
Boyd, Karen

From: Boyd, Karen
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2015 10:01 AM
To: Daniel Borenstein
Subject: Re: Quick org chart question

Two. Only one is currently filled by Donna Hom, who is the Interim Assistant City Administrator. The other interim position was vacated in January when Arturo Sanchez left the City.

Sent from my iPad

On Mar 12, 2015, at 9:54 AM, Daniel Borenstein <dborenstein@bayareanewsgroup.com> wrote:

Karen,

How many assistant city administrators are there currently?

Thank you,

Dan

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Boyd, Karen

From: Boyd, Karen
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2015 6:38 PM
To: 'David DeBolt'
Cc: Martinelli, Gene
Subject: RE: Report on 669 24th Street fire

Thanks, David. I've asked Rachel Flynn, Planning & Building Director, to assist with your request.
Best,
Karen

From: David DeBolt [<mailto:ddebolt@bayareanewsgroup.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2015 6:28 PM
To: Boyd, Karen
Cc: Martinelli, Gene
Subject: Report on 669 24th Street fire

Hi Karen,

Per our conversation, here's what I'm looking for related to Saturday's fire at 669 24th Street, 671 24th Street and the 23rd street side of the building, also damaged by the fire.

I've cc'd Eugene Martinelli on this email, who I believe is investigating the structure.

My focus would be on Apt. D at 669 24th Street, where the fire originated. I'd like to know about any code problems at that unit and adjoining units. If there were windows? If there were sprinklers or smoke alarms? etc.

Please let me know if you need further clarification. The best place to reach me is my cell phone, 510-457-8550. Look forward to hearing from you on Wednesday. Take care.

David DeBolt
Reporter, Oakland Tribune

Boyd, Karen

From: Boyd, Karen
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2015 3:34 PM
To: 'Sam Levin'
Subject: RE: East Bay Express - building services / code enforcement department contact?

Hi Sam,
Thanks for your email and the detail you provided. I'm going to forward this to Rachel Flynn, Planning & Building Director, regarding who the best staffer would be to discuss this with you.
Best,
Karen

From: Sam Levin [mailto:Sam.Levin@eastbayexpress.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2015 10:50 AM
To: Boyd, Karen
Subject: East Bay Express - building services / code enforcement department contact?

Hi Karen – long time no chat, hope you're well. I just left you a voicemail on your cell. I'm reaching out because I'm working on a story about a group of North Oakland tenants who claim that their landlord / property manager has done a range of construction / renovation work that has not had the proper permits, has violated a range of codes, etc. Some of them have expressed frustration that building services department / code enforcement folks haven't done enough to respond to their complaints and issue stop-work orders and fines when appropriate.

I'm just trying to track down the appropriate Building Services contact to respond to my inquiry? For what it's worth, the property manager/owners are Apartment Group and TP Partners, and one of the main properties where tenants have complained is 374 41st Street. I called building services and was directed to **Tim Low**, who I just left a message for. I just wanted to make sure my inquiry was reaching the right person and thought I'd bug you about that just in case.

510-879-3773.

Thanks!

Sam Levin
East Bay Express, Staff Writer
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Boyd, Karen

From: Mike Blasky <mblasky@bayareanewsgroup.com>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2015 3:03 PM
To: Boyd, Karen
Subject: Re: New Oakland Trib city reporter

Monday AM is fine with me! I was actually going to ask you if you'd be right person for this question -- do you know the city's current contract with ShotSpotter, the gunfire recognition company? I was looking for the amount of the contract and the length

Do you want to plan on like 10 am Monday?

On Friday, March 27, 2015, Boyd, Karen <KBoyd@oaklandnet.com> wrote:

Hey Mike,

No worries—it's been one of those weeks for me, too. I wasn't sure if we were confirmed so I assumed it wasn't happening.

How does Monday work? I'm totally open in the AM and then again in the later part of the afternoon.

Karen

From: Mike Blasky [<mailto:mblasky@bayareanewsgroup.com>]
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2015 12:48 PM
To: Boyd, Karen
Subject: Re: New Oakland Trib city reporter

Karen -- totally forgot about 11 am today! I hope you did also... I'm so sorry, was working on a story and forgot about the time. Are you free today? I only remembered because I was going to email / call you about a story I'm working on... lol... sorry about that...

Mike

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On Tue, Mar 24, 2015 at 6:47 PM, Mike Blasky <mblasky@bayareanewsgroup.com> wrote:

I think Friday should be fine! See you then...

On Tuesday, March 24, 2015, Boyd, Karen <KBoyd@oaklandnet.com> wrote:

Hi Mike,

Sorry about this, but I've now got a conflict on Thursday at 11. Any chance Friday would work for you? It's looking more flexible than Thursday on my end.

Thanks!

Karen

From: Mike Blasky [<mailto:mblasky@bayareanewsgroup.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2015 9:53 AM

To: Boyd, Karen

Subject: Re: New Oakland Trib city reporter

Yes I will mark it down, thank you Karen

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On Tue, Mar 24, 2015 at 9:52 AM, Boyd, Karen <KBoyd@oaklandnet.com> wrote:

Thursday would be great. I can't do lunch that day, but I could meet at 11. Would that work for you? I'm looking forward to it!

Karen

From: Mike Blasky [<mailto:mblasky@bayareanewsgroup.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2015 8:59 AM

To: Boyd, Karen

Subject: Re: New Oakland Trib city reporter

Karen -- want to shoot for Thursday? We could grab lunch if you'd like, or coffee!

I would say today but I'll be in committee meetings most of the afternoon!

Ⓒ If you see anything newsworthy tho please feel free to contact me anytime! I'm new to Oakland so any help I can get from you starting out would be amazing.

My cell is 702-378-7557

Take care

Mike

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On Mon, Mar 23, 2015 at 5:37 PM, Boyd, Karen <KBoyd@oaklandnet.com> wrote:

Hi Mike,

Welcome to Oakland! I would love to sit down and meet you. Perhaps we can do that this week while I arrange for a sit-down with you and the City Administrator?

Tomorrow, Thursday and Friday work for me. Let me know some good times for you.

Best,

Karen

From: Mike Blasky [<mailto:mblasky@bayareanewsgroup.com>]

Sent: Monday, March 23, 2015 9:25 AM

To: Boyd, Karen

Subject: New Oakland Trib city reporter

Hi Karen --

Mike Blasky here, new reporter for the Tribune... Just wanted to reach out today to introduce myself. If possible, was hoping to set up a time to meet yourself and Mr. Flores?

No story in mind right now, just want to put some names with faces! Hope all is well

My contact information is below!

Mike

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Boyd, Karen

From: Boyd, Karen
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2015 11:17 AM
To: 'Mike Blasky'
Subject: RE: you free after...

Perfect.

From: Mike Blasky [<mailto:mblasky@bayareanewsgroup.com>]
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2015 11:10 AM
To: Boyd, Karen
Subject: Re: you free after...

I will plan on that. Just have to finish my story!

On Monday, March 30, 2015, Boyd, Karen <KBoyd@oaklandnet.com> wrote:

That would be great. I have a 3:30 meeting, but if we could at least make contact briefly at 3 that would be terrific. Meet at Awaken?

From: Mike Blasky [<mailto:mblasky@bayareanewsgroup.com>]
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2015 10:59 AM
To: Boyd, Karen
Subject: you free after...

After 3 pm or so? I'm going to be on deadline for the ShotSpotter story I mentioned last week, but I'd love to come down to city hall and just introduce myself finally.

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Boyd, Karen

From: Boyd, Karen
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2015 11:27 AM
To: 'Mike Blasky'
Subject: RE: Still on for 1:30 ?

Yep, still on!

From: Mike Blasky [mailto:mblasky@bayareanewsgroup.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2015 11:21 AM
To: Boyd, Karen
Subject: Still on for 1:30 ?

I'll be there if so, Artz cant

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Boyd, Karen

From: Mike Blasky <mblasky@bayareanewsgroup.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2015 1:07 PM
To: Boyd, Karen
Subject: Fwd: Still on for 1:30 ?

Hey Karen, just checking in once more! And forgot to say thanks for meeting with me yesterday, it will be fun to work with you. I'll plan on walking over about 1:30 unless I hear from you first

Take care!

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From: Mike Blasky <mblasky@bayareanewsgroup.com>
Date: Tue, Mar 31, 2015 at 11:21 AM
Subject: Still on for 1:30 ?
To: Karen Boyd <kboyd@oaklandnet.com>

I'll be there if so, Artz cant

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Boyd, Karen

From: Boyd, Karen
Sent: Monday, April 06, 2015 1:11 PM
To: 'Mike Blasky'
Subject: RE: Tribune reporter inquiry!

Hi Mike,
I'm checking with our Budget staff on this...Let me know what you hear from Susan. Thanks.
Karen

From: Mike Blasky [<mailto:mblasky@bayareanewsgroup.com>]
Sent: Monday, April 06, 2015 9:47 AM
To: Boyd, Karen
Subject: Fwd: Tribune reporter inquiry!

Hey Karen!

Sent this email to Susan Sanchez this morning, but wondered if you might also be able to help me with this? I'm trying to find out how much of the \$400,000 for graffiti abatement has been granted/allocated thus far, and whether the line item is going to expire soon with the next budget cycle.

Hope you had a good weekend and Easter, if that's something you celebrate.

Take care

Mike

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From: Mike Blasky <mblasky@bayareanewsgroup.com>
Date: Mon, Apr 6, 2015 at 9:45 AM
Subject: Tribune reporter inquiry!
To: sasanchez@oaklandnet.com

Hi Susan:

Left you a voicemail a few minutes ago, figured I'd also send you an email. My name is Mike Blasky and I'm the new reporter at the Tribune. I was looking to do an update story on the \$400,000 the council allocated for blight abatement murals last year. I'm curious if you know how much of the money has been granted to artists so far (I hear there are some RFP out there right now, too).

I'm also curious if you know if that money is a line item that is set to expire soon. Steven Huss was the one who directed me your way, he said while his dept is involved they aren't overseeing this.

My #s are below! Thank you in advance

Mike

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Boyd, Karen

From: Boyd, Karen
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2015 6:14 PM
To: 'Mike Blasky'
Cc: Swan, Rachel
Subject: RE: meeting with John Flores, Interim City Administrator

Terrific! See you both on Thursday.
Karen

From: Mike Blasky [<mailto:mblasky@bayareanewsgroup.com>]
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2015 4:46 PM
To: Boyd, Karen
Cc: Swan, Rachel
Subject: Re: meeting with John Flores, Interim City Administrator

Hey Karen --

That's the time Rachel set up with Winnie, John's assistant? So apparently 1 pm Thursday is set!

Thanks,

Mike

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On Mon, Apr 13, 2015 at 4:44 PM, Boyd, Karen <KBoyd@oaklandnet.com> wrote:

Hi Rachel and Mike,

John Flores is available this week to sit down with you both for a meet-and-greet. Does 1 pm on Thursday (the 16th) work for you? Please let me know.

Thanks!

Karen

Karen Boyd

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