City and County of San Francisco

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Mohammed Nuru, Chair
John Bitoff, Vice Chair

Graffiti Advisory Board

Minutes for October 13, 2011
30 Van Ness Avenue, 5th Floor
San Francisco, California

1. **Call to Order**: At 3:40 p.m., Chair Mohammed Nuru called the meeting to order.

PRESENT	ABSENT
SFUSD - John Bitoff	DPW - Mohammed Nuru (excused)
SFDA - David Burke	MAYOR - vacant
SFMTA - Daryl Robinson	RecPark - Joe Padilla
SFPD – Marty Ferreira	SFMTA - Robert Lim
Seat 2 - Leonid Nakhodkin	Seat 1 - Kevin McInnis
Seat 3 - Nafiseh Lindberg	Seat 5 - vacant
Seat 4 - Rene Ly	Seat 6 - vacant
Seat 8 - Dominic Campodonico	Seat 7 - vacant
Seat 13 – David Crommie	Seat 9 - vacant
Seat 15 - Paul Giusti	Seat 10 - vacant
Seat 16 - Rebecca Delgado Rottman	Seat 11 - Grace D'Anca
	Seat 12 - vacant
Seat 17 - Jana Lord	Seat 14 - Debbie Shea

Others present: Alex Popovics, Got Graffiti?; Michael Cain, SafeGuard Surfaces; Greg Crump, DPW; Larry Stringer, DPW; Gretchen Rude, DPW; Erin Oberly, Graffiti Watch; Derek Chamberlin, SF resident.

2. **Welcome and Introductions:** Chair Mohammed Nuru welcomed Board members and other attendees. Each member and guest introduced themselves. Chair checked attendance to establish a quorum.

3. **Public Comment:**

   - Erin Oberly, Graffiti Watch Member and SF resident, presented about illegal postings in the North Beach area of the city. She asked the Board's help in holding the person responsible; specifically the DA Office is filing criminal charges. Chair Mohammed Nuru accepted all of Oberly's information and said that DPW will help to collect and document photos of the illegal postings to work to hold the person responsible for the chronic postings accountable.

4. **Approval of the draft September 2011 Graffiti Advisory Board Minutes:** September 2011 minutes were approved without corrections.

5. **Discussion Item: Graffiti Statistics**

    - Greg Crump (DPW) reported on the status of graffiti and the current statistics available to DPW as of October 2011.
    - Reports for graffiti on public and private property expected to be up during this year to a total of over 30,000 reports.
    - Top ten neighborhoods for reports include: Mission, Western Addition, Excelsior, SOMA, Haight Ashbury, Civic Center, Inner Richmond, Chinatown, and the Financial District.
    - Five districts get over half of all calls: Mission, Western Addition, Excelsior, SOMA, Haight Ashbury.
    - Total costs so far that have been gathered equal $26 million.

6. **Chair's Report**:

- ***Vigilante, Vigilant* film posters illegally posted**
    - DPW received over 40 reports of illegally posted signs throughout the Mission/Dolores neighborhoods. Signs were for a movie premiere for movie: Vigilante, Vigilante (This movie was discussed at the Graffiti Advisory Board months ago.)
    - DPW sent a letter to cease and desist, and to ask them to clean up all postings. DPW is asking the public to report any signs still up. There were a few news pieces about the incidents. No incidents since August.

- **Community Clean Team**
    - The last Community Clean Team event of this year is **Saturday, October 15th, 9:00am-12pm.** Meet at Lowell High School.

- **International Graffiti Conference**
    - We need to set a date for a planning meeting to get things going. Times/dates?
    - It is resolved that there will be a planning meeting next month in lieu of the subcommittee meetings at 3pm on November 10, 2011.

- **StreetSmARTs program**
    - SFAC is submitting the FY 2010-11 report due soon for review. 20 murals completed this year. Feedback or ideas for this year?
    - Three of the 30 completed StreetSmARTs mural have been vandalized; and two have been restored.
    - 30 murals are planned for this year and SFAC and DPW are looking for wall locations. Please submit any ideas.
    - Meeting with Public Art Spaces to help seek out new spaces, and possible smartphone app.

- **Where Art Lives**
  - Program report also pending.
  - 12 schools planned for the program this year, as well as some afterschool programs (which is new this year).

- **Lower Haight Mural**
  - Last meeting we reported on the Lower Haight neighbors' celebration of the completion of the temporary mural on Haight and Laguna.
  - The community-driven mural project on Lower Haight created a 200 feet long mural using 20 artists to cover a wall that had been a chronic graffiti target.
  - It was vandalized at the end of June, and partially restored. SFPD came out and a report was filed.

- Mohammed announced to the Board that at this time, his busy schedule will not allow him to attend Graffiti Advisory Board meetings in the future. He asked that Vice-Chair John Bitoff take his place for the time being. He said he will drop in from time to time when he can.

7. **Committee Reports:** Law Enforcement Committee reported that an arrest warrant was issued for a prominent tagger in the city known as "Piper". The warrant comes after much leg work and cooperation from residents. More information to come.

8. **Old Business:** None at this time.

9. **New Business:** None at this time.

Adjournment: Chair Mohammed Nuru closed out the meeting at 4:50 p.m.

Next Meeting Date: The next Graffiti Advisory Board meeting is scheduled to be held on **Thursday, November 10, 2011** at 30 Van Ness Avenue, 5th Floor, DPW's Department of Engineering Main Conference Room.