

## Staff Report for December UFC Meeting

### UFC Appointments

The Mayoral appointment has not yet been made.

Member Blair resigned from the Council. The newly opened seat is for a community member. More information about the BOS appointment can be found here: <http://www.sfbos.org/index.aspx?page=3052>. The Commission Secretary sent this link to UFC subscribers on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Agenda item may be heard at the Rules Committee; the next hearing is scheduled for January 7<sup>th</sup> though the item may not be heard until a later meeting when the Chair determines a date for the hearing. The Clerk reports that they currently have no applications for the seat and will not hold the hearing if applications aren't received. Former applications are only valid for one year and the Clerk reports that they have no valid hold-over applications. UFC staff and seat applicants will be notified by the BOS of the hearing date once set.

### Landmark Tree

Staff has been working on BOS support for moving the pending nominations forward.

Staff gave a presentation on the program to the Historic Preservation Commission, one of the five official nomination sources, on December 2.

### San Francisco Urban Gleaning Project

Current work is focusing on defining use agreements and completing curriculum on safe harvesting practices, tree and site selection, and care of new and mature trees. We may have the opportunity to include one or two more project partners, if any of you have suggestions.

### Strategic Planning

The UFC's Strategic Planning session was held on November 20<sup>th</sup>. For those of you who weren't there, the session focused on what the UFC's goals and achievements have been to date and how to move current goals forward. Though there was a lot of interesting discussion about how the Council has been working and suggestions about alternate work models, time ran short and not all agenda items were completed.

Teri Jourgenson, from DHR, very generously offered to provide facilitation for a follow up session with Council members to complete an action plan. Scheduling this event will be discussed at the next Planning and Funding Committee meeting.

### Green Christmas Program

This was the fifth year for the Dreaming of a Green Christmas Program. There are still a few trees available to order. Please visit [sfenvironment.org/greenchristmas](http://sfenvironment.org/greenchristmas) for more information.

### Climate Action Planning

Staff has been assisting SFE's Climate Action Coordinator with that program's carbon mapping and off-set program.

### Education

We continued our collaboration with the Main Library's Green Stacks program with a presentation by Fred Bove, formerly the Director of Adult Education at Strybing Arboretum, who gave a presentation on greening small and unexpected spaces. The successful event was attended by approx. 60 people.

### Environment Now

The UF program is working with the SFE's new Environment Now program, funded through the federally subsidized Jobs Now program, to create programming centered on urban greening projects. We're currently considering street tree planting and maintenance, outreach for City urban forestry programs and projects, and community garden and urban farming initiatives. If there is a project or program you would like support for, please contact staff to discuss.

**Please Note:** I'll be out of the office from December 23<sup>rd</sup>, returning to the office on January 4<sup>th</sup>. During this time I may have limited access to my direct email, and will have no access to phone messages or the UFC email account.

