



**Downtown Long Beach Associates
Minutes of the Public Safety Task Force**

Thursday, May 27, 2009—9:30 a.m.
100 West Broadway, Suite 120
Long Beach, CA 90802

Present

Members: Syndi Croad, Janet Moore, Jeff Pilbeam, Cory Allen (1st Council District), Broc Coward (2nd Council District), Bill Doll (Office of the Mayor), Sgt. Ted Reno (Long Beach Police Department)

Staff: Mary Coburn, Vanessa McCollum

Absent:

Members: Linda Guthmann-Krieger, Eric Kianpour, Jenny Bethune

I. CALL TO ORDER

Janet Moore called the meeting to order at 9:35am.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 25, 2010 MEETING

Ted Reno motioned to approve the minutes, and Moore seconded the motion. All in favor, no abstentions, none opposed.

III. TASK FORCE UPDATES

There was some discussion about current events in the Downtown. Task Force membership and the lack of quorum on a regular basis was discussed. It was suggested that voting members include only Syndi Croad, Janet Moore, Jeff Pilbeam, and Linda Guthmann-Krieger. The task force agreed that the Police Department, Sheriffs Department, and City Council offices could retain advisor seats on the Task Force, but not be voting members. Mary Coburn suggested that an article be placed in the Public Safety Task Force e-newsletter to recruit more task force members. Member absences were discussed, and a suggestion was made that missing three meetings in a row or four meetings per year would be cause for dismissal from the task force, subject to review by the voting task force members. The discussion regarding membership was scheduled be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Coburn asked the members for some suggestions for short term goals for the task force. Broc Coward suggested that the task force research the best practices for loitering and panhandling and try to move forward with implementing those practices. Discussion included the First Amendment, mental health and homelessness and speaking to the new City Prosecutor for suggestions. Santa Monica, San Diego, Oakland, Pasadena, San Francisco, Portland, Seattle, San Jose and Santa Cruz were suggested for

research. Requesting copies of the ordinances would be the first step, as well as looking for news articles from those regions. The ordinances will be reviewed at the next meeting and some follow up questions for members of those communities will be formulated. Coward suggested following up with the City Attorney as well. Seattle and Portland will be researched by Coward. Syndi Croad will research San Diego and San Francisco, Janet Moore will research Oakland and Santa Cruz, Bill Doll will research Pasadena and San Jose, Jeff Pilbeam Santa Monica. All task force members agreed to return their findings to Mary Coburn by June 11, 2010. Coward stated that he would contact the City Attorney. The possibility of establishing a "homeless court" was discussed.

Clean and Safe Team requests for proposals are due June 23, 2010. Coburn is expecting as many as 18 proposals. Preliminary reviews of the proposals will be done by Coburn, and an invitation was extended to the task force members to attend the interviews on July 22, 2010. Clean Team interviews will be conducted between 1:00pm and 5:00pm. Guide program interviews will be July 23, 2010, 9:00am to 1:00pm. The goal is to not reduce services and ensure the quality of the programs, while not incurring more costs.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

V. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:54am.