



Services and Public Safety

March 22, 2022, 9:00am – 10:30am

Virtual Meeting- Zoom

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The following attendees were present: Sgt. Culbert Chu (SFPD), Dana Boyd (Newmark Knight Frank), Don Thomas (Donatello Building), Elida Mena (CBRA the Management Company), Guillermo Perez, Jr. (Public Works), Joe Della Cella (Recology), John Joseph Garrity (SFPD), Officer Kwame Lovell (SFPD), Marcus Mirt (Recology), Maxine Papadakis (Papadakis Maxine A), Michael G. Petricca (Academy of the Arts), Nancy Wong (DPW), Ricky Soares (Legion), Steven Suen (Biscuit & Blues), and Tee Chisholm (Hilton PARC55).

The following presenters and guests were present: Brenna Carrick (Newmark), Grace Zhao (Cartier), Ian Schneider (Public Works), Jamarion Jackson (Recology), Jasmine Herrian (Sephora), Julie Wainwright (The RealReal), Katy Gurczynski (Sephora), Lance Goree, Martina Erhart (Touchstone Hotel), Nicole Garcia (Public Works), Taylor Narramore (Harry Winston), Tim Smith (Sephora), Wylie Broshar (Old Navy), Yan Leconte (Cartier), and Suwan.

The following staff members were present: Marisa Rodriguez (Executive Director), Ben Horne (Deputy Director), Karen Gagarin (Services Manager), Joshua Chan (Sr. Project Coordinator), Melanie Medina (Intern), and Alfonso Navarro (Op. Manager, Block by Block).

1. Welcome, Introductions & Brief Announcements

- a) Chair Don Thomas called the meeting to order at 9:03am.
- b) Union Square Alliance Retail Summit at the Westin St. Francis Tuesday 3/29/22.

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 1/25/22.

Action: As moved by Mike Petricca and seconded by Marcus Mirt, the committee unanimously approved the meeting minutes from 1/25/22 as presented.

4. SFPD Union Square Area Updates and Reports

- a) Central Station, Capt. Ng

Sgt. Culbert Chu gave the Central Station update. The SFPD is working to best staff the 10B program in Union Square. Looters from the November incident have been charged.



SFPD is working to mitigate issues with overnight trespassers in parking garages. Ofc. Lovell updated the committee on the increase in reported crimes and encouraged everyone to continue to do so. Discussion took place about the new definition of “use of force.”

b) Tenderloin Station, Capt. Canning

Overall crime statistics have been steady since the holiday season. Discussion took place regarding how to handle the uptick in mentally unstable individuals.

c) Retired SFPD Ambassador, Joe Garrity

Joe Garrity informed the committee regarding the slight increase in drug use on the streets. The retired SFPD ambassador program is looking into increase staffing from five days a week to seven days a week.

5. Services Updates

a) Public Works Updates, Nancy Wong

Ian provided a brief update on the general protocol on citations for illegal dumping.

b) Presentation: Recology with Joe Della Cella, Jamario Jackson, and Ian Schneider

Recology, in partnership with Public Works, educated the committee about ways to properly dispose large amounts of trash and recycles. Due to an increase in improper containerization of cardboard, Public Works will convene evening inspections and give out citations to any undersubscribed businesses. Discussion took place regarding citation details. If you have any questions regarding trash or recycle, please contact Recology at: customerservice@recology.com or call at (415) 330-1300.

6. January/ February 2022 Operations Reports

a) Alfonso Navarro, Operations Manager, Block by Block

Alfonso gave a summary of the January and February Operations Report. A new special projects team has been introduced that will provide pressure washing services outside of the normal overnight schedule. Statistics for both January and February, such as overflow trashcans and sit and lies violations, has decreased despite the reopening of San Francisco. There has been a slight increase in mentally disturbed individuals.

b) Ricky Soares, Manager, Legion Corporation

Ricky informed the committee that there has been a decrease in quality-of-life issues but an increase in overnight encampments. Legion security guards have had success in deterring individuals from getting violent with de-escalation tactics.

7. Committee updates:

a) New Director of Service



The Alliance has hired Lance Goree as the new Director of Services. Lance gave an introduction of himself. Lance to official start in early April.

b) Big Belly & Security Camera Updates

There are currently 37 Big Belly's in the district. An additional 10 will be added thanks to a grant awarded to the Alliance by the city. Possible locations are being scouted. A grant was received in December for additional security cameras. Discussion took place regarding camera locations.

c) Terracycle Updates

Karen Gagarin informed the committee that a few Terracycles have been replaced and more have been ordered. If anyone would like a terracycle located near their store or hotel, please contact Karen at karen@unionsquarealliance.com

8. Adjourn