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**Public Safety Committee  
Members:**

Denise Carter, Chair

Pat Welch, Vice Chair

Teresa Calloway

Sheila Gibbons

Jon Timberlake

Janice Friend

Denise Maldonado

Nick Padula

Todd Lemmis

**DLBA Staff:**

Broc Coward, COO

Steve Be Cotte, Community  
Outreach Manager

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

Wednesday, August 26, 2020  
4:30 pm

**Voting Present:** Denise Carter, Pat Welch, Janice Friend, Denise Maldonado, Nick Padula

**Voting Absent:** Sheila Gibbons, Teresa Calloway, Jon Timberlake, Todd Lemmis

**DLBA Staff:** Broc Coward, Steve Be Cotte, Cherisse Evans, Kelsey Mader

**Guests:** Erik Matusak, Ray Morquecho, Chris Silva, Paul Duncan

1. Call to Order, Welcome and Self-Introductions – Denise Carter, Chair  
Meeting called to order at 4:38 PM. [Meeting Presentation.](#)
2. **Action: Approve minutes from [July 22, 2020 Meeting.](#)**  
**1<sup>st</sup>: Welch. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Friend. None opposed, no abstentions. Motion carries.**
3. Public Safety Partners Report
  - a. Department of Health and Human Services – Paul Duncan was recently named the new Homeless Services Officer for the City of Long Beach.
    - Welch: What restrictions are in place regarding personal possession when a homeless person is seeking shelter? This can vary shelter to shelter due to limited space, but a general rule limits personal possession to 2 bags. Looking to create a storage site to keep personal belonging to relieve that barrier. Pets can also be a restriction, currently only registered support animals can be accepted, but some shelters are looking into ways of accepting pets.
  - b. Long Beach City Prosecutor – No report given.
  - c. Long Beach Police Department – Sgt. Matusak, generally violent crime is down, but commercial burglary is up significantly because of the civil unrest on May 31. Garage burglary and other auto related theft are also up, underground parking structures are getting hit the hardest. With the closure of Pine Ave for Open Streets, PD is patrolling this area more heavily by foot to ensure people feel safe dining out and being out in the neighborhood. Trespassing program: designed for locations after hours, with the proper signage and paperwork, the PD can enforce trespassing laws without the owner being present.
    - Welch: How is the atmosphere on Pine Ave, have there been any issues? Businesses are using the open street to their advantage, and patios seem to be busy. No major issues have been reported.
    - Morquecho (CD1): there has been positive feedback about the Open Streets initiative, the only downside has been noise from parklets in Council District One. Would like to continue this initiative further along North Pine.
    - Friend asked about continuing protests and Matusak answered that there have been protests but there have been no major incidents. Councilmember Zendejas thanks PD for keeping her office informed throughout the protests. Coward mentioned that arrests made after the civil unrest, from crimes captured on video. PD website has all press releases with information about these arrests.

Chris Silva, QOL(Quality of Life) Officer in Downtown. The goal of this program is to outreach and provide services to those experiencing homeless and will enforce the law as needed. They work closing with Public Works



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Department, who can assist is cleaning up homeless encampments. Gumbiner Park located at MLK Jr Blvd between 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Street is becoming a major encampment concern. The park is cleaned once a week but becomes impacted immediately after. QOL Officers are currently trying to determine how this type of behavior can be discouraged.

4. Staff Report – Steve Be Cotte
  - a. DLBA ATLV – *slide 5 presented* – This vehicle has been in use more than ever to keep Pine Ave clean and cleared for pedestrians and restaurant patrons.
  - b. DLBA Pine Ave Safety Ambassador – *slide 6 presented* – DLBA recently added an additional patrol person dubbed the “Patio Patrol” to address people experiencing homelessness in the closed area of Pine Ave, and issues with them sleeping on closed patios.
5. Chairperson Report –Working Group Activities (WG) – Carter
  - a. WG1: Downtown Safety Audit: Lighting – *slide 9 presented* – Carter and Welch offered to take some on more routes.  
WG2: Quality of Life Education Series – *slide 10 & 11 presented* – Two more virtual tours, Coward with send out link to DHHS to committee tomorrow. The Emergency Communications & Operations is also upcoming and will be available for the committee soon.  
WG3: Helping Hands and Partnerships – *slide 12 presented* – There will be some coordination with the DLBA Communications team with collateral and messaging. Coward added that these tasks will continue to the following year’s committee but hoping to have the packages completed so the next committee can get started right away.

Department dashboard presented by Coward – On budget under the emergency budget, including personnel costs.

6. Public Comment (Three minutes on all non-agenda items)
  7. Old Business
  8. New Business
  9. Adjournment
- Meeting adjourned at 5:38 PM.

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
Wednesday, September 24, 2020  
4:30 PM**

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