Voting Present: Denise Carter, Pat Welch, Sheila Gibbons, Janice Friend, Denise Maldonado, Nick Padula, Todd Lemmis, and Jon Timberlake (not present for voting)

Voting Absent: Teresa Calloway

Guests: Leslie Holmes, Phillip Jennings, Dean Vescera, Eric Matusak

Staff: Broc Coward, Monica Morrill, Steve Be Cotte

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 October 23, 2019 Meeting
   1st: Gibbons. 2nd: Lemmis. None opposed, no abstentions. Motion carries.

3. Public Safety Partners Report
   a. Long Beach Police Department – South Division (listen to recording)
      Official crime numbers for YTD as of October: Violent Crime is down 6.9%, Property Crime is down 5.4%, with an overall number of 5.7% down. Preliminary crime numbers YTD as of November 24th: Commercial Burglary is down 24.4%, Residential Burglary, Auto Burglary and Grand Theft are flat for the year, and overall burglary is down 2.7%. South Division has been able to dedicate resources to areas they feel need the most support, in this case, it was dedicated to Commercial Burglary. Measure A funds have also helped support programs like Neighborhood Safe Streets, helping to bring overall crime rates down. Matusak reminds committee members of the motto, see something say something. Recap on the Democratic Convention: City brought in the Incident Management Team, which brings together: Police, Fire, Public Works, Disaster & Emergency Preparedness and Technology teams from the City to form a plan in case of a major incident. Event had one minor incident that PD was able to assess and make a few arrests within minutes. Homeless winter shelter is slated to open December 7th, Officers will be available for rides.
   b. Department of Health and Human Services (not present)
   c. Long Beach City Prosecutor – Neighborhood Prosecutor
      Long Beach was given a grant by the US Department of Justice to create a new technology called Guides, this application will help the Police Department to track individuals that are in the crime database. Features include search by name, location and if the individual may be in a diversion program. Application set to launch in 2020.
4. Presentation on the **Long Beach Commercial Improvement Rebate Program** – Phillip Jennings, MPA, CDBG Commercial Programs Supervisor

Highlights from the program: Program was initiated in 2003, with a yearly allotted amount of $2,000 for improvements. Improvements that are made must be visible from the street, such as, paint, awning and lighting. Work cannot be started until the business has been approved, with a 4 to 6 week processing time, once approved there is a 3-month timeframe to complete the work. After work is complete, receipts are to be submitted, and reimbursement will be issued.

5. Staff Report – Steve Be Cotte
   a. **Homeless Ally Program**
      Be Cotte – In addition to his role at the DLBA, Be Cotte is also the president of the Long Beach Homeless Coalition. Homeless Ally Program is something that came out of a board meeting, answering the need for education surrounding homelessness. Unfortunately, there is negativity that is linked to homelessness, this program is slated to help ease the frustration of individuals. Originally modeled after a program that was launched at Cal State Long Beach (CSULB) called LGBTQIA+ Ally Program, since starting the program CSULB has organized many other ally programs and created the Safe Zone. The Homeless Ally program is a place to gather information and gain knowledge about what citizens can do to better help the homeless population. Program is in a soft launch, and is a work in progress, hope to have it fully up and running by Spring 2020. Homeless Coalition is currently working on gathering sponsorship.
   b. Consider moving DLBA’s next Public Safety Committee meeting to Thursday, December 19 at 4:30 pm.
      Meeting has been moved to Tuesday December 17th at 4:30pm.

   a. **WG1: Downtown Safety Audit – Lighting (slide 9 presented)**
      Be Cotte is working on potential dates for walks to take place, start time will be between 5:30-6pm. Will reach out to Public Realm Committee and other community partners, inviting them to join us. Schedule presented is tentative and is subject to change, working group will help to determine the final schedule.
   b. **WG2: Quality of Life Education Series (slides 10-11 presented)**
      Coward has worked on a tentative schedule, as seen in slide 11.
   c. **WG3: Helping Hands and Partnerships (slide 12 presented)**
      Be Cotte is working with Nicole Hatley and working group lead Carter to determine the campaign and direction of the working group.

7. Public Comment (Three minutes on all non-agenda items)

8. Old Business – shout out to Be Cotte and the Clean & Safe Ambassadors for stepping up and helping during the Democratic Convention. DLBA had both the large and small kiosk, providing information to convention goers. DLBA and Block by Block are in the process of interviewing for the Clean & Safe manager position, current manager Josina Lawrence has taken a job in Washington DC. DLBA has
developed collateral directed towards panhandling, to bring awareness and offer alternative ways to make donations to those in need.

9. New Business
10. Adjournment
   Meeting adjourned at 5:57pm.

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TBD 4:30 PM
DLBA Conference Room
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Long Beach, Ca 90802

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