

San Bruno Fires Meeting  
July 30, 2018 11 AM – 12 PM  
City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244

Attendees: Chris Balingit (Caltrans Maintenance), Nicolas Hoey (CHP), Genesis Garcia (Assemblyperson David Chiu's Office), Sophia Kittler (D10 Supervisor Malia Cohen's Office), Randy Quezada (HSH), Mary Tse (SFFD), J.R. Eppler (Potrero Boosters), Thomas Crowell, Bill Owen (San Bruno Neighbors), Jean Bogiages (MUNA, GBD)

Introductions (11:00 AM)

- Objective: neighborhood attempts to take control over the land around the Bayshore Freeway
- Issue: make the land more accessible to services and to make it not accessible to individuals who shouldn't be staying in the area
- Solution: coordinate with other services and manage allocation of funding (new budgets)

Report on recent fires and actions taken (Mary Tse - 11:05 AM)

- Fire department dispatched inspectors to recent fires and improved locks on Caltrans gates
  - o Improving access for firefighters and Caltrans members
  - o These locks are accessible to all firefighters, they all have a key
  - o The department has zero jurisdiction over state land. Therefore, they can't enforce the fire code
- Neighbor: Who has the authority then?
  - o Caltrans took the steps to cut down bushes and weeds to mitigate the potential dangers of the past 7 fires.

Caltrans Maintenance work schedule for the freeway right-of-way between 17<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> Street (Chris Balingit – 11:10 AM)

- Efforts are seasonal such as cutting weeds and grass
  - o They took all the brush down
  - o Cleaned out trails and put up gates making access minimal
  - o Caltrans is currently at Potrero using hand cutting since machines are down
  - o System is lagged so if a complaint is necessary, call 650-358-4127 for a quicker response and dispatch
  - o Resources are salient, landscape crew is up to 6 members now ranging from SF to San Mateo County and so on
- Potential Solution: re-landscape didn't work the first time, maybe a different approach is capable with the help of the State.

DHSH work schedule for the freeway right-to-way between 17<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> Street (Randy Quezada – 11:15 AM)

- Scope: people are mobile and they move around, the key is to work in coordination with other partners.
  - o The goal is to let others understand that this area is too risky to live in and to make it hard to access. (3 years ago, this area had about 16 encampments)
  - o The Homeless Outreach Team needs to have more access to these areas

CHP work schedule for the freeway right-to-way between 17<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> Street (Nicholas Hoey – 11:20 AM)

- Focus: on state property
  - o Role: regular basis patrol to ensure the area is safe
  - o From Nicholas's perspective, the area has gotten a lot cleaner but it is hard to view from the freeway
  - o Solution: some areas need more attention than others
  - o Randy suggests that "No Lodging" signs can be dispatched in the area
  - o What type of individuals are we dealing with? Mainly the loner types (defined as not wanting to interact with others).

What would we like to see? (11:25 AM)

- Two areas of focus: Landscaping and Monitoring
  - o SFFD: manage gate access and to continue responding to alarms and complaints
  - o Caltrans Maintenance: maintain the geography and to continue and confiscate abandoned belongings left by homeless individuals
  - o CHP: patrol the area and conduct walks to scout the area of any individuals who shouldn't be in the area
  - o DHSH: reach out to individuals who need assistance either through housing or other services
  - o Neighbors: continue to maintain the area and keep officials updated and aware of the living situations in the area

What do we all need to do to change the situation (11:40 AM)

- All factors have to coordinate with one another such as the CHP, HSH, Caltrans, and so on.

Action Items (11:50 AM)

- CHP will coordinate with Jean to conduct weekly walks in the area to ensure that no one should be living in the area and that deterrents are enforced properly.
- Caltrans will maintain the landscape and repair any damages done to the property.
- The State office will conduct plans to see what can be done with the state land and how landscaping projects can progress.