PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
MINUTES

Wednesday, October 23, 2019
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, Jon Timberlake
Voting Absent: Todd Lemmis
Guests: Leslie Holmes
DLBA Staff: Broc Coward, Monica Morrill, Steve Be Cotte, Lauren Mayne

1. Call to Order, Welcome and Self-Introductions – Denise Carter, Chair
   Meeting called to order at 4:33 pm Meeting Presentation

2. Action: Approve minutes from September 25, 2019 Meeting
   1st: Welch  2nd: Gibbons. None opposed, no abstentions. Motion carries.

3. Public Safety Partners Report (not present)
   a. Long Beach Police Department – South Division
   b. Department of Health and Human Services
   c. Long Beach City Prosecutor – Neighborhood Prosecutor

4. Staff Report – Broc Coward
   a. Review of DLBA Public Safety Budget (slide 5 presented)
      • Large portion of the operations budget falls into personnel for Block by Block. Along with the Clean & Safety Ambassadors, we have homeless outreach specialist’s that work 7 days a week, and 8 hours a day. Statistics show that it takes 22 contacts with an individual experiencing homelessness, before they will trust you and accept help.
   b. Review of Public Safety Committee Dashboard (slide 6 presented)
      • Dashboard’s are a month or so behind, will be making some updates to the Dept. Financial Health portion in hopes to get them complete sooner. Dashboards are used to report out what the committee is working on, more specifically used by the Executive Committee.
   c. Consider moving DLBA’s next Public Safety Committee meeting to Tuesday, November 26 at 4:30 pm: Committee has agreed to move the meeting to Tuesday November 26th

   a. WG1: Downtown Safety Audit – Lighting (slide 10 presented)
      • Walk Audit Checklist presented and has been used in previous years. Committee members and staff would walk through the community, including both PBID & DPIA, using the checklist would be able to indicate areas in need of improvements. City Light & Power has updated most lighting to LED.
      • DLBA early on wants to invite City partners to maximize efficiency and be advocates for the cause. We will invite our City partners to
join us for the walks, such as Police, Public Works and representatives from CD1 & CD2. By August, we would have complied enough data to form a report and presentation. The goal of the working group would be to determine where lights can be added, is the separation of lights to great, and broken or nonfunctioning lights. Time of day can be determined by the working group, and there is a potential to team up with the Public Realm Committee.

WG2: Quality of Life Education Series (slide 12 presented)
- Long Beach has a lot of resources for a person experiencing homelessness, DLBA wants to partner with community-based groups that are helping these individuals. Partners include but not limited to Multi-Service Center (MSC), Mental Health America (MHA), Christian Outreach in Action (COA). Goal on the working group would be to create a group of advocates, get informed/educated and pass along information to the community. DLBA would arrange to visit the partners, take tours and get an education on what they are doing to support the homeless population. This would serve as a pilot program for a potential volunteer opportunity called Community Champions.
- Long Beach Homeless Coalition is piloting a program called the Homeless Ally Program. A class to inform the community about homelessness and homeless services offered in Long Beach. An informed citizen is making better decisions and can make a difference when it comes to the homeless population.
- Nothing stops homelessness like a job, organizations like Willmore Baking Company which is an eight-week tuition-free program for no or low-income individuals interested in learning professional baking skills. More information can be found here.
- Public Survey suggested that individuals Downtown felt unsafe between the hours of 8pm and 12am and are associating these concerns with the homeless population. At the committee orientation, there was discussion of creating a seminar inviting businesses and residents to hear speakers and experts on homelessness and public safety during those late-night hours. That is still the intention of DLBA staff (Community Outreach/Econ Dev)

WG3: Helping Hands and Partnerships (slide 14 presented)
- BID's across California have done an event, that has been sponsored by the BID (DLBA) to bring in individuals who are experiencing homelessness or are in need medical services. Potential to provide veterinarian services for dogs and other animals.

b. Assignment of Working Group members
- WG1: Timberlake(lead), Padula, Maldonado, Calloway.
- WG2: entire committee.
- WG3: Carter(lead), Friend, Welch, Gibbons, Padula, Calloway.

6. Public Comment (Three minutes on all non-agenda items)
7. Old Business
8. New Business
9. Adjournment
   Meeting adjourned at 5:45pm.
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