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# PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

## Wednesday, December 18, 2024

### 3:15 PM

#### DTLB Alliance Conference Room

100 W Broadway, Suite 235  
Long Beach, CA 90802

**Present:** Rev. Antonio Gallardo, Paul Boyd-Batsone, Paul Hargis, James Turner, Mark Jensen, Teri Tan, Robb Smith

**Absent:** Terrence Kriger

**DTLB Alliance Staff:** Sara Payne, Juan Torres, Kelsey Mader

**Guests:** Sergeant Lisa McCourt

1. Call to Order – Antonio Gallardo, Chair  
[Meeting Presentation](#). Called to order at 3:15PM.
2. Roll Call
3. **ACTION:** Approval of [Minutes of November 20, 2024, Public Safety Committee Meeting](#).  
**MOTION:** 1<sup>st</sup>: Boyd-Batstone; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Hargis  
**VOTE:** None opposed. No abstentions.  
**Smith was absent for vote. Motion passes.**
4. Update on 2024-2025 Committee Projects
  - a. Fresh Start
    - i. Focus on Donations and Safety Walk Audits: The committee is working on increasing the flow of donations to local businesses while also improving safety in the community through regular safety audits.
    - ii. Donations to Local Agencies: Gallardo emphasized the importance of supporting organizations that provide essential services in downtown Long Beach, such as Mental Health America and Long Beach Rescue Mission. These donations help to enhance the community's support system for those in need.
  - b. Walk Audits
    - i. Placemaking Committee Partnership: The committee discussed the possibility of collaborating with the Placemaking Committee for joint safety walk audits, bringing together their expertise in urban development and safety.
    - ii. MLK Celebration as a Service Opportunity: There is a suggestion to align the safety walk with the Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration, as a community service event to raise awareness about public safety.
  - c. Database of Security Companies
    - i. Creating a Comprehensive Database: The committee is working on building a detailed database that includes information on businesses and property owners throughout the area. This resource will help identify key security contacts within the community.



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- ii. Emergency Communication Plan: In the future, the goal is to develop a communication plan that enables fast, coordinated responses in the event of an emergency.
  - iii. Networking Events for Property Managers and Security Personnel: The committee is considering hosting events to connect security personnel and property managers. Many property management companies manage multiple properties, yet staff members may not know each other. These events would provide an opportunity to foster relationships and improve communication.
  - d. Resource Guide
    - i. Quality of Life Guide: The Alliance website includes a comprehensive Quality of Life guide that highlights services provided by Clean and Safe ambassadors, as well as other vital resources for community members that many are unaware of. The guide offers scenario-specific information, detailing what actions to take in various situations.
    - ii. Resource Guide: In addition to general information in the Quality of Life Guide, the Resource Guide will provide deeper insights into city programs, including the appropriate contacts for different types of services.
  - e. Business Summit
    - i. Scheduled for April 18, 2025: The Business Summit will take place from 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM and is aimed at involving local businesses while increasing public awareness of community safety and engagement.
    - ii. Pitch Desk and Approved Participants: A pitch desk has been established for local businesses, and 79 businesses have confirmed their participation in the event, covering various sectors across the property.
    - iii. Police Department Involvement: The committee has expressed interest in having the Long Beach Police Department actively involved in the event, either by providing workshops or contributing to discussions on public safety.
    - iv. Workshop Ideas: Ideas for potential workshops include a session focused on safety practices, as well as a specialized workshop by the safety committee to address key issues facing local businesses and the broader community.
5. Public Safety Partners Report
- a. Long Beach Police Department – South Division
    - i. Recent Operations: The LBPD South Division has conducted several operations at high-traffic areas such as the Pike and Nike stores. These operations are designed to enhance security and prevent criminal activity.
    - ii. Collaboration with Safety Ambassadors: Gallardo praised the LBPD South Division's support, noting how their efforts, along with the presence of Safety Ambassadors during events at First Congregational Church, have contributed to a more secure environment for attendees.



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- b. Department of Public Works – Clean Team
- c. Department of Health and Human Services
- d. City Prosecutor

6. Staff Report

a. Clean and Safe

i. Clean and Safe Update

1. **Mental Health Crisis Training:** The County Department of Mental Health conducted a training session for Safety Ambassadors, focusing on how to identify and assist individuals experiencing a mental health crisis. This training covered available resources, proper response protocols, and whom to contact in such situations.
2. **Outreach Coordinator:** Carol, the outreach coordinator, is dedicated to connecting individuals experiencing homelessness with essential city services, providing meals, and offering housing assistance five days a week. Her work ensures that individuals are connected to the right support networks.
3. **PD Officer Garcia’s Training:** Officer Garcia from the Long Beach Police Department met with the Safety Ambassadors to provide practical guidance on how to effectively handle specific situations. This included protocols on how to report incidents and who to contact for assistance in various scenarios.
4. **Stop the Bleeding Training:** Solar Management staff participated in a “Stop the Bleeding” training, teaching them life-saving techniques to manage stab wounds and other critical injuries until emergency responders arrive.

b. Meeting Rotations

- i. **Quarterly Meeting Location Rotations:** The committee expressed an interest in rotating meeting locations every quarter to promote local businesses and encourage participation from a broader range of community stakeholders. By hosting meetings in different areas, it is hoped that more businesses will become involved and contribute to the committee's initiatives.

7. Old Business

8. New Business

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

10. Adjournment

Adjourned at 4:08PM.



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## NEXT PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING:

**January 22, 2025**

**3:00 PM**

**Location: St. Luke's Episcopal Church (525 E. 7th Street)**

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and prosperous Downtown for all*

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