

San Bruno Fires Meeting
September 10, 2018 11am-12pm
[455 Golden Gate Ave, Ste 14800, SF, CA](#)

Attending: Sang Sao (Caltrans Maintenance), William Dolcini (CHP), Genesis Garcia (Assemblyperson David Chiu's Office), Sophia Kittler (D10 Supervisor Malia Cohen's Office), Randy Quezada (HOM), Mary Tse (SFFD), J.R. Eppler (Potrero Boosters), Jean Bogiages (MUNA, GBD)

Meeting Notes

SFFD Issues

Jean showed photos of the north and south gates of Benches park. The north gate had three locks, one of which was SFFD. The south gate did not have a SFFD lock. Sang Sao will correct the situation.

Mary Tse reported that SFFD could not do an analysis of the fire danger in the right of way because that is the jurisdiction of the State Fire Marshal. Genesis Garcia said she would contact the State Marshal through her Caltrans contact.

CHP Report

William Dolcini reported that he had spent a good deal of time last week in the right-of-way between the end of San Bruno and Slovenian Hall / Sound Wall and back yards of the 500 block of Vermont. There is an issue related to the gate at the Slovenian Hall end of this area which is continually broken into. He reported that the neighbors will be removing dead trees for that area.

CHP has been sending Bogiages weekly reports on monitoring of the area. It was agreed that these would continue and that Randy Quezada (HOM) would receive these. Also a question will be added to determine if anyone camping in the right-of-way had any contact with the Hot Team. Dolcini expressed frustration with the court system. Dolcini and Quezada related problems with folks living on Caltrans land usually do not want services. Unless they can serve a 5150, there is nothing they can do to force folks to accept services. They offered no solution for a person like Jesse, who is known by CHP and HOM, but is still living in the right-of-way.

If HOM contacts anyone, they will contact CHP. Dolcini offered to take Quezada on a walk in the Caltrans area under question if Quezada would give him a call. Quezada emphasized It is important for CHP to monitor so that folks know this is not a place to camp.

Dolcini agreed to ask any camper if they are interested in services and relate that to HOM so that there can be follow up. This way they can keep track of multiple contacts with the same services.

Caltrans Report

Sang Sao reported that Caltrans cleans up the mess after CHP tells them about an area that has been encamped.

Sao reported that in order to plant anything or make changes, they need the approval of Caltrans landscape specialists. However, that landscape specialist is out of contact now. They are having trouble getting permission to apply weed killer.

Sao said that Caltrans is working on the Still Street encampment and just finished one on El Camino. He agreed that Caltrans is working hard, but does not have enough resources to clean all the areas.

Dolcini mentioned that DPW can get things done quickly, ie put boulders, add lighting.

Sophia Kitler asked if there was funding for landscape work at the State level. Garcia said she will try to get in contact with the landscape specialist and her Caltrans liaison, who is just coming back from vacation. That would be a way to come up with a landscape plan.

Garcia was concerned about a couple of emails that indicated neighbors did not want a landscape plan. Jean suggested they did not want access provided to their back yards, which was not the intention of a plan. She will talk with them. Garcia and Kitler asked Bogiages to set up a neighborhood meeting to determine what the neighbors really want regarding landscaping.

Action Items

- Reach out to the State Fire Marshal to ask if a fire hazard analysis report could be done on the area in question. – Genesis Garcia
- Continue creating weekly reports and sending them to Bogiages, who will send them to HOM – Nicholas Hoey
- Add a question about whether services were offered to the question form – Jean Bogiages
- Correct the lock situation in Benches garden so that each gate has two locks only – SFFD and Caltrans. Also fix the gate at the Slovenian Hall end that locks the area behind the houses on the 500 block of Vermont - Sang Sao
- Get one more No Lodging sign for the area behind the houses on the 500 block of Vermont – Bogiages / Quezada
- Contact the Caltrans landscape specialist to start a dialog on landscape changes – Genesis Garcia
- Set up a neighborhood meeting regarding landscaping – Jean Bogiages
- Arrange next meeting for this group in October – Jean Bogiages