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**Public Safety Committee
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Denise Carter, Chair

Pat Welch, Vice Chair

Sheila Gibbons

Jon Timberlake

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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, October 28, 2020
4:30 pm

Voting Present: Denise Carter, Sheila Gibbons, Jon Timberlake, Janice Friend, Nick Padula

Voting Absent: Pat Welch, Denise Maldonado

Staff: Broc Coward, Steve Be Cotte, Kelsey Mader, Erica Beighley

Guests: Ray Marquecho- Chief of Staff for Mary Zendejas Council District 1; Eric Matusak-
LBPB South Division

1. Call to Order, Welcome and Self-Introductions – Denise Carter, Chair
Meeting called to order at 4:35 pm. [Meeting Presentation.](#)
2. **Action: Approve minutes from [September 23, 2020 Meeting](#). 1st: Timberlake. 2nd: Padula. No Abstentions. Motion Carries.**
3. Public Safety Committee Refresher – Broc Coward presented slides 3-5
 - Reminded Committee their role is to dive deeper into specific topics that Board and Executive Committee are not able to get to. Advise and make recommendations from their research on programs that DLBA should consider.
4. Staff Report
 - a. DLBA and LBPB Election Day Deployment and Communications
Coward and Sergeant Eric Matusak, LBPB South Division- Slide 7 presented
 - Matusak informed Committee about LBPB's plan on managing emergencies and upcoming election. LBPB has been preparing for emergencies since end of May with September being focused on Election Day. The Incident Management Team will be activated and on tactical alert with officers working extended shifts from 10/31/2020 to 11/6/2020.
 - Matusak explained National Guard deployment process because of numerous inquiries, including DLBA and other Business Associations referencing incident in May. To deploy National Guard, would need to go through Mutual Aid process that has been in place since the 1950s. First point of contact is Signal Hill, if not enough resources reach out to County Sheriff. When County Sheriff department is unable to staff, it goes to neighboring counties, then goes to state at which point if not enough traditional law enforcement resources are available then the Governor would be able to deploy the National Guard.
 - Stressed importance of residents and businesses to be prepared and have a plan. Alert LB, <http://longbeach.com/disasterpreparedness/alert-long-beach/>, is prepared to send out emergency alerts to residents. Informed Committee of resources available to set up businesses with material to board up storefronts as well as disaster loans available, <https://www.sba.gov/node/4633>.
 - Shared additional resources for staying informed:
 - City of Long Beach Disaster Preparedness Department- <http://longbeach.gov/disasterpreparedness/>
 - <https://www.ready.gov/businesses>
 - DLBA's DTLB Advisories/Alerts- <https://downtownlongbeach.org/join-our-newsletter/>
 - Email LBPBSouth@LB.org to be placed on distribution list regarding alerts.
 - Carter asked Matusak if there are any expected challenges or unrest known. Matusak answered LBPB has been in contact with FBI and other Police Departments sharing intelligence and resources, currently there are no concerns and no known unrest.



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- Coward let Committee know that DLBA is currently calling DTLB residents informing them about alerts. There could be a delayed effect depending on when the Election results are made known.
5. Chairperson Report – Carter
- a. Establish Working Group Goals- Presented slide 9
 - Carter informs Committee that Education Series can be turned into an ongoing agenda item. Coward explains it could become a standard program that the Committee does and strongly recommends it become a standard agenda item.
Action: Approve committee goals for the FY 20/21 Public Safety Committee. 1st: Gibbons. 2nd: Padula. No Abstentions. Motion Carries.
 - Goals will be Helping Hands, Mystery Shopper Program and the Go Long Beach app. Education Series will be a standard program.
 - b. Establish working group members and formation- Presented slide 10
 - Carter would like everyone to work on goals as a Committee but have a lead for each project. Timberlake will lead Mystery Shopper Program, Gibbons will lead Helping Hands project, and Carter will lead Go Long Beach app.
 - c. Discuss rescheduling of November and December Public Safety Committee meetings due to holidays.
Action: Approve new date for November Public Safety Committee meetings. 1st: Gibbons. 2nd: Friend. No Abstentions. Motion Carries.
 - November Public Safety Committee Meeting moved to Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at 4:30 pm.
Action: Approve new date December Public Safety Committee meetings. 1st: Friend. 2nd: Gibbons. No Abstentions. Motion Carries.
 - December Public Safety Committee Meeting moved to Thursday, December 17, 2020 at 4:30 pm.
6. Public Comment (Three minutes on all non-agenda items)
7. Old Business
 - Coward updated Committee on DLBA's approval for CARES Act Funding. Currently DLBA is submitting receipts to prove spending was COVID related.
8. New Business
9. Adjournment
Meeting adjourned at 5:46 pm

**Next Public Safety Committee Meeting
Wednesday, November 18, 2020
4:30 pm
Location: ZOOM**

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