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Sara Payne
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Koda Strider
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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES
Wednesday, February 25, 2026
3:00 PM

DTLB Alliance Conference Room
100 W. Broadway Suite 235
Long Beach, CA 90802

Present: Paul Boyd-Batstone, Paul Hargis, James Turner, Teri Tan, Lauren Esqueda, Clare Le Bras

Absent: Antonio Gallardo, Nicole Moonier, Allison Kripp

DTLB Alliance Staff: Juan Torres, Sara Payne, Koda Strider

Guests: Sgt. Lisa McCourt

1. Call to Order – Paul Boyd-Batstone
[Meeting Presentation](#). Called to order at 3:02PM.
2. Roll Call
3. **ACTION: Approval of [Minutes from January 28, 2026](#), Public Safety Committee Meeting.**
MOTION: 1st: Esqueda; 2nd: Turner.
VOTE: None opposed. None abstained. Motion passes.
4. Staff Report
 - a. Clean and Safe Update
 - i. DTLB Alliance
 1. Homelessness
 - a. The Alliance is planning to conduct its own early-morning homeless count in Downtown in late March to track localized trends and compare data year-over-year, as city-reported data does not provide geographic breakdowns.
 - b. Staff attended the Long Beach Health Collective quarterly meeting, which rotates among local service providers and offers opportunities to learn about available services and strengthen partnerships with community agencies.
 2. Safety
 - a. Mar. 19 – Coffee with a Cop at Panama International Restaurant
 3. Upcoming Events
 - a. Mar. 10-12 – California Downtown Association conference
 - b. Mar. 17 – Mug to Mug at Panama International Restaurant
 - c. Mar. 21 – DTLB Live! on the Promenade on the third Saturday of every month
 - ii. Block by Block



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1. Safety Ambassadors are now wearing updated uniforms to look more official and clearly distinguish them from the clean team, and Block by Block's vehicles have been given new wraps to make them more recognizable.
2. Ambassadors are preparing for the upcoming CDA conference by increasing staffing and training.
3. Clean and Safe Services Provided so far in 2026
 - a. 1,161 Safe Team business contacts
 - b. 90 directional assistances given
 - c. 2,174 graffiti/stickers removed
 - d. 607 homeless outreach contacts made
 - e. 159 items of hygiene/food/clothes provided
 - f. 94,100 pounds of trash collected
5. 2025-2026 Committee Projects Discussion
 - a. Safety Walk Audits – Paul Boyd-Batstone
 - i. Report trip and fall hazards, vandalism, lights, and trees
 - ii. Jan. 31 – Community Walk Audit with the City of Long Beach Walk and Roll
 - iii. Feb. 25 – Light Audit at 6pm
 - iv. Feb. 28 – City of Long Beach Walk and Roll meeting at Billie Jean King Library 10am-12pm
 - v. Mar. 25 – Safety Walk Audit at 6pm
 - b. Fresh Start
 - i. Torres shared a draft of the [Fresh Start Timeline](#) with committee members, outlining plans to launch the donation drive in partnership with local businesses, HOAs, and hotels.
 - ii. The program will collect hygiene items, clothing, and other supplies to be distributed to partner organizations such as the Long Beach Rescue Mission, Mental Health America, and local college food pantries.
 - iii. Committee members are encouraged to participate by hosting donation boxes and leveraging community connections to support collection efforts.
 - iv. Formation of the Fresh Start subcommittee and scheduling of its first meeting will be determined at a future meeting.
 - c. Presentations and Trainings (Safety and Security Readiness) for Businesses and Residents – Rev. Antonio Gallardo, Nicole Moonier, and James Turner
 - i. 602 No Trespassing
 1. The committee opted not to host a 602 No Trespassing workshop on February 25 and instead coordinated with the City Council Office's existing business workshop happening on February 26, supporting outreach and promoting awareness to local businesses.
 2. The subcommittee is collaborating with partners (including the City Prosecutor's Office and Council Office) to increase participation and understanding of the 602 program.
 - ii. Health and Human Services
 1. A future presentation on the Community Crisis Response Team (CCRT) is being planned to educate businesses and residents, with timing and location to be determined.



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6. Public Safety Partners Report
 - a. Long Beach Police Department – South Division
 - i. McCourt shared that a fence will be installed around the library overhang area in early March to deter encampments, with accompanying signage outlining rules and enforcement.
 - ii. Outreach efforts and coordination with service providers will continue in the area to connect individuals experiencing homelessness with available resources.
 - iii. A temporary skate park installation is underway at a vacant lot near Chestnut and Ocean for KASSO Fest, which will be held on March 21–22.
 - iv. Tan shared updates on individuals experiencing homelessness in the area, noting a recent successful outreach outcome and identifying another individual in need of assistance.
7. Old Business
 - a. Hargis raised concerns regarding scooter and e-bike safety in downtown areas, particularly involving youth riders on sidewalks and in high-traffic pedestrian zones.
8. New Business
 - a. A recent incident involving a safety ambassador in another city was brought up by Hargis and discussed; it was clarified that the individual was not affiliated with the Alliance or Block by Block. Payne reaffirmed that ambassadors receive extensive training and follow protocols that prioritize de-escalation and coordination with law enforcement.
 - b. Preparations are underway for increased activity during upcoming conferences and events, with safety ambassadors adjusting deployment to focus on high-traffic areas and provide visibility, assistance, and support as needed.
 - c. Several upcoming events were noted, including a student walkout, the opening of Marathon Burger on Pine Avenue (expected to draw large crowds and street closures), and a Mardi Gras event at Shoreline Village.
 - d. A suggestion was made to provide committee members with high-visibility vests for safety during safety audits.
9. Public Comment (three minutes on all non-agenda items)
10. Adjournment
Adjourned at 3:47PM.

NEXT PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING:

Thursday, February 26, 2026 at 3:00PM

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

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