

## MINUTES: BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S NOISE TASK FORCE

February 19, 2009

### *Task Force Members Present:*

DPH, Thomas Rivard  
DBI, Laurence Kornfield  
Entertainment Commission, Bob Davis  
DPW, Nancy George;  
Planning, Christine Haw  
Park and Recreation, Denny Kern  
SFFD, Robert Postel  
City Attorney, Cecilia Mangoba  
311, Scott Oswald  
Board of Supervisors, Sheila Chung Hagen

### *Motorcycle Noise Enforcement Program:*

Tom Rivard reported for Bill Coggan, SFPD, that Sgt Bob Guinan of Traffic Enforcement is developing an enforcement program for motorcycle noise. Bob is consulting with the Highway Patrol and Bureau of Automotive Repairs to establish a "fix-it" ticket protocol for vehicle noise violations. Bill has indicated that he will have a program description in place by mid-March. DPH will provide training for traffic enforcement in noise measurement and sound level meters will be borrowed from DTIS or DPH. The Noise Task Force will make recommendations as to where initial enforcement program should occur.

### *General Plan Background Noise Map*

Laurence Kornfield discussed the new noise map and its value in the implementation of Title 24, Acoustical Insulation Standards for Residential Construction. Christine Haw discussed the usefulness of the noise map in the evaluation of various planning projects. It is expected that the noise map will be presented to the Planning Commission for approval before summer.

### *Fire Department Siren Noise*

Deputy Chief, Robert Postel discussed community complaints regarding excessive noise and sleep disturbance associated with emergency vehicle response in the Tenderloin/Polk Corridor Area. The Chief indicated that Station 3 is the busiest fire station in the United States. The number of responding vehicles is the products of a variety of factors:

- the large increase in Code 3 medical call
- increases fire alarm pull box real and false alarms
- EMS requirements for paramedic staffing in responses

Supervisor Chiu is calling a meeting at Fire Station 3 of community, fire, health, and engineering practitioners to brainstorm solutions to the problem.

### *311 and Documentation of Noise Complaints*

Scott Oswald described the documentation that 311 presently collects regarding noise complaints and provided a detailed explanation on the capability of the system. Scott's presentation is attached as an addendum to these minutes.

### *Street Sweeping, Garbage Collection and Residential Noise*

Nancy George explained DPW's desire to sweep streets immediately after garbage collection in order to clean any spilled refuse. She explained that this desire had resulted in an earlier garbage service time and community complaints. She and DPH worked with the Golden Gate Scavenger Company and agreed to a schedule that protected residents and focused earlier collection times only on commercial streets.

### *New Business*

Laurence Kornfield pointed out that there are numerous permanent and temporary electrical generating systems being installed in San Francisco that are creating community noise problems. Bob Davis also pointed out the electrical generators are frequently installed at temporary entertainment events and have caused community complaints. It was agreed that Laurence, Bob, and Tom Rivard would meet as a subcommittee to review this issue and pursue possible recommendations for action which could include changes to the noise ordinance.

Sheila Chung Hagen agreed to contact the other legislative aides and discuss the types of noise complaint that they most frequently experience. In addition she will explore with the aides which location may be best for motorcycle noise enforcement.

*Meeting Adjourned at 11:30 AM.*