



## Services and Public Committee Meeting

Tuesday, September 27, 2022, 9:00am – 10:30am

Virtual Meeting- Zoom

### MINUTES-DRAFT

The following attendees were present: Donald Thomas (Donatello Building), Wes Tyler (Chancellor Hotel), Dmitir Shimloin (AVS), Joe Della Cella (Recology), Steven Chiv (DPW), Captain Douglas Farmer (SFPD), John Joseph Garrity (SFPD), Officer Haven Latimore (SFPD), Officer Kwame Lovell (SFPD), Sgt. Chu (SFPD), Steven Suen (Biscuit & Blues), Dina Fayer (Britex Fabrics), Brandon Fortman (Levis), Marcus Mirt (Recology), Ricky Soares (Legion), Susan Brown, and Wes Tyler (Chancellor Hotel).

The following staff members were present: Marisa Rodriguez (Executive Director), Ben Horne (Deputy Director), Lance Goree (Director of Services), Melanie Medina (Executive Assistant), Tinea Adams (Op. Manager, Block by Block), and Carlos Montano (Intern).

#### 1. Welcome, Introductions & Brief Announcements

- a) Chair Don Thomas called the meeting to order at 9:00am.
- b) Announcements

Marisa informed the committee of Coffee & Connections; a members event the Alliance will be hosting to discuss all holiday happenings in Union Square.

#### 2. Public Comments

Don asked for public comment. Hearing none, he moved to the next agenda item.

#### 3. Action to approve committee meeting minutes

Committee members were directed to the meeting minutes included in their virtual packets.

- a) Services and Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes from 07/26/22.

**Action:** As moved by Dmitri and seconded by Wes Tyler, the committee unanimously approved the meeting minutes from 07/26/22 as presented.

#### 4. SFPD Union Square Area Updates and Reports

- a) Central Station

Captain Farmer, of the Central Station provided the following updates. Despite many theft attempts, SFPD have been successful with a high arrest rate. There has been a focus on clearing Union Square Park garage of encampments with patrol of the garage every hour. Ofc. Haven Latimore highlighted the effective communication between police officers and retailers. Marisa thanked SFPD for their deployment strategies and



dedication to Union Square. If anyone is experiencing an issue or crime, please contact the mobile command van at: (415) 470-7867.

b) Tenderloin Station

No representative from the Tenderloin Station was present at the meeting.

c) Retired SFPD Ambassador

Joe Garrity informed the committee that eight additional ambassadors have been added which will increase patrol service to 7 days a week with a maximum of 4 ambassadors per day. This will begin in October.

**5. Services Updates**

a) Public Works Updates

Steven Chiv highlighted Raven Anderson, a Block by Block ambassador supervisor, for his diligent work in reporting illegal dumping. If anyone is experiencing or has noticed overfilled trash bins, please direct all inquiries to DPW. Ben Horne, Deputy Director of the Union Square Alliance, asked who the best point of contact is regarding broken light pole fixtures.

b) Recology Updates

Joe Della Cella informed the committee that Recology is in its finalizing its second phase of the garbage bin prototypes. This includes collecting feedback from drivers and the community.

**6. July/August 2022 Operations Reports**

a) Tinea Adams, Block by Block

Tinea informed the committee of new working routes during the morning shifts to cover a larger portion of the district in a timely manner. Lance then gave a recap of the retail theft prevention meeting that included Colin Alexander from the District Attorney's Office.

b) Ricky Soares, Manager, Legion Corporation

Ricky informed the committee that Legion continues to focus on quality of life issues in the district. They have increased their footprint and do around 60 building checks during a shift. There has been discussion of increasing Legion presences to 7 days/week from 6am-2pm to help address early morning issues.

**7. Committee updates:**

a) Security Camera Updates

Lance reminded the committee members that if anyone is interested in being a part of the Alliance security camera program, to reach out to either himself or Ben Horne.

b) Bigbelly Update



No current updates at this time.

## **8. Block By Block Contract**

- a) Review of proposal (reduced ambassadors) and **action** to recommend approval of contract to Board of Directors.

Lance informed the committee that the Alliance's contract with Block by Block will come to an end at the end of September. No action was taken at this time as the contract is still under negotiations.

## **9. Legion Security**

- A) Added 112 weekly security hours (6:00am – 2:00p pm, 2-man shift) review agreement and action to recommend approval of contract to the Board of Directors

The Alliance would like to add additional hours to the Legion contract to have available units during the early morning hours. As the agreement is still in negotiation, no action was taken at this time.

## **10. Union Square Park/Garage Updates**

A contract proposal was presented to SF Rec & Park and is under review to extend the current agreement by 30 days. The agreement has a renewed focus and action towards garage security and possible enhancement of services including cleaning and hospitality ambassadors for extended hours of the day. There has been discussion regarding a potential garage security gate to prohibit encampments overnight in the garage.

## **11. Adjourn 9:50**