



## **Retail Theft Prevention Meeting Committee**

September 13, 2022, 9:00am – 10:30am

Virtual Meeting- Zoom

### **MINUTES**

The following attendees were present: Elida Mena, Jonathan Ching, J. Randall, Justin, Officer Kwame Lovell (SFPD), Owen Charlotte, Paul Sandberg, Pedro Orozco, Randy Moore, Sergeant Mark Milligan (SFPD), Steven Gil, Thau Long, Armine Esackian (Christian Dior), Cam Colpan (Saint Laurent), Dmitri Shimolin (Applied Video Solutions), Captain Douglas Farmer (SFPD, Central Station), Officer Gary Kunaboot (SFPD), Orlando Torres (GAP), Wolf Ahonen (Levi's Flagship), Ricky Sores (Legion), and Zuhel Weber (Louis Vuitton).

The following staff members were present: Lance Gorée (Director of Services), Ben Horne (Deputy Director), Stacy Jed (Director of Marketing & Events), Tinea Adams (Block by Block), Melanie Medina (Executive Assistant), and Carlos Montano (Intern).

Guests: Colin Alexander (SFDA), Trevor Kempner (ADA),

#### **1. Welcome & Announcements**

- a. Don Thomas

#### **2. Public Comment**

- a. Lance called for public comment. Seeing none, he moved to the next agenda item.

#### **3. Action: Approve Committee Meeting minutes from 07/05/22**

- a. Action: The board unanimously voted to approve the minutes from 07/05/22 as motioned by Wolf Ahonen and seconded by Orlando Torres.

#### **4. Committee Updates**

- a. Lance announced that Wylie Broshar is no longer with the Old Navy. The Retail Theft Prevention committee will need a new committee chairperson. If anyone is interested, please reach out to Lance or Ben.

#### **5. Committee Reports – See Reports (Questions)**

Lance asked the committee to reference the reports from Block by Block and Legion that were sent beforehand.



The Block by Block report stats

- a. Questions: Tinea Adams, Block by Block Operations Manager:

Tinea had no current updates from Block by Block

- b. Questions: Ricky Soares, Manager, Legion Corporation:

Ricky gave a brief update of Legion's current efforts. They have been focused on keeping storefronts cleared of individuals and encampments and creating safe passageways for those getting off work. They continue to prevent vandalism and increase their presence in the district.

## 6. Coffee & Connections

Stacy Jed informed the committee of a networking and discussion opportunity on Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> 9:30AM on the third floor of Neiman Marcus. Members of the Union Square district are encouraged to attend as SFPD representation will be in attendance and offer insight on measures and actions taken to support and protect retailers in the district, along with hearing from the Alliance on 2022 holiday activations

## 7. See Something? Say Something!

The Hotel Council of San Francisco will host an event that will discuss the importance of reporting crime in our district and the barriers that come to reporting. The event will take place on Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup> 9AM at the Hilton Hotel.

## 8. SFPD Union Square Area Tips & Trends – See Reports (Questions)

- a. Retail Theft 10B Coordinator, Sergeant Milligan

Zuhal Weber of Louis Vuitton expressed her concerns of 911 calls not being dispatched when a crime is occurring and asked how to timely report incidents. Captain Farmer informed Zuhal and the committee that he will inform Captain Canning of the Tenderloin Station of these issues.

- b. Central Station, A/Captain Farmer, Sergeant Chu, Officer's Lovell, and Latimore
- c. Tenderloin Station, Captain Canning, Officer Gray

There was no SFPD representation from Tenderloin station.

- d. Retired Police Ambassador, Joe Garrity

Joe Garrity was not present to report any updates.

## 9. Restraining Orders & Stay Away Orders *SF Deputy District Attorney Colin Alexander*

Colin Alexander from the District Attorney's Office informed the committee of the types of stay away orders and civil restraining orders the DA's office files. He then introduced ADA Trevor Kempner who is a part of the Retail Theft Taskforce at the DA's office that focuses on



organized retail theft. Colin went on to explain the three types of criminal SAOs: Stay Out of order (theft), distance SAO (theft), and SAO from person and location (theft plus threats/violence), and the process of after a SAO is filed. As for civil SAO, they protect people from violence, stalking, serious harassment, or threats of violence. This includes a workplace violence restraining order that the employer would have to file for, not the employee. Benefits of SAO's include a disobey court order, a person with a SAO does not have to shoplift for the police to act, and easy to prove in court. - Colin concluded by reminding the committee of the importance of reporting crime.

Discussion took place regarding how to have a singular SAO for individuals who constantly attack several locations, trespassing, and loitering.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Colin Alexander at [colin.alexander@sfgov.org](mailto:colin.alexander@sfgov.org) or Trevor Kempner at [trevor.kempner@sfgov.org](mailto:trevor.kempner@sfgov.org).

## **10. Project Updates**

### **a. Security Camera Network**

Ben informed the committee of locations to add security cameras to and the current outreach to property owners for camera installations. If a business is interested in adding security cameras to their property, please reach out to the Alliance.

## **11. Adjourn: 10:11AM, next meeting TBD**