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Graffiti Advisory Board

Minutes for September 14, 2017

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
SF Public Works – Larry Stringer
SFMTA – Gretchen Rude
SFPD – Martin Ferreira
SFDA – Thomas Ostly
SFRPD – Eric Pawlowsky
Seat 2 – Robert Bardell
Seat 7 – Peter Gleichenhaus
Seat 14 – Alex Mitra
Seat 15 – Daniel Kling
Seat 16 – Rebecca Delgado- Rottman

ABSENT

SFUSD – Adiv Spiegel
Seat 1 – Jean Barish
Seat 3 – Jason Yee
Seat 5 – Jana Lord (Excused)
Seat 6 – Daniel Pan
Seat 8 – Doug Hayward (Excused)
Seat 9 – Todd Berman (Excused)
Seat 10 – Howard Hsu
Seat 13 – Darcy Brown (Excused)
Seat 17 – Amy Landgraf (Excused)
Seat 18 – Gregory Dillon (Excused)

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

- **Others present:** Yoyo Chan, SF Board of Supervisors; Cammy Blackstone, AT&T; Jimmer Cassiol, SF Public Works; Philip Singh, SF Public Works; Alisha Whitt, SF Public Works
- **Welcome and Introductions:** Co-chair Jana Lord welcomed Board members and other attendees. Each member and guest introduced themselves. Members checked attendance and established there is a quorum at this time.
- **Presentation by Yoyo Chan, Supervisor Cohen’s Office:**
 - Yoyo Chan made a presentation to GAB regarding an amendment to the existing Surface Mounted Facilities Ordinance, also known as Article 27. From the Supervisor’s perspective, the main purpose of this legislation is to streamline the process that allows providers to build the necessary infrastructure for high speed

internet for all San Francisco residents. The five amendments that this legislation promotes include:

- Creating an option to pay an in-lieu fee to the city for the installation of trees and amending the existing tree maintenance requirements to be consistent with Prop B;
- Removing the 100 square foot landscaping requirement that is currently in the code and has been deemed unworkable;
- Creating an option to pay an in lieu fee for the current mural requirement if the neighborhood prefers a beautification option other than a mural; Allowing for permittees to make modest changes (up to .0125 cubic feet) on existing boxes without the need for obtaining a new permit;
- Cleaning up certain provisions to implement the court order from the previous litigation that conflicted with CPUC code
- Ultimately, Supervisor Cohen believes these changes strike a balance in providing a minimum increase of these boxes while helping to deliver the infrastructure and public improvements needed in San Francisco
- Legislation was voted on by the committee with a positive recommendation and will go to the full Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, September 19, 2017.

- **Public Comment:**

- There were no public comments at this time

- Public comment is closed

- **Review and approval of the draft August 2017 GAB minutes**

- Motion made by Jana Lord (Seat 5) to approve; Alex Popovics (Mayor's Seat) seconded the motion. Minutes are approved.

- **Chair's Report:**

- **Public Works stat report numbers:** For the period of August 2017 the number of calls for graffiti on public property from public and internal sources was 1,566. This number is up from the same time last year with 1,451 reports received for public property graffiti vandalism. There were 482 non-reported tags abated on public property by Public Works staff in August 2017.

- In July 2017 Public Works staff issued 477 new private property graffiti NOVs (compared to 712 in July 2016), of which 92.5% have been owner abated.

- Of the new NOV cases in July 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 **83** in **D3**, **98** in **D6**, and **119** in **D9**.

- **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, September 16th in District 3. The kickoff will be at Francisco Middle School located at 2190 Powell Street (flyers are on table)
- Also on September 16th, in partnership with San Francisco Public Works, Recology and SF Clean City, we will be hosting the Gigantic 3 (G3) event in districts 3 and 2:

District 3: Portsmouth Square (Walter U Lum Place Alley), 733 Kearny Street

District 2: Marina Green East Parking Lot, Marina Boulevard at Webster 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. GAB members asked AT&T representative, Cammy Blackstone, whether or not AT&T has a maintenance tracking system that tracks the work done by AT&T on their boxes and existing property. After finding out that an internal maintenance tracking and reporting system for AT&T does exist, it was suggested that AT&T see if it would be possible to incorporate SF311 service requests into their existing system. This could potentially help AT&T provide SF Public Works real time report closures once the graffiti has been abated.

- b) Draft News Rack Letter:

- a. Alex Popovics, Mayor's Seat, reported to the GAB that the News Rack Advisory Board had their first meeting in two years. The SF Bureau of Street Use and Mapping (BSM) has lagged considerably due to a change in personnel and existing internal issues. BSM is currently in the process of unearthing lost data from previous years that detail the work they have done.
- b. Popovics thanked the GAB for drafting a letter that will encourage city government to allocate the resources necessary to resolving the BSM issue.
- c. Popovics moved to approve the BSM letter. GAB members voted to approve the letter.

- c) Draft AT&T Follow Up Letter:

- a. GAB members suggested a minor change to the existing AT&T draft letter
- b. Darcy Brown (Seat 13) moved to approve the letter as amended. Rebecca Delgado-Rottman (Seat 16) seconded the motion. GAB members approved the AT&T letter.

- d) 16-17 GAB Year End Report:

- a. GAB members clarified the dates being reported. Additional changes regarding report structure and format were suggested. Changes will be made and GAB will review updated draft during the October 2017 meeting.
- e) Graffiti vandalism information packet for SF judges:
 - a. Tom Ostly from SFDA office asked if GAB would be in favor of search conditions for people with pending graffiti cases. Judges can impose any conditions that are appropriate based on the nature of the case. If a search condition is placed on an individual, they can be searched on any day and at any time without a warrant. Additionally, the question of allowing vandals to carry graffiti related tools came up. GAB members agreed they are in favor of search conditions and oppose allowing vandals to carry graffiti tools regardless of intended use.
 - b. Tom Ostly will write up a summary of the information packet for GAB approval during the October 2017 meeting.
- f) GAB on Social Media:
 - a. GAB members discussed possible content, moderators, and purpose for a GAB presence on social media. Members decided a Twitter account with rotating administrators could be a possible route. If there are multiple administrators, GAB will establish a set of best practices to ensure consistency.
 - b. GAB must refer to the official board rules regarding social media since the account would represent the city.
 - c. GAB members also suggested curating content for existing city official social media accounts instead of having a separate GAB page
 - d. GAB members will discuss the matter further during the October 2017 meeting

- **Standing Committee Reports**

- Abatement committee:
 - Abatement subcommittee recommended GAB consider another Huddle event in early 2018.
 - There is an issue regarding graffiti on sidewalks that cannot be painted over since property owners are responsible for sidewalks up to the curb. The city does provide assistance to property owners with this issue as a courtesy. The abatement subcommittee thinks GAB should provide a recommendation to the city to increase the amount of equipment and resources devoted to this effort.
- Law enforcement:
 - There were 9 arrests made in August 2017. 8 arrests consisted of adults, 1 arrest was a juvenile.
 - SFPD will be running a 96 hour long community service abatement project in the upcoming weeks.
- Education:
 - Rebecca Delgado-Rottman (Seat 16) was elected as the new chair of the subcommittee.

- **New Business:**

- 2018 Huddle/Round Table:

- a) Chair Larry Stringer met with internationally renowned muralists who are planning to visit San Francisco in 2018 to install murals on public facing walls. The muralists would like to work with well-known artists from the Bay Area to create these works of art. Larry Stringer proposed a Huddle or round table discussion between the muralists and GAB members to add to the ongoing art vs. graffiti conversation. More details regarding the visit will follow in the coming months.

Adjournment: The meeting was closed at 5:00 pm

- Darcy Brown (Seat 13) moved to approve the motion to adjourn; Alex Popovics (Mayor's Seat) seconded the motion.

Next Meeting Date: The next Graffiti Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for **3:30 pm** on **Thursday, October 12, 2017** at 30 Van Ness Avenue, 5th Floor, in the Public Works Department of Engineering Main Conference Room.