



UNION SQUARE
BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT
DISTRICT

Services & Public Safety Committee

January 21, 2020 – 9:00 -10:30 am
Native Sons Building
414 Mason Street
Harry M. Smith Conference Room

MINUTES

In attendance

The following committee members were in attendance: Maxine Papadakis, Orlando Torres, Rusty Middleton, Raymond Gonzales, Tee Chisholm, Wes Tyler, Donald Thomas, James C. Flood, Steven Suen, Michael G. Petricca, Marcus Mirt, Dennis McLaughlin, Dan Kelly, Joseph Shelley

The following USBID Staff and contract service providers were also in attendance: Karin Flood (USBID Executive Director), Ben Horne (USBID Deputy Director), Joshua Chan (USBID Project Coordinator), Eva Schouten (USBID Intern) and Karl Bijan (Block by Block Operations Director).

Guests: Tina Keramar (Chancellor Hotel), Nancy Wony (BSES – One Team), Jessica Doning (Miracle Messages), Anthony D. Randulat (SFPD), Tessa D. Jones (SF Public Works), Sargent Joe Emanuel (SFPD), Guillermo Perez (SF Public Works) and Anthony Colonnese (Hall Association NSGW)

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Don Thomas called the meeting to order at 9:02am. Introductions were made. Don thanked Dennis for hosting. Dennis introduced himself and summarized the history of the building.

2. Public Comment

Don Thomas called for public comment. Seeing none, he moved to the next agenda item.

3. Action to approve the November 11, 2019 minutes

Action: The committee unanimously approved the November 11, 2019 minutes, as motioned by Michael G. Petricca and seconded by Steven Suen

4. SFPD Union Square Area Updates & Reports

a. Central Station Updates

Members were directed to the handout included in their packets; updates and highlights regarding recent crimes stats were provided. It was noted that the crime rate during the holiday season was high. Committee members were reminded about the importance of crime reporting, as the presented statistics do not yet accurately depict the reality in the area due to the lack of reporting. They were also encouraged to call the USBID to request for video footage for any applicable incidents. Don requested a year over year report about the crime statistics which will be brought to the next Retail Theft Committee meeting. The committee had a small discussion about the possible use of technology in expediting the reporting and documentation process for store owners.

b. Tenderloin Station Updates

Members were directed to a second handout included in their packets regarding the tenderloin crimes stats. Sergeant Joe Emanuel added that the provided stats could also be found on Twitter. Ben provided a brief update to the committee about new cleaning and safety services started on January 1, 2020.

5. Union Square Area Garbage and Waste Updates & Reports

a. Department of Public Works

Guillermo Perez, Supervisor of Public Works' Street Environmental Services introduced himself and his colleagues Nancy and Tessa. He summarized the locations they overlook and the team size they manage. Guillermo, Nancy, and Tessa tag team in covering a Tuesday–Saturday and a Sunday–Thursday shift; however, they are always available by phone should members need assistance. Don requested them to provide a year-to-year report on cleaning statistics.

b. Recology

Marcus Mirt provided an update to the committee regarding the illegal dumping of cardboards in the district and presented image documentations. Recology have worked with the USBID in identifying and fining noncompliant businesses, and in educating businesses regarding proper waste management. Businesses that foresee needing additional cardboard pick-up services are encouraged to contact Recology. Recology also provided an update to the committee regarding the newly improved trash carts which have a gravity lock feature. Recology has ordered 1000 of the new carts and is looking to start the replacement program with interested clients in the Union Square.

6. November/December 2019 Operations Reports

Members were directed to the two Operations Reports included in their packets; highlights and summaries of the two reports were provided. Updates regarding new 10B officer shifts, the new

ALTV street vacuum, and new pressure washing equipment were provided. Committee members were advised to reach out if they have not familiar with the new services began on January 1, 2020.

7. Committee Updates:

a. Holiday and Winter Walk Debrief

Ben updated the committee about the Winter Walk. There had been a lot of challenges this year due to the new location, sudden switch of vendor, and the permitting process with the city. Despite these challenges, Winter Walk remained a successful event and gave many people a unique experience in Union Square.

b. New Services

Ben briefly updated the committee about the new services which began on January 1, 2020, including;

- 24/7 member services; Ben also introduced Karen Gagarin, the USBID's new Member Services Lead.

- ATLV Street Vacuums and its features and capabilities.

- Legion Private Security Service

Legion introduced themselves to the committee as new service provider of the USBID for the overnight security program. They handed out a binder with statistics and images references of their achievements during the first two weeks of January Legion was advised to connect with Karl to create a standardized categorization of their stats.

c. Security Camera Program Update

Ben informed the committee that they have received a \$500,000 donation from Chris Larsen to extend the Security Camera Program. The grant will go towards new cameras and license plate readers.

d. OEWD Bigbelly Grants

Ben informed the committee that they have received a \$36,000 grant from the City for Bigbelly's, which will fund additional trash receptacles in the district.

8. Adjournment and Next Meeting: January 21, 2019

Meeting adjourned at 10:29 am.