

From: Mary McAllister  
Sent: Thursday, September 10, 2015 9:56 AM  
To: Lotus Fong  
Subject: Re: Conservation Committee Agenda?

Lotus, Have you asked that our issue be put on the agenda for the Conservation Committee meeting on 9/15 yet? If so, do you have an answer yet? Please recall that we also need to know if a former or a non-member will be allowed to speak and how long we will have to speak. If we are not allowed to address the Conservation Committee would you be willing to meet with us so that at least you understand our concerns?

Thank you,  
Mary McAllister

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From: Lotus Fong  
Sent: Saturday, September 05, 2015 7:51 PM  
To: Mary McAllister

Subject: Re: Conservation Committee Agenda?

Hi Mary and Howard's daughter Iris,

I'm sorry I didn't reply sooner but I'm waiting to get the monthly e-mail from Karen Babbitt, chair of the Conservation Committee which she sends out before the meeting each month asking for agenda items. As soon as I get it, I'll submit this request and cc: you.

You're welcome to attend the third Tues of the month (Sept 15) 6 pm at Second and Mission, 3/F Yosemite conference room. [Members may speak only on agenda items.]

Lotus

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From: Mary McAllister  
To: lyfong@pacbell.net  
Sent: Saturday, September 5, 2015 2:33 PM

Subject: Conservation Committee Agenda?

Hi Lotus, I'm one of the people who organized the demonstration at the Sierra Club on August 25th to protest the Club's support for deforestation and pesticide use in the Bay Area as well as its suit to demand removal of all non-native trees in the East Bay Hills. We delivered a petition to the Chapter office which now has over 2,400 signatures. Many petition signers are Club members. You can look at the petition [HERE](#).

Your email of August 26th to Howard Keylor has been forwarded to me, in which you mention the possibility that you might be able to get this issue on the agenda of the Conservation Committee meeting on September 15th. We very much appreciate your offer. Since we haven't heard the response to your request, I am writing to ask if you were able to get this issue on the agenda.

If so, we would like to provide two speakers. [Redacted] will explain how the Club's support for ecological "restorations" has affected San Francisco. [Redacted] has been advocating for the preservation of the Sutro Forest for many years and she has attended meetings of the Conservation Committee as a Club member. Another speaker will speak about the impact in the East Bay. We need to know if Club membership would be required of the speaker for the East Bay. We also need to know how much time we would have to speak. It is an issue about which we have done a great deal of research, so we could take as much time as would be allowed.

If the Conservation Committee is unwilling to put this item on its agenda (and it has refused to do so many times in the past), we would like to ask to meet with you. We would be grateful if at least one member of Sierra Club leadership would understand our concerns about the destruction of our urban forest and the use of pesticides in our public parks and open spaces.

Thank you for whatever help you can give us to be heard.

Mary McAllister