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Graffiti Advisory Board
Thursday, January 8, 2020
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 – 3:34pm
2. Welcome and Introductions – Board Members: Larry Stringer, Cadi Poile, Martin Ferreira, Thomas Ostly, Jean Barish, Jessica Cabrera, Penni Wisner, Earl Shaddix, Michael Petricca, Margeaux Casillas, Greg Dillon. Non-Members: Ramses Alvarez (SF Public Works), Devin Jones (Project 20), Laura Schaefer (Fisherman’s Wharf CBD).
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)
Thomas Ostly comments about Chesa Boudin being sworn in as the new District Attorney. He mentions Mr. Boudin’s plan for restitution for victims.

Officer Ferreira asks about Street Smarts program. Larry Stringer explains the criteria for Street Smarts. He also talks about hardship courtesy abatements. He mentions that for locations that are frequently tagged, a mural at said location can deter illegal tags. Mr. Stringer describes it as a “fairly successful” program. He also advises that a graffiti coat would be ideal for any mural.

4. Approval of draft **November Draft** minutes - (discussion and action item)
No quorum. Minutes reviewed, but not voted on.
5. Report by Chair – Larry Stringer goes over the January report.
6. Subcommittee Reports

Abatement Subcommittee – Greg Dillon was the only member in attendance.

Law Enforcement Subcommittee – Review of the arrest summaries. Strategy being used will continue to be the grand jury prosecution.

Thomas Ostly mentions that he could draft a letter from the Advisory Board to the District Attorney. Officer Ferreira mentions that District Attorney Boudin has been campaigning on restorative justice. Laura Schaefer comments that it might be a better idea to complete a report, rather than a letter. Thomas Ostly talks about the differences between graffiti artists and vandals. He explains people use social media / video reactions to tags to try to publicly victimize victims further. Greg Dillon comments that he thinks the annual report could come out earlier and include information about using the grand jury to prosecute graffiti crimes. Larry comments that he’d like to include how the DA previously prosecuted graffiti crimes and how they do it now. Thomas Ostly shares an anecdote about a tagger that was prosecuted but has stopped tagging after being convicted. He went on to

tell a story about taggers who ask for lenient sentencing (i.e. working with children) and the ramifications of someone asking to do that kind of work as part of their punishment. Thomas reiterates that the main goal is to stop behavior and not necessarily prosecute taggers. He gives examples of taggers using historical monuments or buildings to gain followers or taggers who would take selfies at their court appearances in paint company shirts. Thomas mentions that taggers are becoming aware that San Francisco is not a destination where tagging is accepted.

Education Subcommittee – Conversation had about sub-committee members and their roles within Graffiti Advisory Board. Larry (Chair of the Sub-Committee) talks about their previous work. He suggests collaborating with the Academy of Arts to educate the public and students about issues related to graffiti (positive and negative).

Jessica Cabrera recommended the sub-committee target PTAs.

Cadi Poile asks if there is a precedent to create a packet about graffiti for schools. Larry Stringer says it's the kind of project the subcommittee would tackle.

7. Old Business – (discussion and possible action item)
 - a. Topics the Board would like to have a speaker present to them in 2020:
 - i. SFMTA
 - ii. 3-1-1
 - iii. Arts Commission Rep
 - iv. PG&E
 - v. Cal-Train
 - vi. Rec & Park
 - vii. Tagger
8. New Business -- (discussion and possible action item)
 - a. Greg Dillon comments that this past year did not have a significant spike in service requests related to graffiti.
 - b. A third of the reports are not related to SF Public Works. Greg would like to have the end-of-the-year report expanded to include data from other city agencies.
9. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn - 4:54 PM.



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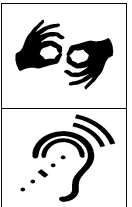
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