PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, February 26, 2020
4:30 pm
DLBA Conference Room
100 West Broadway, Suite 120
Long Beach, CA 90802

Voting Present: Denise Carter, Pat Welch, Teresa Calloway, Sheila Gibbons, Janice Friend, Denise Maldonado, Nick Padula
Voting Absent: Jon Timberlake, Todd Lemmis
DLBA Staff: Monica Morrill, Broc Coward, Steve Be Cotte
Guests: Commander Liberman, Eric Matusak, Ken Roberts, Carole Sergy, Max Estrada

1. Call to Order, Welcome and Self-Introductions – Denise Carter, Chair
Meeting called to order at 4:35pm. Meeting Presentation.

2. Action: Approve minutes from January 22, 2020 Meeting. An amendment was made to the minutes, can be viewed here. 1st: Welch. 2nd: Calloway. None opposed, no abstentions. Motion carries.

3. Public Safety Partners Report
   a. Long Beach Police Department – South Division
      Commander Liberman – been in place since the first week of January, loves the pace of the South Division, and happy to be here. Made a commitment to introduce himself to each business owner in the South Division. Been with the City of Long Beach for 28 years. Commander Forum at 6PM at the Downtown division, focus of the forum is homelessness at the community room. Public Questions: How are police officers trained to deescalate dangerous situations when police or public are physically threatened? Working very hard with the State and elected officials, officers are being held to a higher standard. Approach every situation with the intent to deescalate without force, officers are being trained in more specialized techniques of talking down situations. How can we help individuals who are coming out of prison and may end up living on the streets? Long Beach Department of Health & Human Services offers re-entry programs. There are many individuals who refuse services when being offered.
   b. Department of Health and Human Services – Max Estrada – Safe parking starts today February 26, launching at the Multi-Service Center(MSC), this is a temporary location. Permanent lot is going through the permitting process and hope to be open by the end of March. MSC will offer about 10-12 spaces, more to come when a more permanent parking lot opens.
   c. Long Beach City Prosecutor – Neighborhood Prosecutor – not present for update.

4. Guest Speaker: Ken R. Roberts, Clean Long Beach Superintendent, Department of Public Works – Roberts has been with the City of Long Beach for 6 years, and currently the superintendent of the Long Beach Clean Team. The Long Beach Clean Team is responsible for the cleanliness of public right of ways and litter removal. Roberts provided information hand outs for Long Beach Recycles, Who do I call? and Oversized Items. Questions form Committee: Do you answer reports from...
the Go Long Beach App? Yes, there is a team that tracks and follows up on all reports input in Go Long Beach, but report rates are high, and it takes time to assess all of them. How can we get more trash cans in Downtown? The City offers various trash receptacles, and this is a matter that might better be suited for a member of City Council.

5. Staff Report – Steve Be Cotte
   a. DLBA Public Safety Perception Survey – This is DLBA’s fourth year putting out the survey, and once online will be available for three weeks.
   b. Changes to Pressure Washing Vendor – For the past two years, DLBA has been contracting pressure washing services through West Coast. DLBA wanted to create a better synergy among Clean & Safe Team staff, bringing the pressure washing in house will do just that. DLBA is buying and providing equipment and Block by Block will be providing the labor. A new truck has been ordered and is currently being built to accommodate the specific needs of Downtown.
   c. Long Beach Homeless Count Summary – Took place January 23 and went extremely well. 70% of the volunteers had done the count in previous years. This was the first year using the mobile app, which had a live update as soon as an individual was contacted, no major issues were reported with app. Results come out May or June.

   a. WG1: Downtown Safety Audit – Lighting – See Slide 9 for updated dates. March 4 will be Downtown Core.
   b. WG2: Quality of Life Education Series – See Slide 11 for schedule.
   c. WG3: Helping Hands and Partnerships – Working group is going to move forward with towels and personal hygiene kits, working on title and marketing for the campaign.

7. Public Comment (Three minutes on all non-agenda items)
8. Old Business
9. New Business
10. Adjournment
    Meeting adjourned at 5:47pm