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Graffiti Advisory Board

Minutes for October 13, 2016
30 Van Ness Avenue, 5th Floor
San Francisco, California

- **Call to Order:** 3:35 p.m., the meeting was called to order.

PRESENT

MAYOR – Alex Popovics
SFMTA – Gretchen Rude
SFRPD – Eric Pawlowsky
SFPD – Martin Ferreira
Seat 2 – Robert Bardell
Seat 6 – Daniel Pan
Seat 7 – Peter Gleichenhaus
Seat 8 – Doug Hayward
Seat 9 – Todd Berman
Seat 10 – Howard Hsu
Seat 15 – Daniel Kling
Seat 18 – Gregory Dillon

ABSENT

DPW – Larry Stringer (EXC)
SFUSD – Robert Sakurai
SFMTA – Virgil Arostegui
SFDA – Justine Cephus
Seat 3 – Jason Yee (EXC)
Seat 5 – Jana Lord (EXC)
Seat 13 – Darcy Brown (EXC)
Seat 14 – Dee Dee Workman (EXC)
Seat 16 – Rebecca Delgado Rottman (EXC)
Seat 17 – Amy Landgraf

Seat 1 – VACANT
Seat 4 – VACANT
Seat 11 – VACANT
Seat 12 – VACANT

- **Others present:** Jimmer Cassiol, SF Public Works; Philip Singh, SF Public Works; Yano Rivera, Mural Restoration Expert; Derek Chamberlain; Karla Jones
- **Welcome and Introductions:** Facilitator and Recording Secretary Jimmer Cassiol welcomed Board members and other attendees. Each member and guest introduced themselves. Members checked attendance and established there is no quorum at this time.

- Public Comment:
 - Yano Rivera – Mural Restoration Expert
 - Yano Rivera, a mural restoration expert, gave a slideshow presentation detailing his work restoring defaced public murals. He has worked in New York, Texas, Bethlehem, and Israel to restore and preserve vandalized monuments.
 - Rivera's work consists of tracing and painting over graffiti vandalism to restore works after receiving original artist's permission.
 - Rivera previously asked Mohammed Nuru for funding to restore defaced art pieces in San Francisco. Nuru declined Rivera's request and suggested he visit the G.A.B.
 - Rivera's goal is to contribute his talents to abatement, enforcement, and education and work with DPW to create a Mural Rescue Program in San Francisco.
 - Public comment is closed
- **Review and approval of the draft September 2016 GAB minutes**
 - Minutes not approved due to no quorum

- **Chair's Report:**

Graffiti Stats:

- **DPW stat report numbers:** For the period of September 2016 the number of calls for graffiti on public property from public and internal sources was 1,086. This number is up slightly from the same time last year with 1,075 reports received for public property graffiti vandalism. There were 1,185 non-reported tags abated on public property by Public Works staff in September 2016.
- In August 2016 Public Works staff issued 806 new private property graffiti NOVs (compared to 775 in August 2015), of which 89.2% have been owner abated.
- Of the new NOV cases in August 2016, 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 **130 in D3, 107 in D6, and 235 in D9. District 9 has an extremely high number!**
- DPW reports show that 32 cases of private graffiti NOVs have gone to blight in August 2016. This number is down from the same time last year with 94 NOV to blight cases
- **Total number of graffiti cases reported to 3-1-1 in the last 60 days:** private – 4,162 and public 7,343.
- **Membership update:** Welcome new members Daniel Pan (seat 6), Howard Hsu (seat 10) and Jason Yee (seat #3).

- Vacant/inactive seats: seats #1, #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 meeting with the Supervisors to discuss these vacant and/or inactive seats.
- **45th Annual beautification Awards** are taking place on Monday, October 17th at The Marine's memorial Club, Crystal Room located at 609 Sutter St. at Mason. Event time is 5:30 – 7:30 pm (flyers are on the table)
- **16th Year Community Clean Team Update:**
 - The next community Clean Team event will take place this Saturday, October 22nd in district 7 and the kickoff will be at Lowell High School located at 1101 Eucalyptus Drive (flyers are on table)
 - Also on October 22nd, in partnership with San Francisco Public Works, Recology and SF Clean City, we will be hosting the Gigantic 3 (G3) event in district 7:
 - **District 7: Lake Merced – Sunset Circle**
- **Sub-committees** will begin meeting again – now that the Huddle is behind us. 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.
- **The next GAB meeting (and final meeting for 2016) will be held on Thursday, November 10, 2016.**
- **Old Business:**
- **Standing Committee Reports**
 - Abatement committee:
 - News Rack Legislation item: With Supervisor Breed as a sponsor, abatement committee will begin the process for an editorial adjustment of News Rack Ordinance so DPW can improve conditions and maintenance of news racks in the city.
 - Committee identified AT&T as violator of Spirit of Anti- Illegal Graffiti campaign; team will gather data and information to begin process of encouraging AT&T to take responsibility of violations in a timely manner. Goal is to target AT&T in a similar fashion as GAB did with USPS.
 - Law enforcement:
 - There was 1 arrest made this month as a result of video identification; MTA video surveillance has significantly reduced Muni related graffiti vandalism incidents.
 - Education:

- Education sub-committee did not meet this week due to only one member being present.
- **New Business:**
 - Vacant GAB seats #1, #4, #11, & #12 – (discussion and possible action item)
 - 2017 GAB Meeting Calendar:
 - GAB was provided a draft of the 2017 meeting calendar but could not vote to approve due to no quorum.
 - 3-1-1 Mobile App User Experience Meeting:
 - GAB should have a meeting in early 2017 (January or February) to discuss the 3-1-1 mobile app. All attendees should interact with the app prior to the meeting to provide feedback regarding user experience pros and cons.

Adjournment: The meeting was closed at 5:00 pm

Next Meeting Date: The final Graffiti Advisory Board meeting for 2016 is scheduled for **Thursday, November 10, 2016** at 30 Van Ness Avenue, 5th Floor, in the Public Works Department of Engineering Main Conference Room.