



Downtown Long Beach Associates
Minutes of the Public Safety Task Force
Thursday, October 28, 2010—9:30AM
DLBA Office, Executive Conference Room
100 West Broadway, Suite 120
Long Beach, CA 90802

PRESENT

Voting Members: Jann Buaiz, Syndi Croad, Jeff Pilbeam

Advisors: Cory Allen, 1st Council District; Sgt. Eric Kianpour, LASD; Sgt. Ted Reno, LBPD

Guests: Larry Black, The Varden Hotel

Staff: Mary Coburn, Erin Murphy

ABSENT

Voting Members: Linda Guthmann Krieger, Janet Moore

Advisors: Broc Coward, 2nd Council District; Bill Doll, Office of the Mayor

I. CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chair Syndi Croad called the meeting to order at 8:35AM.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The Task Force deferred approval of the September minutes to the November meeting.

III. TASK FORCE UPDATES

Mary Coburn reported that a follow up meeting was being scheduled with the City Attorney and City Prosecutor's offices as well as DLBA and LBPD regarding the proposed aggressive panhandling ordinance.

Larry Black noted that he continued to work with LBPD and management at Top Valu regarding sales of single-shot alcohol.

Sgt. Ted Reno reported that the recent Women's Conference had required additional security in the Downtown due to the high-profile guests, but there were no incidents. Jann Buaiz inquired about an incident on Magnolia

Avenue and 4th Street in which off-duty Marines and an Army Reservist had assisted an LBPD officer attacked by a man with a dinner knife.

Sgt. Eric Kianpour stated that LASD continues to work around construction on Pacific Avenue and 1st Street. The Task Force then discussed issues of security and cleanliness on the MTA Blue Line. Jeff Pilbeam suggested that Downtown Guides ride the trains, and Coburn offered to take the suggestion under advisement when the Property-Based Improvement District (PBID) is renewed (as the PBID Management Plan specifies the services provided by the Guide program). Kianpour proposed stationing Guides on the platforms and remarked that LASD continues to collaborate with LBPD to ensure train safety. Kianpour added that the platforms are cleaned twice a day and the trains cleaned at night. Coburn proposed that an MTA or LASD representative be invited to the January Task Force meeting to discuss the issue at greater length.

Pilbeam mentioned that he had experienced aggressive solicitation at the drive-thru for the McDonald's on 7th Street and Long Beach Boulevard. Coburn recommended talking to the property owner.

Coburn briefed the Task Force on the success of the Security Luncheon the previous Friday at which the LBPD Chief addressed private security personnel about collaboration. Coburn stated that DLBA would be following up on the Chief's interest in collecting information about private security cameras in order to establish a network. Reno observed that the RDA had funded the installation of cameras on Pine Avenue and the Promenade in conjunction with their development projects. Black inquired whether limited resources would be spread too thinly, and Reno responded that the Port and Airport would be responsible for funding additional LBPD at their locations and that Homeland Security had funded cameras at the Convention and Entertainment Center and Queen Mary. Black asked if new developments were required to include cameras, and Reno replied that the Chief was investigating the possibility. Coburn added that security cameras were discussed in relation to the Entertainment District permit process.

Coburn also noted that DLBA would be investigating the Law Enforcement And Private Security (LEAPS) program mentioned by the Chief. Reno added that the Chief has advocated for a stronger LBPD presence at the Port and Airport.

The Task Force then discussed the November meeting date since the regular date falls on Thanksgiving as well as amending the regular meeting time. The Task Force preferred to meet on November 9 at 9AM and expressed a general preference for meeting on Tuesdays or Thursdays at 9AM.

The Task Force also requested that Coburn e-mail information for them to consider in preparation for discussing goals for 2011.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

V. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30AM.