scientists-canopy-emissions>

Sutro Cloud Forest (three-quarters of which, called the Open Space Reserve, is owned by UCSF) is the single largest urban forest in San Francisco and as such sequesters more carbon-dioxide than any other green space in the city.

You cannot claim that you are committed to reversing climate change and yet allow killings of thousands of trees.

Sincerely,

Anastasia Glikshtern