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Graffiti Advisory Board

Minutes for May 11, 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 2 – Robert Bardell
Seat 3 – Jason Yee
Seat 5 – Jana Lord
Seat 6 – Daniel Pan
Seat 7 – Peter Gleichenhaus
Seat 8 – Doug Hayward
Seat 13 – Darcy Brown
Seat 15 – Daniel Kling
Seat 16 – Rebecca Delgado Rottman
Seat 18 – Gregory Dillon

ABSENT

SFUSD – Adiv Spiegel
Seat 1 – Jean Barish (Excused)
Seat 9 – Todd Berman (Excused)
Seat 10 – Howard Hsu
Seat 14 – Dee Dee Workman
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; Victor Lee, SF Pretrial Diversion Project; Randall Scott, Union Square Business Improvement District; Karla Jones, Graffiti Watch Member; Cammy Blackstone, AT&T
- **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 April 2017 GAB minutes**

- Motion made by Alex Popovics (Mayor) to approve; Eric Pawlowsky (SFRPD) seconded the motion. Minutes are approved.

- **Chair's Report:**

- **Graffiti Stats:**

- **DPW stat report numbers:** For the period of April 2017 the number of calls for graffiti on public property from public and internal sources was 1,404. This number is up from the same time last year with 1,351 reports received for public property graffiti vandalism. There were 690 non-reported tags abated on public property by Public Works staff in April 2017.
- In March 2017 Public Works staff issued 560 new private property graffiti NOV's (compared to 627 in March 2016), of which 91.8% have been owner abated.
- Of the new NOV cases in March 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 **147** in **D3**, **91** in **D6**, and **141** in **D9**.
- DPW reports show that 184 cases of private graffiti NOV's have gone to blight in March 2017. This number is up from the same time last year with 52 NOV to blight cases.
- **Total number of graffiti cases reported to 3-1-1 in the last 60 days: private – 2,467 and public 5,651.**
- **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.
 - The term for seats 1-17 expired on April 10, 2017. Members who are required to renew their term were contacted via email on Thursday, May 4 with instructions regarding the renewal process.
- **17th Year Community Clean Team Update:**
 - The next community Clean Team event will take place Saturday, May 13th in District 8. The kickoff will be at Mission High School located at 3750 18th Street (flyers are on table)
 - Also on May 13th, in partnership with San Francisco Public Works, Recology and SF Clean City, we will be hosting the Gigantic 3 (G3) event in districts 8 and 9:

District 8: James Lick Middle School (1220 Noe Street) between 25th and Clipper Streets

District 9: Fire Station #7, 2300 Folsom Street at 19th Street

- **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. Larry Stringer had a conference call with AT&T to discuss ongoing challenges. DPW will review the existing legislation it has with AT&T because AT&T claims they must submit quarterly reports under the current agreement. DPW communicated to AT&T that 72 hour reports were necessary because quarterly reports do not accurately reflect that AT&T is abating graffiti in a timely manner. DPW will review the existing legislation and amend it if needed.
 - b. Cammy Blackstone from AT&T mentioned AT&T is alarmed by the volume of graffiti and how much they spend on abating graffiti annually. AT&T is working on a method to match up appropriate SF311 requests and notify SF311 when requests are closed out. The goal is to report back to SF311 biweekly with updates on service requests that have been abated.
 - b) 2017 GAB Year End Report
 - a. GAB members are finishing their entries. The board is waiting on case dispositions for 2016.
 - c) Draft Letter to Michael Yuen requesting Graffiti Judge: Larry Stringer is waiting on case dispositions before meeting to request a graffiti judge.

- **Standing Committee Reports**
 - Abatement committee:
 - Abatement subcommittee is working on securing two presentations for the June GAB meeting. One presentation would be with the SF Bureau of Street Management team, and the other would be with GAB members Jana Lord and Alex Popovics to provide an overview of the Freestanding Pedestal and News Rack Ordinance.
 - Law enforcement:
 - There were 10 arrests made in April 2017. All arrests consisted of adults.
 - 3 graffiti vandalism arrest warrants were authored for 2 adults caught on camera.
 - Education:
 - Education sub-committee did not have an update at this time. The committee is still preparing to roll out the Graffiti Awareness campaign in the coming months.

Adjournment: The meeting was closed at 4:52 pm

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- Alex Popovics (Mayor) moved to approve the motion to adjourn; Doug Hayward (Seat 8) seconded the motion.

Next Meeting Date: The next Graffiti Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for **3:30 pm** on **Thursday, June 8, 2017** at 30 Van Ness Avenue, 5th Floor, in the Public Works Department of Engineering Main Conference Room.