



**DOWNTOWN
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Manager

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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, March 26, 2025

3:00 PM

DTLB Alliance Conference Room

100 W. Broadway Suite 235
Long Beach, CA 90802

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

Absent: Robb Smith, Mark Jensen

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

Guests: Lauren Esqueda, Lisa McCourt, Laura Reimer

1. Call to Order – Antonio Gallardo, Chair

Meeting Presentation. Called to order at 3:07PM.

2. Roll Call

3. **ACTION: Approval of [Minutes of February 27, 2025](#),
Public Safety Committee Meeting.**

MOTION: 1st: Boyd-Batstone, 2nd: Turner.

VOTE: None opposed. No abstentions. Motion passes.

4. Introduction/Check-Ins

- a. Gallardo opened the meeting with introductions and check-ins, welcoming the new guest, Lauren Esqueda.

5. Update on 2024-2025 Committee Projects

- a. Fresh Start: Update

- i. Torres is working with Smith to coordinate donations with CSU Long Beach, Long Beach City College, and the Long Beach Rescue Mission, focusing on hygiene items (body wash, deodorant, toothpaste, etc.).
- ii. Torres is waiting for an update from Mental Health America on their donation needs.
- iii. The committee is asked to provide locations for donation boxes. The promotion will begin by the end of April, with boxes out for six weeks. QR codes will be placed at locations that cannot host donation boxes, directing people to a website for monetary donations.

- b. Walk Audits: Calendar Update and Light Audit

- i. Completed in collaboration with the Placemaking Committee, Torres presents a spreadsheet generated by the Go Long Beach app that gives a location, date, description, and case number of all of the incidents reported. Torres notes that the city is very responsive to the cases reported, with a turnaround time of one week.

- c. Business Summit Update

- i. In Jensen's absence, Gallardo provided an update on his behalf. The summit has been rescheduled for September.



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- d. Security Data Collection: Information Update
 - i. Torres shared that the project is currently in the planning phase. Alliance staff is exploring the use of Salesforce to collect information, with the goal of creating the database within the next month. Next steps include developing the spreadsheet, contacting all security companies, and distributing the gathered information. The first meeting is tentatively scheduled for September.

6. Public Safety Partners Report

- a. Long Beach Police Department – South Division
 - i. McCourt noted that the Grand Prix is approaching, which is expected to lead to an increase in incidents. Homelessness outreach efforts are currently underway. The team is also monitoring the long-term impact of Prop 36 on repeat juvenile offenses in downtown Long Beach, particularly around The Pike.
- 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. Reimer notes there is an effort to ensure businesses are informed about upcoming traffic impacts in Downtown due to the Grand Prix.
 - ii. The long-term effects of Prop 36 are still being evaluated, with applicable cases now being prosecuted as felonies.
 - iii. The Vagabond unit is closing its operations near the Billie Jean King Library but will be reopening to focus on the riverbed area.

7. Staff Report

- a. Clean and Safe
 - i. Clean and Safe Update
 - 1. DTLB Alliance
 - a. The Clean and Safe team is collaborating with Mental Health America on Wednesdays, assisting with tasks such as removing bulky items from alleyways and various areas of Downtown.
 - b. They are also working closely with Care Closet to support additional cleanup efforts.
 - c. A \$1.3 million grant has been secured to expand outreach programming, and the team is currently awaiting council approval to accept the funds. The goal is to establish immediate, real-time connections between individuals in need and outreach workers.
 - 2. Block by Block
 - a. Payne and Kiara, the outreach coordinator, met with MSC and are also sending team leads to support the effort. The focus is on building and strengthening the relationship with MSC.



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- ii. April Meeting Date/Location Change
 - I. Confirmed for April 24, 2025, at West Ocean Long Beach.
- 8. Old Business
- 9. New Business
- 10. Public Comment (three minutes on all non-agenda items)
- 11. Adjournment
Adjourned at 3:54PM.

NEXT PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING:

April TBD 2025
3:00 PM
Location: West Ocean Long Beach (400 W Ocean Blvd)

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