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Graffiti Advisory Board

Minutes for April 13, 2017
30 Van Ness Avenue, 5th Floor
San Francisco, California

- **Call to Order:** 3:33 p.m., the meeting was called to order.

PRESENT

MAYOR – Alex Popovics
SF Public Works – Larry Stringer
SFUSD – Adiv Spiegel
SFPD – Martin Ferreira
SFRPD – Eric Pawlowsky
Seat 1 – Jean Barish
Seat 2 – Robert Bardell
Seat 3 – Jason Yee
Seat 7 – Peter Gleichenhaus
Seat 8 – Doug Hayward
Seat 9 – Todd Berman
Seat 13 – Darcy Brown
Seat 15 – Daniel Kling
Seat 16 – Rebecca Delgado Rottman
Seat 18 – Gregory Dillon

ABSENT

SFMTA – Gretchen Rude
SFDA – Justine Cephus
Seat 5 – Jana Lord
Seat 6 – Daniel Pan
Seat 10 – Howard Hsu
Seat 14 – Dee Dee Workman (Excused)
Seat 17 – Amy Landgraf

Seat 4 – VACANT
Seat 11 – VACANT
Seat 12 – VACANT

- **Others present:** Jimmer Cassiol, SF Public Works; Philip Singh, SF Public Works; Alisha Whitt, SF Public Works; Tedi Vriheas, AT&T; Jason Chan, AT&T; Randall Scott, Union Square Business Improvement District; Archie Wong, SF District Attorney; Alex Bashian, SF District Attorney
- **Welcome and Introductions:** Chair Larry Stringer welcomed Board members and other attendees. Each member and guest introduced themselves. Members checked attendance and established there is a quorum at this time.
- **Public Comment:**
 - There were no public comments at this time.
- **Public comment is closed**
- **Review and approval of the draft March 2017 GAB minutes**

- Motion made by Alex Popovics (Mayor) to approve; Daniel Kling (Seat 15) seconded the motion. Minutes are approved.

- **Chair's Report:**

- **Graffiti Stats:**

- **DPW stat report numbers:** For the period of March 2017 the number of calls for graffiti on public property from public and internal sources was 1,617. This number is up from the same time last year with 1,262 reports received for public property graffiti vandalism. There were 796 non-reported tags abated on public property by Public Works staff in March 2017.
- In February 2017 Public Works staff issued 556 new private property graffiti NOVs (compared to 562 in February 2016), of which 89.6% have been owner abated.
- Of the new NOV cases in February 2017, districts **3** (Chinatown, North Beach, Fisherman's Wharf), **6** (Tenderloin, SOMA, Civic Center), and **9** (Mission, Bernal Heights, Portola) received the most new NOV's with **215** in **D3**, **69** in **D6**, and **94** in **D9**.
- DPW reports show that 125 cases of private graffiti NOVs have gone to blight in February 2017. This number is up from the same time last year with 38 NOV to blight cases.
- **Total number of graffiti cases reported to 3-1-1 in the last 60 days:** private – 3,776 and public 9,495.
- **Membership update:**
 - Vacant/inactive seats: seats #4, #11 and #12. If you know of anyone in these districts please have them submit their application to the Supervisors office. We are in the process of setting up a meeting with the Supervisors to discuss these vacant and/or inactive seats.
- **17th Year Community Clean Team Update:**
 - The next community Clean Team event will take place Saturday, April 22nd in District 6. The kickoff will be at Boeddeker Park located at 246 Eddy Street at Jones (flyers are on table)
 - Also on April 22nd, in partnership with San Francisco Public Works, Recology and SF Clean City, we will be hosting the Gigantic 3 (G3) event in districts 6 and 3:

District 6: Golden Gate Disposal and Recycling, 900 Seventh St. at Berry St.

District 3: Portsmouth Square (Walter U Lum Place Alley), Enter from Washington St.

- **SF Public Works Week Open House:**
 - San Francisco Public Works will host its annual **Public Works Week Open House** on Wednesday, April 26th at the Operations Yard on 2323 Cesar Chavez Street from 9am-12pm. Visitors will participate in hands-on projects at the Public Works metal and carpentry shops, plant with the landscape crew, take a sewer tour, ride on bucket trucks, and much more during this fun and informative event for all ages.

- **Sub-committees:** Please check out the current subcommittee lists and decide if you want to remain on the sub-committee that you are on or if you want to switch to a different sub-committee. If you are not on any of the lists, please sign up for one of the sub-committees **abatement**, **education** or **law enforcement** today.

- **PublicWorksStat Presentation:**
 - Chair Larry Stringer gave a brief presentation regarding the research and data gathered by the PublicWorksStat team for the month of April. The PublicWorksStat team convenes once a month to monitor how SF Public Works is doing in terms of volume and response time. The report encompasses important areas that fall under the Public Works umbrella, including: street cleaning, sewer repair, graffiti, and urban forestry. The data and graphs shared by Larry detail the amount of graffiti related service requests received, response time to 311 service requests, internal reports versus public reports, graffiti volume by zone and geographic area, etc.
**The full PublicWorksStat report on Graffiti for April 2017 can be found at the end of this document.*

- **Old Business:**
 - a) 2017 GAB Year End Report
 - a. GAB members reviewed to approve the content and format of the 2017 Year End Report.
 - b. Motion made by Peter Gleichenhaus (Seat 7) to approve; Jean Barish (Seat 1) seconded the motion. Content and format for the 2017 Year End Report is approved.
 - c. GAB members volunteered to be responsible for each topic. The board will convene in May to review the entries for each section and finalize the organization for which to send the report.

 - b) AT&T Abatement Update
 - a. Tedi Vriheas, Regional Vice President of External Affairs at AT&T, attended the GAB meeting as an AT&T representative. AT&T has had many internal discussions with the focus of resolving the abatement issue. AT&T is currently working with SFPW to increase AT&T volunteer presence and participation during monthly SFPW Clean Team events around the city. Additionally, AT&T has reached out to the union representing its technicians in an effort to see if AT&T technicians can focus on abating graffiti on a more regular basis. The goal of this conversation is to assign each AT&T technician a district in the city and an allotted time every week during which they would be responsible for

abating graffiti on AT&T boxes. AT&T management is fully supportive of the idea and is currently waiting on a response from the union to move forward.

- b. Jimmer Cassiol, Recording Secretary and Facilitator, reminded GAB members of the AT&T issue. Previously, SF311 users reporting graffiti vandalism on AT&T boxes had no option on the drop-down menu to distinguish it as AT&T property. The choices on the drop-down menu were limited to “signal box” or “other”, both of which were then sent to SF311. After the meetings, SF311 added an “AT&T” option in the drop-down menu, which now e-mails all AT&T related requests to AT&T. Also, because there was no clear way for SF311 to determine if AT&T reports were closed out once abated, it was done so automatically after 5 days. This would result in unresolved requests being marked as resolved. SFPW, SF311, and AT&T are in the process of figuring out a better solution for AT&T to notify SF311 when open requests have been closed.

- **Standing Committee Reports**

- Abatement committee:
 - Abatement subcommittee recommended that the Graffiti Advisory Board request the San Francisco News Rack Advisory Committee come to a GAB meeting and provide a report on the status of their programs and recommendations for improvement. The News Rack Advisory Committee should request that all committee members attend this meeting.
- Law enforcement:
 - There were 12 arrests made in March 2017. 11 arrests consisted of adults and 1 arrest included a juvenile.
 - Officer Ferreira authored 3 arrest warrants. 2 of the individuals are in custody, the third was outstanding as of April 15. Video surveillance and community participation were of significant help with these arrests.
- Education:
 - Education sub-committee did not have an update at this time.

- **New Business:**

- Vacant GAB seats #4, #11, & #12 – (discussion and possible action item)
- Draft Letter to Michael Yuen requesting Graffiti Judge: GAB members discussed the possibility of drafting a letter for the Court Executive Officer of the San Francisco Superior Court, Michael Yuen. The letter would request a meeting to discuss the possibility of appointing a judge who can be responsible for all graffiti vandalism cases in San Francisco. GAB members will convene during the May meeting with graffiti related case dispositions to discuss the letter.
 - GAB will have a collective discussion regarding case dispositions during the May 2017 meeting. Following this meeting, GAB plans to have a letter ready to send.
- Graffiti Advisory Board on Social Media:

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- Adiv Spiegel (SFUSD) suggested GAB create a social media presence to engage with younger members of the community. GAB will explore the idea during the May 2017 meeting.

Adjournment: The meeting was closed at 5:00 pm

- Alex Popovics (Mayor) moved to approve the motion to adjourn; Daniel Kling (Seat 15) seconded the motion.

Next Meeting Date: The next Graffiti Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for **3:30 pm** on **Thursday, May 11, 2017** at 30 Van Ness Avenue, 5th Floor, in the Public Works Department of Engineering Main Conference Room.