



City and County of San Francisco

Meeting Minutes

Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee

City Hall
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

Members: Gordon Mar, Catherine Stefani, Matt Haney

Clerk: John Carroll (415) 554-4445

Thursday, October 14, 2021

10:00 AM

Regular Meeting

Present: 3 - Gordon Mar, Catherine Stefani, and Aaron Peskin

Excused: 1 - Matt Haney

The Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee met in regular session through videoconferencing, and provided public comment through teleconferencing, on Thursday, October 14, 2021, with Chair Gordon Mar presiding. Chair Mar called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

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ROLL CALL AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

On the call of the roll, Chair Mar, Vice Chair Stefani, and Member Haney were noted present.

A quorum was present.

COMMUNICATIONS

*John Carroll, Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee Clerk, instructed members of the public, when general public comment is called, to contribute live comments for up to two minutes by dialing the provided telephone number. When connected, they will receive another prompt to dial * 3 to be added to the queue to speak. Make sure to call from a quiet location, speak clearly and slowly, and turn down your television or radio. Written comments may be submitted through email (john.carroll@sfgov.org) or the U.S. Postal Service at City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244, San Francisco, CA 94102.*

AGENDA CHANGES

There were no agenda changes.

REGULAR AGENDA

Supervisor Haney Excused from Attendance

Member Haney was noted absent at 11:06 a.m., and for the remainder of the meeting.

Chair Mar moved to excuse Supervisor Haney from attending the Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee regular meeting of October 14, 2021, beginning at 11:06 a.m. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 2 - Mar, Stefani

Excused: 1 - Haney

210946 [Urging and Supporting Declaration of Local Emergency: Overdose Crisis]

Sponsors: Haney; Mar, Walton, Mandelman and Ronen

Resolution urging and supporting Mayor London N. Breed in proclaiming a declaration of the existence of a local emergency around the overdose crisis and immediately implementing overdose prevention sites.

09/07/21; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee.

Heard in Committee. Speakers: Laura Thomas (San Francisco AIDS Foundation); Alex Kral (RTI International); Daniella Wotke and Paul Harkin (Safer Inside Coalition); Eileen Laughran (Department of Public Health); presented information and answered questions raised throughout the discussion. Eric Arguello (GLIDE Foundation); Speaker; Michael Rouppet; Seth Kath; Soma Snakeoil, Executive Director (The Sidewalk Project); Zach Lipton; Speaker; Michael Lutz; Anak Sul Rama; Eliana Vinder; Wes Saver (GLIDE Foundation); Calder Lorenz (The Gubbio Project); Curtis Bradford (Tenderloin People's Congress); Lydia Bransten, Executive Director (The Gubbio Project); Nick DeRenzi (Critical Resistance); John Halifax (San Francisco AIDS Foundation); Ceasar Espinoza; Speaker; Tom Wolfe; Dr. Leslie Sheu; Philip Lasater; Mary Kate Bacalao; Kristin Moore; Jam; spoke on various concerns related to the hearing matter.

Chair Mar moved that this Resolution be AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING SAME TITLE, on Page 4, Lines 5-6, by striking 'to immediately authorize, fund, and implement overdose prevention sites, with the full support and backing of the San Francisco City Attorney's Office'. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 2 - Mar, Stefani

Excused: 1 - Haney

Chair Mar moved that this Resolution be RECOMMENDED AS AMENDED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 2 - Mar, Stefani

Excused: 1 - Haney

President Shamann Walton appointed Supervisor Aaron Peskin, in place of Supervisor Catherine Stefani, to the Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee for the regular meeting of October 14, 2021, beginning at 1:15 p.m.

Supervisor Stefani was noted absent beginning at 1:20 p.m., and for the remainder of the meeting.

211018 [Hearing - San Francisco Urban Canopy and Street Tree Maintenance Plan Updates]

Sponsors: Peskin; Mandelman, Safai and Mar

Hearing to receive updates on the implementation and funding of the City's urban canopy and street tree maintenance, watering, retention, replacement and expansion plans, including all trees on public property and in San Francisco parks, as well as street trees acquired after the voters passed Proposition E in 2016 (originally File No. 160381); and requesting Public Works, the Recreation & Park Department and the Public Utilities Commission to report.

09/21/21; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee.

09/29/21; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to Public Works, the Recreation and Parks Department, and the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission for informational purposes.

Heard in Committee. Speakers: Supervisors Aaron Peskin, Rafael Mandelman, and Ahsha Safai (Board of Supervisors); Brian Weidenmeier, Executive Director (Friends of the Urban Forest); Dennis Kern (Recreation and Parks Department); Emily Lam (San Francisco Public Utilities Commission); Nicholas Crawford (Public Works); presented information and answered questions raised throughout the discussion. Lance Carnes; Sarah Jones; Speaker; Josh Klipp (Mission Verde); Catherine Howard; Speaker; Kindra Scharich; spoke on various concerns related to the hearing matter.

Member Peskin moved that this Hearing be CONTINUED TO CALL OF THE CHAIR. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 2 - Mar, Peskin

Excused: 1 - Haney

Absent: 1 - Stefani

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee adjourned at the hour of 2:04 p.m.

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