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**Graffiti Advisory Board**  
**Thursday, February 13, 2020**  
**Regular Meeting 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**  
30 Van Ness Avenue, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Department of Engineering Main Conference Room  
San Francisco, California

**MINUTES**

1. Call to Order – 3:37 P.M.

Ramses Alvarez motioned for a board member to sit as Chair. Cammy Blackstone was nominated and unanimously voted Chair for the meeting.

2. Welcome and Introductions - Present Members: Officer Martin Ferreira, Jean Barish, Robert Bardell, Cammy Blackstone, Penni Wisner, Earl Shaddix, Grace Breyley, Daniel Kling. Members of the Public: Devin Jones (Project 20), Ramses Alvarez (SF Public Works), Eva Chang (SF Public Works). Excused Absences: Larry Stringer, Cadi Poile, Johnny Wong, Jessica Cabrera, Michael Petricca, and Greg Dillon.
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) - No public comments.
4. Approval of draft **November and January** draft minutes - (discussion and action item) – No quorum. Minutes reviewed, but not voted on.
5. Report by Chair – Acting Chair Cammy Blackstone goes over the February report.
6. Subcommittee Reports
  - a. Abatement – Grace Breyley was the only member in attendance, so she joined the Education Subcommittee.
  - b. Education – Penni Wisner summarizes Grace Breyley's points about how there's a need for educating property owners on their rights to murals. Grace Breyley comments that there's been a series of murals where taggers misrepresented themselves as city employees and were able to tag a building with the property owner's approval. Penni wonders if the Education Subcommittee could work with the Abatement Subcommittee on ways to educate property owners.
  - c. Law Enforcement – Officer Martin Ferreira reviews that there were 6 arrests and brings up a *The New York Times* article on a graffiti tagger who was charged as a gang member in Los Angeles. The article is being talked about at SFPD. He wants to make it clear that in his nine years on the assignment, they have not charged anyone as vandalism as gang enhancement. He does not rely on gang databases.
7. Old Business – (discussion and possible action item)

- a. Efforts to fill vacant seats underway – Ramses comments that he is working with the Mayor’s Office and other offices to fill seats on the board.
8. New Business -- (discussion and possible action item)
  - a. Strategies to educate property owners on their rights to murals
  - b. Thomas Ostly’s Certificate of Honor
    - i. Cammy Blackstone suggests acknowledging Thomas Ostly’s work for the GAB with a Certificate of Honor.
    - ii. Robert Bardell agrees and adds that it should be for Thomas Ostly’s public spirit.
    - iii. Cammy Blackstone will reach out to Jana Lord on the process of applying for a Certificate of Honor.
  - c. Letter to District Attorney’s Office
    - i. The letter should be in the archives because Thomas Ostly wrote it on behalf of GAB.
    - ii. The Board would like Ramses Alvarez to look for a letter from the judges, dated Summer of 2018.
  - d. New GAB Seats
    - i. The Board of Supervisors will meet on February 25<sup>th</sup> and the new seats will then be officially nominated.
  - e. Prop D – Vacant Storefronts
    - i. Jean Barish wonders if it is too late to write a letter to Supervisor Peskin and the Board of Supervisors on changing or editing the language of the legislation. The problem with vacant storefronts is that they attract graffiti. The Board believes it is too late now and notes that they had this discussion 6 months ago.
9. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn – 3:57 pm



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