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Graffiti Advisory Board
Thursday, March 14, 2019
Regular Meeting 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
30 Van Ness Avenue, 5th Floor
Department of Engineering Main Conference Room
San Francisco, California

Minutes

1. Call to Order – 3:35 PM
2. Welcome and Introductions – Present: L. Stringer, M.Ferreira, J. Wong, J. Barrish, R. Bardell, C. Martin, C. Blackstone, P. Gleichenhaus, D. Kling, M. Petricca, A. Whitt, L. Alfaro, M. Hernandez, J. Murray. (NO QUORUM)
3. Public Comment - The public may comment on any matter within the Advisory Board's jurisdiction at this time. Please comment on agenda items below when the item is called. Comments may be limited to two minutes at the discretion of the Chair - (discussion item)
Larry – Please join us for the D11 Community Clean Team Arbor Day Tree Planting and Eco Fair.
4. **DBI Presentation** – Mauricio Hernandez – Chief Building Inspector/Code Enforcement
- John Murray –
Answer questions involving ordinances regarding maintenance of exteriors and removal of graffiti. Combines all violations at a property for the year. They really don't have any strict enforcement to correct violations in comparison to SFPW – Graffiti Unit.
DBI Ordinance is yearly. Only allowed to write NOV once a year. Owners get minimal penalties. \$1500 penalty. Example given is a two story building that has extreme fire damage and cannot abate graffiti and crews do not have access because of red tag status.
Vacant Buildings need to be registered. Instances of hardship because damaged building and insurance payment are common, but the DBI's NOV is once a year.
Blight Ordinance is in agreement with various city departments on how it can be enforced. Internal Department meeting should be arranged to gain full understanding of provisions. City Attorney is responsible for deciding to litigate, but will not happen if there is no money (Example Building).
Blight ordinance was intended to give 15 day period to make any necessary corrections needed.
Vacant Buildings need to be registered or owner needs to show that it does not fall in the vacant category (tenant lease).
Blight ordinance is tied to yearly tax so that lean doesn't move forward.
Vacant Store Front ordinance is moving forward. Adding a penalty x4 if they do not register building as a vacant storefront. \$4000 fee if they do not register. Meant to encourage voluntary registration. Space could be made available as well while they look for a permanent tenant. Abundance of vacant store fronts along commercial corridors.
5. Approval of draft **February Draft** minutes - (discussion and action item)

6. Report by Chair - (discussion and possible action item) –

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Graffiti Advisory Board: Chair's Report

Absences Excused and Vacancies/Inactive:

- Gretchen Rude (SFMTA)
- Jana Lord (Seat 5)
- Doug Hayward (Seat 8)
- Todd Berman (Seat 9)
- Grace Breyley (Seat 11)
- Darcy Brown (Seat 13)
- Margeaux Casillas (Seat 17)
- Greg Dillon (Seat 18)
- Mayor's – **VACANT**
- Seat 10 – **VACANT**
- Seat 12 – **VACANT**
- Seat 14 – **VACANT**

Graffiti Stats:

- **Public Works Stat report numbers:** For the period of February 2019 the number of calls for graffiti on public property reported by the public and internal sources was 1,759. This number is down from the same time last year with 1,897 reports of graffiti vandalism on public property. There were 297 non-reported graffiti tags abated on public property by Public Works staff in February 2019.
- **Private Property Stats:**
- In January 2019 Public Works staff issued 411 new private property graffiti NOV's (compared to 513 in January 2018), of which 91.5% have been owner abated.
- Of the new NOV cases in January 2019, districts 9 (Mission, Bernal Heights, Portola), 6 (Tenderloin, SOMA, Civic Center), and 11 (Excelsior, Ingleside, Outer Mission) received the most new NOV's with 105 in D9, 56 in D6, and 52 in D11.
- DPW reports show that 193 cases of private graffiti NOV's have gone to blight in January 2019. This number is down from the same time last year with 213 NOV to blight cases.
- **Membership update:**
 - Vacant/inactive seats: Mayor's Appointee, #10, #12 (Serving Youth), and #14 SF Chamber of Commerce.
 - Some of the seats are expired and I would like to ask you to please reapply for your seat if you have not done so already.
 - If you know of anyone interested in applying for the vacant seats, please have them contact Jimmer Cassiol or Leo Alfaro for information on the application process.
- **19th Year Community Clean Team Update:**
 - The next community Clean Team event will take place Saturday, March 16th in District 11. The kickoff will be at James Denman Middle School, located at 241 Oneida Avenue. (Kickoff located at school's back parking lot 240 Seneca Ave.)
 - Also on March 16th , in partnership with San Francisco Public Works, Recology, and Asian Pacific American Community Center, we will be hosting two Gigantic 3 (G3) events in districts 11 and 10:



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District 11: In front of June Jordan High School
325 La Grande Avenue (Enter from La Grande Ave.)

District 10: Tennessee Street (Between 23rd and 24th Streets)

- **March 16th is also San Francisco Public Works Arbor Day – Eco Fair**
 - **Participants are invite for a day of FREE educational family fun! Activities include face painting, planter building, carnival games, petting zoo, and more!**

Location: James Denman Middle School located at 240 Seneca Avenue.

The next GAB tentatively scheduled for Thursday, April 11, 2019.

7. Subcommittee Reports –

Law Enforcement – Review of Arrest Records and review SFAC Permissions re: Graffiti Camp for Girls. Semantics come into play but graffiti is defined as against the law. Block letters are not teaching artistic value. Name can be Mural Camp for Girls, Street Art for Girls. (58 min) Art Store events before and after* ---New Business Legislation---**
Education – Continue outreach to different schools to educate students about Graffiti Advisory Board and Anti-Graffiti Campaigns. Community Clean Team can be used to help with outreach.
Abatement – Rough Draft of Report – Subcommittees can draft different sections of the report, including a section on 2018 Graffiti Huddle.

8. Old Business – (discussion and possible action item)

- a. SF Chronicle: letter to the editor regarding “Graffiti Camp For Girls” article
 - i. <https://datebook.sfchronicle.com/art-exhibits/graffiti-camp-for-girls-teaches-young-artists-how-to-break-into-the-all-boys-club-of-street-art>
 - ii. Jana to visit March Camp
 - iii. Camp Instructor submitted bullet points of lessons
 - iv. **Camp Cancelled March Session on Website**
 - v. **Next Camp is in Ohio**
- b. Response from Supervisor Fewer’s Office re: graffiti and vacant storefronts
 - i. Jean – **Legislation could include a where as clause. Their legislations would not be appropriate and has already passed requiring registration of vacant storefronts. Supervisor Peskin has other legislation in the works, possibly add anti-graffiti language. Chris and Jean will share information about what to propose to Supervisor Peskin.**
- c. Annual GAB Report
 - i. 18 month report – to cover from July 2017 – December 2018
 - ii. Report by April 2019
 - iii. Inclusion of Greg’s Data Graphics
 1. **Subcommittees will be writing sections on report. Education will be writing up on videos and outreach. Abatement will have CBD section because they have strong involvement (Chris). Add section reporting on 2018 Graffiti Huddle. Need numbers for “Where Art Lives?” and “SF Arts Commission.”**

7. Adjournment – **5:00 PM**