

Staff Report for December UFC Meeting

Monthly meeting with the Mayor's office Our monthly meeting for December is pending rescheduling.

Landmark Tree Nominations

Official notification for the hearing dates of the Buckeye discussed at today's meeting were sent to the twenty closest residents of the area on November 3rd, there is a condo complex near the tree, which increased the number of notification sent from the usual eight. Additional notifications were sent to the address listed as the tree's address and the nominator. The Assessor-Recorder's site does not provide mailing addresses for three lots on the affected block, which I believe belong to Cal Train. Cal Train directed me to speak with Cindy Ornellas, who asked me to send her an email with information regarding the nominations, which I sent to her on November 3rd.

I am working on the nomination for the Official City Tree right now.

LMT Certificates I have seen a first draft of the certificate and asked for a few changes to be made, which are forthcoming. I hope to have a draft for you to view by next month's meeting.

LMT Criteria Legislation was not introduced as expected and will likely not be introduced until the new Supervisors are all sworn in and the Board reformation has taken place.

LMT Outreach Work on the informational postcard and landmark tree biographies continues. I met again with our grants manager this week to discussing funding opportunities for the visible identification program.

UFC Appointments The Mayor's office has not made an announcement about who they will assign at this time. The Board has appointed all except one seat.

Urban Forest Plan SFE and Planning are working on setting up a meeting to discuss possible ways to move the plan forward. I'll report back to the Council after this meeting.

Green Christmas The program sold out earlier than ever this year. SFE hosted a tree lot for participants to choose their trees, as the past trees were delivered. The tree lot made the program run much more smoothly and was very successful, nearly everyone picked up their trees at the lot. The event again received a lot of press this year, including radio, television and print news coverage. Rec and Park loaned SFE a truck to use for the event.

Arborist Certification Exam Prep Course The six-week course series held on Thursday evenings in the Eco Center completed just before the San Francisco exam date. The series was sold out, with about 30 slots and 3 City employees in attendance. (DPW, RPD, and Port) Participants reported that the series was helpful to them and the majority of attendees took the exam. Feedback included interest in additional educational opportunities and appreciation for content and speakers as well as concerns about the room layout and climate controls. There are no plans at this point to have additional workshops or classes until the Eco Center reconfiguration has completed.

Tree Planting FUF is having a tree planting in the Bayview district this weekend, which was been partially funded by SFE, offsetting the property owner cost to participate.