The Land Use and Transportation Committee met in regular session on Monday, March 18, 2019, with Chair Aaron Peskin presiding. Chair Peskin called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

ROLL CALL AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

AGENDA CHANGES

There were no agenda changes.
REGULAR AGENDA

[Declaring a Climate Emergency in San Francisco]
Sponsors: Mandelman; Fewer, Peskin, Mar, Brown, Haney, Yee and Safai

Resolution declaring a climate emergency in San Francisco; and requesting immediate and accelerated action to address the climate crisis and limit global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius.

02/26/19; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Land Use and Transportation Committee.

03/06/19; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to the Mayor's Office and Department on the Environment for informational purposes.

Heard in Committee. Speakers: Supervisor Rafael Mandelman (Board of Supervisors); Deborah Raphael, Director (Department of the Environment); John Scarpulla (Public Utilities Commission); Sarah Jones (Municipal Transportation Agency); Lisa Fisher (Planning Department); Brian Strong (Office of Resilience and Capital Planning); presented information and answered questions raised throughout the discussion. Joni Eisen (San Francisco Tomorrow); Tracy Brieger (Jobs with Justice SF); Susan Karasoff (California Native Plant); Margarete Pierce; Josh Klipp; Corey Smith (San Francisco Housing Action Coalition); Victoria Staffer; Speaker; spoke in support of the hearing matter.

Supervisor Safai requested to be added as a co-sponsor.

Vice Chair Safai moved that this Resolution be AMENDED, AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING SAME TITLE, by updating the language to address climate justice; clarify language around the nature of the technical report due to the Board of Supervisors from the Department of the Environment; adding language to expand the scope of the hearing request for citywide collaboration; include language of climate mitigation efforts; clarify intent for budget priorities; and adding other clarifying and conforming changes. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Peskin, Safai, Haney

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

Ayes: 3 - Peskin, Safai, Haney
[Planning Code - Union Square Park, Recreation, and Open Space Fee]

Sponsor: Peskin

Ordinance amending the Planning Code to change zoning controls for Non-Retail Sales and Service Uses in the C-3-R (Downtown Retail) Zoning District; amending the Planning and Administrative Codes to create the Union Square Park, Recreation, and Open Space Fund and Fee; affirming Planning Department’s determination under the California Environmental Quality Act; making findings of consistency with the General Plan, and the eight priority policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1; and making findings of public necessity, convenience, and welfare pursuant to Planning Code, Section 302.

01/07/19; DUPLICATED. Duplicated from File No. 180916.

01/07/19; AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING NEW TITLE.

01/07/19; CONTINUED TO CALL OF THE CHAIR AS AMENDED.

01/10/19; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Re-referred to department pursuant to Planning Code Section 302(b) for public hearing and recommendation.

03/06/19; RESPONSE RECEIVED. On February 21, 2019, the Planning Commission recommended to approve the proposed ordinance.

03/08/19; NOTICED. First 10-Day Fee Ad for 03/18/2019 Land Use and Transportation Committee hearing published in the Examiner; per Government Code Section 6062(a).

03/13/19; NOTICED. Second 10-Day Fee Ad for 03/18/2019 Land Use and Transportation Committee hearing published in the Examiner; per Government Code Section 6062(a).

Heard in Committee. Speakers: Audrey Butkus (Planning Department); presented information and answered questions raised throughout the discussion. Tuija Catalano (Reuben Junius & Rose); Karin Flood, Executive Director (Union Square Business Improvement District); spoke on various concerns relating to the hearing matter.

Member Haney moved that this Ordinance be AMENDED, AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING NEW TITLE, by updating findings regarding the Park, Recreation, and Open Space requirements in the Union Square C-3-R Downtown Retail Zoning District; clarify language from existing code on the current applicable fee of $4 to $6; and adding other clarifying and conforming changes. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Peskin, Safai, Haney

Ordinance amending the Planning Code to adjust the Union Square Park, Recreation, and Open Space Fee from $4 to $6; affirming Planning Department’s determination under the California Environmental Quality Act; making findings of consistency with the General Plan, and the eight priority policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1; and making findings of public necessity, convenience, and welfare pursuant to Planning Code, Section 302.

RECOMMENDED AS AMENDED by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Peskin, Safai, Haney

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Land Use and Transportation Committee adjourned at the hour of 2:11 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.