

DLBA Public Safety Committee

November 29, 2023



Mission: Cultivate, preserve and promote a healthy, safe and prosperous Downtown

1. Roll Call

Chair Cheryl Robers, Vice Chair Antonio Gallardo, Paul Boyd-Batstone, Terrence Krieger, Robb Smith, Vincent Severen, Paul Hargis, Andrew Fiorentino, and Teri Tan

2. Minutes

Action: Approve minutes from the October 25, 2023 meeting.

3. Chairperson's Report

Cheryl Roberts

Chair

3a. FY22-23 Project Summary

Project #1:

Fresh Start: *Outreach and placement of collection boxes at downtown businesses, churches and HOA's. The objective is to collect personnel hygienic supplies for our unhoused neighbors from April to June and distribute them to Long Beach Rescue Mission, U.S Vets Long Beach and Mental Health America Los Angeles.*

3a. FY22-23 Project Summary

Project #2:

Downtown Safety Walk Audits: *Over the course of 2023, a task group from the DLBA Public Safety Committee developed a public safety walk audit Google form that has been field tested and streamlined to record lighting issues, sidewalk fall/trip hazards, tree issues, vandalism, and unhoused related concerns. The form quickly documents the location and description of the issue and produces a spreadsheet for DLBA to review. The information is also reported to GoLong Beach, the City's app for citizens to report issues of concern. Now that the protocol is established, DLBA can easily audit quadrants of the downtown area and monitor to what extent the issues are addressed, either by the DLBA clean and safe team or the City.*

3a. FY22-23 Project Summary

Project #3:

Scooter Safety: *Address issues associated with scooters in Downtown Long Beach. Users are using scooters on sidewalks which creates a safety issue for pedestrians. The goal is to work with the scooter companies and the City of Long Beach to develop a marketing plan to inform the public on the laws and regulations and keep Downtown safe.*

3a. FY22-23 Project Summary

Project #4:

***De-Escalation Application for Homeless Resource/Guide-** Address the issue of homelessness and their effect on businesses. Goal is to develop a resource guide, app, and/or training for business on dealing with homelessness. A set description has not been set yet, once the committee is developed, they will zero in on the project's goals and plans.*

3b. FY23-24 Selection of 2023-2024 Working Group Projects

- De-Escalation Application for Homelessness Resource/Guide
- Scooter Safety
- Fresh Start
- Safety Walk Audit

4. Public Safety Partners Update

- a. LBPD South Division
- b. Department of Public Works
- c. Department of Health and Human Services
- d. Long Beach City Prosecutor



5. Staff Report

Juan Torres

Operations Manager

5. Staff Report

- a. Clean and Safe Update
 - a. Safety Ambassadors in East Village
 - b. Burritos Badges
 - c. Ambassadors Training

6. Public Comment
(three minutes on all non-agenda items)
7. Old Business
8. New Business
9. Adjournment