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Director's Report

PLANNING DIRECTOR:
JOHN RAHAIM

WEEK OF JULY 16 - 20, 2012

BUDGET UPDATE

On Monday June 18, Director Rahaim presented an overview of the department's FY12-14 budget to the Board of Supervisor's Budget and Finance Committee. At that time, the department had not reached agreement on the proposed Budget Analyst budget reductions. The department budget was heard again on Monday June 25 to respond to follow up information requests from various Supervisors and the Budget Analyst. On Friday June 29, the Budget and Finance Committee approved the City's budget that included the following reductions totaling \$243,190 to the department's FY12-13 budget from what the Mayor proposed on May 1:

1. Delay the hiring date of the 2 Planner IIIs that will work on the proposed Warrior's Arena from July 1 to August 1. This one month delay will result in cost savings of \$22,240;
2. Reduce the department's temporary salaries budget by \$53,950 in FY12-13 and \$80,925 in FY13-14; and
3. Reduce Environmental Planning's professional and specialized services budget by \$167,000 in FY12-13.

Overall, the department's budget requests to the Mayor that will be funded by the City's General Fund remained largely intact throughout the Budget and Finance Committee's review. The department's General Fund Support will increase by more 150% from the FY11-12 budget to nearly \$4.8 Million - the highest General Fund support the department has seen over the past 13 fiscal years. These items include the following:

- Capital funding for the Better Market Street, Pavement to Parks, and Street Tree Inventory projects;
- The remaining funding for the Permit & Project Tracking System project;
- Funding for the Transportation Sustainability Program and Central Corridor EIRs;
- 2 dedicated Environmental Review staff to work on public projects;
- An additional \$500,000 to cover increasing City Attorney work order costs;
- An additional Planner to support the Legislative Affairs function;
- Resources to work on the Strengthening Neighborhoods program; and
- Resources to work on the Ocean Beach Initiative/Western Shoreline Area Plan.

Upon enactment of the FY12-14 Annual Appropriation Ordinance in late July, the department will issue a budget memo to the Commissions confirming the final FY12-14 budget for the department

AWARDS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS



SF Planning Wins "Greatest Community-wide Impact" at Green & Blue Awards: The annual Green & Blue Awards celebrate outstanding accomplishments and leadership in the field of sustainability by City staff and departments.

Nominations for the awards come from descriptions in the Departmental Climate Action Plans and from program staff at SF Environment, the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, and the Mayors Office.

These following Planning efforts were nominated by Mayor's Office, Department of the Environment, and

the SFPUC for the "Greatest Community-wide Impact" Award.

Congratulations to the following teams for their hard work on the following projects:

Transbay (core team)

Jose Campos
David Alumbaugh
Joshua Switzky
Sarah B. Jones
Kate McGee (eco districts)

Pavement to Parks Program (winning project)

David Alumbaugh
Andres Power
Ilaria Salvadori
Paul Chasan
Kay Cheng
Alexis Smith

Bird-Safe Standards

AnMarie Rodgers
Tina Tam
Erika Lovejoy
David Winslow

Urban Agriculture Ordinance

AnMarie Rodgers
Diego Sanchez

Many thanks to Lulu Hwang, our Climate Liaison, for highlighting these projects in this year's Climate Action Plan.

Employee Milestone Achievement Awards: Earlier this month, the Planning Department celebrated over 100 staff for their years of dedication and service to the Planning Department. This is the first time the department has ever officially credited staff through an employee recognition program.

List of staff and last major milestone achieved:



5 Years of Service

Adam Varat	Sophie Hayward	Brett Bollinger
Virnaliza Byrd	Stephen Wertheim	Claudia Flores
Aaron Starr	Tara Sullivan	Debra Dwyer
Aksel Olsen	Timothy Frye	Karen Zhu
Alicia John-Baptiste	Aaron Hollister	Lisa Chau
Edgar Oropeza	Adrian Putra	Margaret Yuen
Elizabeth Watty	Amnon Ben-Pazi	Jon Swae
Erika Jackson	Andrea Contreras	Lily Langlois
Gary Chen	Brian Smith	Shelley Caltagirone
Josie Lee	Brittany Bendix	Michael Webster
Kate Conner	Christine Lamorena	Neil Hrushowy
Kearstin Dischinger	Corey Teague	Sarah Jones
Kimberly Durandet	Diego R Sánchez	Scott Sanchez
Michael Jacinto	Donald Lewis	Viktoriya Wise
Sarah Dennis Phillips	Jessica Range	



10 Years of Service

David Alumbaugh	Randall Dean	Mat Snyder
Ozzie Taeb	Rick Crawford	Nora Priego
Sharon Young	Tina Tam	Rick Cooper
AnMarie Rodgers	Ben Fu	Mark Luellen
Cathy Thai	Donnie Wong	Nannie Turrell
Christine Haw	Joshua Switzky	Sandra Soto-Grondona
Dario Jones	Kate McGee	Maria D. Oropeza-Mander
Kevin Brusatori	Kelley Amdur	Michael Smith
Teresa Ojeda	Sara Vellve	Moses Corrette
Daniel Sider	Susan Exline	Rachna
Glenn Cabrerros	Yvonne Ko	
Lisa Gibson	Jonas Ionin	



15 Years of Service

Andrea Green
F. Delvin Washington
Joy Navarrete
Mary Woods
Isoken Omokaro
Janice Shambray
Micheal Sanders



20 Years of Service

Jonathan Purvis
Julian Banales
Patricia Gerber
Alton Chinn
David Lindsay
Gladys Fausto-Chan
Irene Nishimura



25 Years of Service

Agnes Lau
Susan Wong
Bill Wycko
Georgia Powell
Tom Wang
Lulu Hwang



30 Years of Service

Linda Avery-Herbert



35 Years of Service

Irene Cheng Tam

PUBLIC EVENTS



BETTER MARKET STREET WORKSHOPS

Join us at one of our free workshops and help us create a new vision for Market Street. You'll see initial ideas for a Better Market Street (from Octavia Boulevard to the Embarcadero) on mobility and design. Give us your opinion and talk to urban planners and other transit, bike, and pedestrian mobility experts.

Public Workshop #1

July 17, 2012
6:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Municipal Transportation Agency
One South Van Ness Avenue
2nd Floor, Atrium

Public Workshop #2

July 21, 2012
10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Municipal Transportation Agency
One South Van Ness Avenue
2nd Floor, Atrium

Public Webinar

July 19, 2012
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
Register at <http://bettermarketstreetsf.org/>