



**DOWNTOWN  
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**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, January 22, 2025**  
**3:00 PM**

**St. Luke's Episcopal Church**  
525 E. 7<sup>th</sup> Street  
Long Beach, CA 90813

**Present:** Rev. Antonio Gallardo, Robb Smith, Paul Boyd-Batstone, Paul Hargis, Terrence Krieger, James Turner

**Absent:** Mark Jensen, Teri Tan

**DTLB Alliance Staff:** Juan Torres, Irene Presentine, Sara Payne

**Guests:** Sergeant Lisa McCourt, Laura Reimer, Roy Maufus

1. Call to Order – Antonio Gallardo, Chair  
[Meeting Presentation](#). Called to order at 3:02PM.
2. Roll Call
3. **ACTION: Approval of [Minutes of December 18, 2024](#), Public Safety Committee Meeting.**  
**MOTION: 1<sup>st</sup>: Boyd-Batstone; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Hargis.**  
**VOTE: None opposed. No abstentions.**  
**Krieger was absent for the vote. Motion passes.**
4. Update on 2024-2025 Committee Projects
  - a. Fresh Start
    - i. **Mission:** This project is working to increase donations for local homeless service providers.
    - ii. **Chair:** Robb Smith emphasized the need to refocus the mission, noting that while there are many donations, people often aren't aware of them. He wants to encourage contributions of additional essential items beyond hygiene kits and non-perishable items.
    - iii. **Promotion and Visibility:** Torres highlighted how DTLB Alliance will be promoted through these donation projects, with plans to include QR codes on donation boxes and feature the initiative across all social media platforms.
    - iv. **[Fresh Start Timeline](#)**
  - b. Safety Walk Audits/ Scooter and Bike Safety
    - i. **Mission:** This project is dedicated to tracking and reporting safety issues in Downtown Long Beach to improve community safety.
    - ii. **Chair:** Paul Boyd-Batstone is leading the effort; using the Go Long Beach app for reporting issues such as lighting problems, hazardous items, and debris that need removal.
    - iii. **Community Engagement and Collaboration:** Boyd-Batstone requested more integration of safety audits with other DTLB events, to allow event attendees to participate in walks around the neighborhood to identify and report issues.
    - iv. **Planning and Partnerships:** He expressed interest in setting up a calendar for the project by the end of the year and highlighted a



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- desire to partner with the Placemaking Committee to enhance the project's impact.
  - c. Security Data Collection
    - i. **Mission:** This project aims to create a comprehensive database of all businesses and properties in Downtown Long Beach and establish communication among security management companies.
    - ii. **Chair:** Position **Open**. The committee is currently seeking a chair to lead this initiative.
    - iii. **Platform:** Work on this project will be conducted through Salesforce to streamline data collection and communication.
  - d. Business Summit update
    - i. **Chair:** Mark Jensen. Not present, no updates.
  - e. Juan plans to create calendars and send emails once all participating members for each project are confirmed.
5. Public Safety Partners Report
- a. Long Beach Police Department – South Division
    - i. There has been a decrease in juvenile activity compared to previous reports.
    - ii. A new commander, Eric Fernandez, has been appointed.
    - iii. The recent Coffee with a Cop event was highly successful, with the next one scheduled for the 28th.
  - b. City Prosecutor
    - i. There are ongoing changes related to Prop 36.
    - ii. Efforts are underway to reduce theft in Long Beach.
    - iii. A new City Ordinance has been enacted to address encampments causing disturbances at the library.
    - iv. The bike team is starting earlier in the day to manage the campsites in front of the library.
    - v. Funding from the Department of Justice has been secured to expand the LEAD program, which will provide real-time case managers to engage directly in the field.
  - c. Department of Public Works – Clean Team
    - i. Not present, no updates.
  - d. Department of Health and Human Services
    - i. Not present, no updates.
6. Quarterly Presentation
- a. St. Lukes Presentation
    - i. **History of the Episcopal Church:** Rev. Antonio Gallardo gives the committee a brief history of The Episcopal Church, highlighting how the church actively serves the community by partnering with local organizations and running programs like SHARP, providing meals, showers, and services for the homeless.
    - ii. Donation Drive on Saturdays: The church is currently in need of donations, particularly underwear, for its Saturday SHARP program.
7. Staff Report
- a. Clean and Safe



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- i. Clean and Safe Update
  1. January 23<sup>rd</sup> is the Homeless Count which will include DTLB Alliance participants. Gift cards to 7/11 will be handed out to unhoused individuals that participate in the count. Torres notes that many 7/11s will be busy due to this and mentions increased surveillance from the Clean and Safe team.
  2. Payne mentions how new employees have joined the clean and safe team and suggests members to be patient with them as they complete training and onboarding.
- ii. Safety Guide Update
  1. No updates.

8. Old Business

9. New Business

- a. The next committee meeting will be moved from the 26 to the 27<sup>th</sup>.

10. Public Comment (three minutes on all non-agenda items)

11. Adjournment

Adjourned at 4:10PM.



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## NEXT PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING:

**February 27, 2025**

**3:00 PM**

**Location: DTLB Alliance Conference Room (100 W Broadway, Suite 235)**

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and prosperous Downtown for all*

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