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Manager

Irene Presentine  
Programming Assistant

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**Thursday, February 27, 2025**  
**3:00 PM**

**DTLB Alliance Conference Room**

100 W. Broadway Suite 235  
Long Beach, CA 90802

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

**Absent:** Mark Jensen

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

**Guests:** Roi Maufus, Lisa McCourt

1. Call to Order – Antonio Gallardo, Chair  
**Meeting Presentation.** Called to order at 3:02PM.
2. Roll Call
3. **ACTION: Approval of Minutes of January 22, 2025, Public Safety Committee Meeting.**  
**MOTION: 1<sup>st</sup>: Boyd-Batstone; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Hargis.**  
**VOTE: None opposed. No abstentions. Motion passes.**
4. Message from the Chair/Chairpersons Discussion
  - a. **Meeting Rotations:** Gallardo discusses the rotation of meeting locations every quarter to get to know partners and people within different areas of Downtown Long Beach.
  - b. **Personal Updates:** Gallardo opens the floor for members to share how they are doing. Gallardo then shifts the discussion to talk about challenges faced by the community, including concerns about immigration and the impact of the ICE police. The importance of self-care and mental health is emphasized by this discussion—reminding members to remember to take care of themselves first.
5. Update on 2024-2025 Committee Projects
  - a. Fresh Start: Outline Update
    - i. **Update:** Smith provides an update on the Fresh Start project, including the vision and the need to gather supplies. Smith highlights the challenges of collecting supplies and the need for targeted requests. Gallardo suggests reaching out to the Shelter Partnership for additional support.
  - b. **Walk Audits: Calendar Update**
    - i. **Update:** Torres outlines a schedule for the safety walks and the collaboration with the Placemaking group. The purpose of this project is to track and report issues around Downtown Long Beach to the *GoLongBeach* app and the DTLB survey. Hazards include reporting trip hazards and graffiti.



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- ii. **Effectiveness of the GoLongBeach app:** The committee then discusses personal stories of the effectiveness of the GoLongBeach app. Torres highlights how although Clean and Safe and help remove graffiti from public spaces with limited supplies; reporting to the GoLongBeach app will help remove graffiti from private areas and with a range of supplies.
  - iii. **Next Phase:** The next safety walk audit is scheduled for March 5<sup>th</sup>.
- c. Security Data Collection: Information Update
    - i. **Updates:** Torres is currently gathering information from properties that have security and noting what security companies they use. The goal is to reach out to the properties or HOAs and create a spreadsheet with all the information gathered.
    - ii. **Next Phase:** Torres predicts the project will move into the next phase by early April. He is hoping to have a working outline by that time.
  - d. Business Summit Update
    - i. **Update:** Gallardo shares an update on the business summit on behalf of Mark Jensen. Jensen is in talks with a marketing company to start spearheading all the front end of this event.
    - ii. **Next Phase:** Jensen might decide on that company next week. The date has been moved to September 18. Jensen will provide more details on this at the next committee meeting.
6. Public Safety Partners Report
- a. Long Beach Police Department – South Division
    - i. **Proposition 36:** In November 2024, California voters approved Prop 36, a measure that imposes stricter penalties for certain theft and drug offenses. This measure has led to increased penalties for repeat offenders.
    - ii. **Updates:** Since the implementation of Prop 36, Seargent McCourt notes a decrease in juvenile crime and encourages members to check the Long Beach PD website for up-to-date crime statistics.
  - b. Department of Public Works – Clean Team
    - i. Not present, no updates.
  - c. Department of Health and Human Services
    - i. Not present, no updates.
  - d. City Prosecutor
    - i. Not present, no updates.
  - e. **Follow up:** Torres notes that he will follow up with the Department of Public Works Clean Team and the Department of Health and Human Services since they have not shown up to a committee meeting in almost two years.
7. Staff Report
- a. Clean and Safe
    - i. Clean and Safe Update
      - I. **Update:** Clean and Safe department conducted their own homeless count. Conducted a count in the morning and the afternoon for two days and compared numbers. Noticed



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numbers were higher in the morning. Numbers ranged from 130 to 170.

2. **New Assistant Manager:** Steve Salisbury.

- ii. Resource Guide Update
  - I. In the works, working on adding new information to guide.
- iii. April Meeting Date Change
  - I. The committee has decided to host the next meeting on **Thursday, April 24, 2025, at 400 W Ocean.**

8. Old Business

9. New Business

- a. Gallardo reminds the committee that they are working on putting together a workshop that is available to all businesses in Downtown.

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

11. Adjournment

Adjourned at 4:00PM.

**NEXT PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING:**

**March 26, 2025**

**3:00 PM**

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

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