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Graffiti Advisory Board

Minutes for August 10, 2017
30 Van Ness Avenue, 5th Floor
San Francisco, California

- **Call to Order:** 3:00 p.m., the meeting was called to order.

PRESENT

MAYOR – Alex Popovics
SF Public Works – Larry Stringer
SFMTA – Gretchen Rude
SFPD – Martin Ferreira
SFDA – Thomas Ostly
SFRPD – Eric Pawlowsky
Seat 1 – Jean Barish
Seat 2 – Robert Bardell
Seat 7 – Peter Gleichenhaus
Seat 8 – Doug Hayward
Seat 15 – Daniel Kling
Seat 16 – Rebecca Delgado- Rottman
Seat 17 – Amy Landgraf
Seat 18 – Gregory Dillon

ABSENT

SFUSD – Adiv Spiegel
Seat 3 – Jason Yee
Seat 5 – Jana Lord (Excused)
Seat 6 – Daniel Pan
Seat 9 – Todd Berman (Excused)
Seat 10 – Howard Hsu
Seat 13 – Darcy Brown (Excused)
Seat 14 – Alex Mitra (Excused)

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

- **Others present:** Jimmer Cassiol, SF Public Works; Philip Singh, SF Public Works; Devin Jones, San Francisco Pretrial Diversion Project; Steve Heidi, Graffiti Watch Member
- **Welcome and Introductions:** Chair Larry Stinger 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:**
 - Chair Larry Stringer encouraged GAB members to attend the SFPW Clean Team Event in District 11 on Saturday, August 26, 2017. Volunteers will be planting 500 trees in the district, more than any year previously.
- Public comment is closed
- **Review and approval of the draft May 2017 GAB minutes**
 - Motion made by Peter Gleichenhaus (Seat 7) to approve; Gregory Dillon (Seat 18) seconded the motion. Minutes are approved.

- **Chair's Report:**

- **DPW stat report numbers:** For the period of June 2017 the number of calls for graffiti on public property from public and internal sources was 1,906. This number is up from the same time last year with 1,494 reports received for public property graffiti vandalism. There were 546 non-reported tags abated on public property by Public Works staff in June 2017.
- In May 2017 Public Works staff issued 621 new private property graffiti NOV's (compared to 626 in May 2016), of which 93.6% have been owner abated.
- Of the new NOV cases in May 2017, districts **5** (Fillmore/Western Addition, Hayes Valley, Haight-Ashbury), **6** (Tenderloin, SOMA, Civic Center), and **9** (Mission, Bernal Heights, Portola) received the most new NOV's with **140** in **D5**, **103** in **D6**, and **112** in **D9**.
- DPW reports show that 141 cases of private graffiti NOV's have gone to blight in May 2017. This number is up from the same time last year with 45 NOV to blight cases.
- **DPW stat report numbers:** For the period of July 2017 the number of calls for graffiti on public property from public and internal sources was 1,635. This number is up from the same time last year with 1,005 reports received for public property graffiti vandalism. There were 553 non-reported tags abated on public property by Public Works staff in July 2017.
- In June 2017 Public Works staff issued 675 new private property graffiti NOV's (compared to 671 in June 2016), of which 92.4% have been owner abated.
- Of the new NOV cases in June 2017, districts **3** (Chinatown, North Beach, Fisherman's Wharf), **5** (Fillmore/Western Addition, Hayes Valley, Haight-Ashbury), and **9** (Mission, Bernal Heights, Portola) received the most new NOV's with **121** in **D3**, **120** in **D5**, and **175** in **D9**.
- DPW reports show that 174 cases of private graffiti NOV's have gone to blight in June 2017. This number is up from the same time last year with 38 NOV to blight cases.

- **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, August 26th in District 11. The kickoff will be at Balboa High School located at 1000 Cayuga Avenue (flyers are on table)

- Also on August 26th, in partnership with San Francisco Public Works, Recology and SF Clean City, we will be hosting the Gigantic 3 (G3) event in districts 11 and 10:

District 11: June Jordan School, 325 La Grande Avenue (enter from La Grande)

District 10: Tennessee Street, between 23rd and 24th Streets

- **Congratulations** to Darcy Brown (Seat 13), Alex Mitra (Seat 14), Daniel Kling (Seat 15), Rebecca Delgado- Rottman (Seat 16), and Amy Landgraf (Seat 17) for being appointed to GAB by the Board of Supervisors
- **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.
- **Old Business:**
 - a) AT&T Abatement Update:
 - a. All items from the AT&T queue and drop down menu on SF311 is going directly to AT&T. SF311 sends a weekly report to AT&T that lists the open AT&T cases. AT&T sends SFPW a bi-weekly report that details which open cases have been closed out and which open cases have been mislabeled as AT&T property.
 - i. Currently, since AT&T reports to SF311 bi-weekly, there is a gap in time between when AT&T closes a case and when SF311 receives a closure report. This makes it seem as if AT&T is closing out cases much later than the agreed time frame they have with SFPW. SFPW, SF311, and AT&T are exploring real time reporting options to address this issue.
 - ii. GAB will invite Supervisor Cohen to the September 2017 meeting to further discuss this issue
 - b) FY 16-17 GAB Year End Report:
 - a. GAB is waiting on statistics from the SFUSD to finish the report. Edits to the report were discussed. GAB plans to finalize the report during September 2017 meeting.
 - c) Graffiti vandalism information packet for SF judges:
 - a. GAB will put together a document that will go into booking packets at the time of arraignment. The document will include concrete information and statistics regarding the case (how much money the vandal cost the city, what the impact of the vandal has been, prior incidents, etc.). The document will be presented to the judge in an effort to educate them about the overall negative impact the graffiti vandal has had on the city, as well as provide recommendations for punishment.
 - i. Tom Ostly from SFDA will draft a sample document for GAB to review during the September 2017 meeting.
- **New Business:**

- AT&T Letter:
 - SFPW drafted a letter to AT&T to thank them for starting the process of abating graffiti on their property and regularly reporting their progress back to SFPW. Board members discussed the contents of the letter, made suggested edits to the draft, and debated whether or not to send the letter to AT&T.
 - GAB motioned to approve sending AT&T a letter
 - Alex Popovics (Mayor's Seat) moved to approve the motion; Rebecca Delgado- Rottman (Seat 16) seconded the motion.
 - GAB will vote to approve the final version of the letter during the September 2017 meeting
- BSM News Rack Letter:
 - The abatement subcommittee drafted a letter to the SFPW Bureau of Street Use and Mapping to address the ongoing news rack abatement issue, as well as invite the BSM team to present to GAB the work they are doing to resolve the issue.
 - GAB will vote to approve the final version of the letter during the September 2017 meeting

Adjournment: The meeting was closed at 5:00 pm

- Robert Bardell (Seat 2) moved to approve the motion to adjourn; Rebecca Delgado-Rottman (Seat 16) seconded the motion.

Next Meeting Date: The next Graffiti Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for **3:30 pm** on **Thursday, September 14, 2017** at 30 Van Ness Avenue, 5th Floor, in the Public Works Department of Engineering Main Conference Room.