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MEMBERS

Cheryl Roberts, Chair

Antonio Gallardo, Vice Chair

Paul Boyd-Batstone

Terrence Krieger

Robb Smith

Vincent Severen

Paul Hargis

Andrew Fiorentino

Teri Tan

STAFF

Juan Torres,
Operations Manager

James Ahumada
Sr. Vice President & Deputy
CEO

Stew Stephens,
Programming Assistant

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, October 25, 2023
3:00 PM

DLBA Conference Room

100 W Broadway, Suite 120
Long Beach, CA 90802

Voting Present: Cheryl Roberts, Rev. Antonio Gallardo.

Voting Absent: Andrew Florentino.

DLBA Staff: Stew Stephens, Juan Torres, Cesar Garay, James Ahumada.

Guests: (Pre-voting committee members) Robb Smith, Vincent Severen, Terri Krieger, Paul Boyd-Batstone, Paul Hargis, Teri Tan; (City Prosecutor's office) Laura Reimer.

1. Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions – Cheryl Roberts, Chair
Meeting Presentation. Called to order 4:04 PM
2. **ACTION: Approve minutes from [September 27, 2023](#) committee meeting.**
VOTE: 1st: Roberts; 2nd: Gallardo.
MOTION: None opposed. No Abstentions. Motion Passes.
3. Chairperson Report – Roberts
 - a. FY22-23 Project Summary
 - i. Fresh Start
 - ii. Walk Audit
 - iii. Emergency Disaster Plan
 - Roberts provides an introduction and summary of Project #1, based on the items learned through the donation program and how to better organize collections for the future. The process should be refined if the FY23-24 committee is to continue this project.
 - The walk audit is addressed in conjunction with Go Long Beach program and the need to address ADA concerns with the city.
 - Roberts also addresses the Emergency disaster Guide regarding preparedness for Heavy Storms, Civil Unrest, etc.
 - b. FY23-24 Potential Committee Working Group Projects Discussion
 - i. De-Escalation Application for Homeless Resource/Guide
 - ii. Scooter Safety
 - iii. Fresh Start
 - iv. Other
 - The group discusses some potential programs for the new committee to take on in FY23-24. Roberts asks if the group will consider the Fresh Start Program again. The group also would like to focus on Scooter Safety, De-Escalation Training (also called the Response Guide), and the Safety Walk Audits. The group discusses creating an app or another easily accessible resource to gather and disseminate information regarding the Response Guide. This would be aimed at keeping businesses and residents better informed about dealing with the growing unhoused population and educate community members on safe practices. Reimer is happy to advise on the development of these resources.



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- Krieger advises the committee to attempt to re-open lines of communication between the local scooter company liaisons and city officials to better regulate scooter safety and parking, etc.
- c. Selection of 2023-2024 Projects
- 4. Public Safety Partners Report
 - a. Long Beach Police Department – South Division
 - b. Department of Public Works – Clean Team
 - c. Department of Health and Human Services
 - d. City Prosecutor
- Reimer informs the group that the DA declined to file felony charges against the perpetrator who committed the sexual assault. The group expresses frustrations with this kind of behavior seemingly increasing and going unchecked or unpunished. Reimer reiterates that the Prosecutor’s office is still open to speaking with frustrated community members at the East Village Community Meeting.
- Smith voices the frustrations of businesses that feel unsupported by the DLBA after multiple break-ins, increase in crime: vandalism, petty theft, assault, etc. Smith asks the group if a greater concerted effort should be placed on hiring armed security for the downtown area.
- 5. Staff Report
 - a. Clean and Safe Update
- 6. Public Comment (Three minutes on all non-agenda items)
- 7. Old Business
 - Boyd-Batstone offers thanks to PD for helping keep a recent drag show event safe with their presence.
- 8. New Business
 - Tan informs the group about the upcoming North Pine teen mentoring program for which Ahumada recommends the committee collaborate with the DLBA Special Events team to create an event to accompany this program.
- 9. Adjournment
Adjourned at 5:15 PM

**Next Public Safety Committee Meeting
November 29, 2023
3:00 PM
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100 W Broadway, Suite 120
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