



**SAN FRANCISCO COUNCIL OF DISTRICT  
MERCHANTS ASSOCIATIONS  
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# **SFPD SMALL BUSINESS ADVISORY FORUM**

## **MINUTES 07.20.20**

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**Date:** Friday, July 10, 2020  
**Time:** 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm  
**Location:** Zoom on line, San Francisco

### **MINUTES**

**Present:** Henry Karnilowicz (Co Chair), Chief Bill Scott, Deputy Chief, David Lazar, Captain Juan Daniels, Derek Brown, Furlishous Wyatt, Gwen Kaplan, Brandon Quan, Grace Horikiri, Captain Juan Daniels, Barbara Gratta, Bill Barnickel, Mike Zwiefelhofer, Janet Tarlov, Melissa Ayuma Bailey, Carlos Solorzano, Alex Mullaney, Susie McKinnon, Maryo Mogannam, Al Casciato.

**Meeting commenced at 12:05 pm.**

**Grace Horikiri hosted and commenced the meeting.**

Grace Horikiri made a motion to approve the minutes and Bill Barnickel seconded and approval was unanimous.

Chief Scott said that since COVID Shelter in Place came into effect there has been an uptick in burglaries. However, since then crime-wise there has been a decrease of 34% in car break-ins - 50% down since 2017. Since the George Floyd protests there has been a lot of looting particularly from pharmacies, CVS, Walgreens and cannabis dispensaries. They have identified the prolific burglars who have other problems in their criminal history such as car break-ins. The bigger picture is the reforming of policing such as use of force and officer involved shootings and how African American people are disproportionately impacted.

The good thing about SFPD is that the department is in the midst of a major reform however the Chief is not pleased with the pace. There is a call to defund the police and some even want the police departments to go away, that he is opposed to. They are considering what the police should be handling and what other departments should be handling. They are looking what could be done more efficiently, such as social issues, without degrading the level of service. Funding is determined by the quantity of officers in the office and right now they are a couple of hundred officers short. This is due to the difficulty in hiring. Twenty million dollars a year is allocated to hiring.

Carlos Solorzano said that in the past SFPD would meet with organizations about recruiting local people and welcomes the involvement of the police with local organizations. He also said that in the 1980's the Chief of Police and the Precinct Captain would go on merchant walks.

Maryo Mogannam echoed Carlos Solorzano's comments and would love to organize merchant walks with the chief on a regular basis. Chief Scott responded that he would look forward to meeting with local organizations and wants to recruit in the city. He also said that he does go on merchants walks and is perfectly willing to join in additional merchant walks.

Al Casciato said that back in 1979 there was a citywide recruitment effort starting on February 14, 1979, meant to keep the flow of officers from leaving the city because of the residency rules and changes. It was focused on high schools and community colleges with a team of officers tasked with the recruitment effort for a nine month period. This was popular with the community who even helped in putting up billboards. He suggested that maybe SFPD could consider repeating a similar recruitment drive now.

Janet Tarlov said a couple of weeks ago there was a drive by shooting in the middle of Glen Park at 6:15 pm. The police did a terrific job in responding and she wanted to know if there was an uptick in gang violence.

Chief Scott responded that there has been an uptick in shootings that were determined to be gang related and there were a number of arrests and confiscation of weapons. There were two tragic homicides: one of a six year old child and the other an eighteen year old. Shootings though are down overall.

Vas Kiniris said we need to demonstrate that our cities are safe, clean and fun. What are some economical and innovative ways to show our streets are safe? He lives in the East Bay and when he asks people to visit the city the response is that the city is not safe.

Chief Scott said it takes promoting all the good in the city and actually San Francisco is a safe city. He had just finished a phone with police chiefs across the country. Some of those cities have 250 homicides a year, whereas here we have approx. 24 and other cities have 50 to 60 shootings over a weekend whereas here we have around 3. We just need to get the word out and also let people know what is being done here.

Deputy Chief David Lazar announced that this was Derick Brown's last meeting and asked for some words from Chief Scott.

Chief Scott said Derick Brown came after a meeting with the Mayor. He is a great guy and when he started in the job he hit the ground running and has really made a difference. Chief Scott said that the department will miss everything about him. He is someone who was born here and who holds the city near and dear to his heart and he wishes him all the best in the next phase of his journey at USF.

Derek Brown said it was truly an honor and a joy to work for SFPD He loves the community and he loves the city. He intends to stay connected and he cherishes the moments he had working with Chief Scott, Deputy Chief Lazar and everyone on the forum and thanked everyone.

Deputy Chief David Lazar thanked the chief for joining the meeting, considering all that is going on. Talking about police reform he said that this has been in process since the chief was appointed. He reminded us that this an advisory forum not a community meeting for the police that the Chief has a vision for how to advise the police better, how to have better relationships, and how to do things better. He said it was the Chief who brought Derick Brown on board and to help steer the forum and thanked him.

Deputy Chief David Lazar said it is true that there has been a decrease in auto burglaries which are down 27% citywide for this year. This is likely because businesses are closed but also because there have been more officers on the street. Burglaries are up 32% to date. With COVID-19 many inmates have been released from prisons and there is now zero bail.

There are challenges however with the prolific burglaries and arrest warrants are being served and these suspects are being placed in custody. He said that Furlishous Wyatt with SF Safe can do a security assessment for a fee. He said there were around 150 cases of looting and there were 120 arrests, which is significant. In terms of criminal justice system there are three trial courtrooms that are open.

Addressing Janet Tarlov he said that he is hoping that there will not be a repeat of the shooting she referenced. He also said that it is essential to know the local Station Captain, to subscribe to their newsletter, attend meetings and meet beat officers.

He said the new Northern Station Captain is Paul Yep and in response to Alex Mullaney he said that Taraval has an acting Captain and Lieutenants just took examinations for Captain.

Vas Kiniris extended his thanks to Deputy Chief David Lazar for appointing Captain Paul Yep.

Bill Barnickel extended his thanks to the policemen and women for all that they do and said he donated masks and pizzas to Northern Station and he thanked Derick Brown for his work on the forum.

Derick Brown said he always looked forward to our meetings and he said he meets with other organizations but ours was his favorite. He loved his work with SFPD but looked at his career growth and felt the move to USF was the best for him. He plans on staying connected and he appreciates the forum and all that it has been doing and he would to have USF to host the forum.

Captain Juan Daniels, who is taking over from Derick Brown, said he has been with SFPD for 25 years and is a native of San Francisco and said he is looking forward to the next forum.

Vas Kiniris announced that he was resigning from SFCDMA but will be working with the associations to fill their marketing needs and will stay on the forum.

**Meeting adjourned at 1:03 pm.**

**Minutes presented by Co-Chair Henry Karnilowicz**

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