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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES
Wednesday, September 23, 2026
2:30 PM

DTLB Alliance Conference Room
100 W. Broadway Suite 235
Long Beach, CA 90802

Present: Paul Boyd-Batstone, Paul Hargis, James Turner, Michelle Magaldi
Absent: Teri Tan, Allison Kripp
DTLB Alliance Staff: Juan Torres, Koda Strider, Steve Salisbury

1. Call to Order – Paul Boyd-Batstone
   Meeting Presentation. Called to order at 2:34PM.

2. Roll Call

3. **ACTION: Approval of Minutes from July 22, 2026, Public Safety Committee Meeting.**
   MOTION: 1st: Hargis; 2nd: Turner.
   VOTE: None opposed. None abstained. Motion passes.

4. Staff Report
   a. Clean and Safe Update
      i. DTLB Alliance
         1. Public Safety Committee Update
            a. This was the committee's final regular meeting, with the current monthly committee structure being replaced next fiscal year by broader public forums and more project-based engagement.
            b. Future participation will be more task-oriented, with volunteers brought together around specific projects or issues rather than meeting every month.
            c. Existing efforts such as Fresh Start and walk audits could continue under the new format, and staff will develop forum topics based on community needs and feedback.
            d. Forums are expected to be open to a broader audience rather than limited to appointed committee members, with final details to be shared after Board approval.
         2. Clean and Safe Luncheon
            a. Scheduled for September 29, 2-3pm, at Buen Provecho.
         3. Cleaning – Hot spot locations
            a. Staff continue monitoring several hotspot locations, including Harvey Milk Promenade Park, the area near the library, PCH and Long Beach Boulevard, and other recurring complaint areas.

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b. Block by Block teams conduct daily checks and coordinate with the Multi-Service Center, Police Department, Quality of Life team, and other providers to connect individuals with services and document repeated outreach attempts.
c. Torres noted that some individuals decline available assistance, requiring continued outreach and coordination before additional intervention may be possible.
d. Members discussed continued interest in a workshop for businesses and residents on how to safely respond to challenging situations involving unhoused individuals.
e. Staff cautioned that cuts to homelessness services, housing assistance, and other support programs may reduce available resources and contribute to increased homelessness in the coming year.

ii. Block by Block
1. Emergency Call SOP
a. Salisbury is developing an Emergency Call SOP in coordination with LBPD and Block by Block leadership to guide staff on when emergency services should be contacted.
b. Frontline reports will receive an additional review by team leads or supervisors when appropriate to distinguish active crimes from lower-level nuisance issues that may be addressed through de-escalation or other intervention.
c. Ambassadors will continue to call 911 immediately for clear emergencies, including situations involving weapons, and all Clean & Safe staff carry work phones capable of placing emergency calls.
2. Clean and Safe Services Provided so far in 2026
a. 11,452 Safe Team business contacts
b. 1,252 directional assistances given
c. 10,344 graffiti/stickers removed
d. 3,137 homeless outreach contacts made
e. 850 items of hygiene/food/clothes provided
f. 850 bulky items removed
g. 396,560 pounds of trash collected

iii. Downtown Events/Conferences
1. October 17: DTLB Live!
2. October 17-21: ICMA Conference
3. October 24: Fright Fest

5. 2025-2026 Committee Projects Discussion
a. Safety Walk Audits – Paul Boyd-Batstone
i. The next Safety Walk Audit will directly follow this Public Safety Meeting.
ii. There was a Walk Audit on May 27, with 3 requests submitted as a result.

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iii. 2026 Light Audits: 40 lights reported, 26 closed, 14 in progress

b. Fresh Start
   i. Fresh Start ran from June 1 through late July and included 24 participating locations.
   ii. Donations have been sorted and inventoried by committee members, with items divided as evenly as possible among four recipient organizations: Long Beach Rescue Mission, Mental Health America Los Angeles, and Long Beach City College, along with the Multi-Service Center.
   iii. Staff noted that donations included both hygiene products and clothing, with particularly strong participation from HOAs. Some locations required multiple pickups due to the volume of donations.
   iv. 8,370 items were collected, which is a significant increase from last year's Fresh Start donation drive.

c. Presentations and Trainings (Safety and Security Readiness) for Businesses and Residents – James Turner
   i. The presentations are currently delayed because many of the committee members previously coordinating them are no longer involved. Staff will reconnect on this once the exact structure of future public safety meetings is determined.

6. Old Business
7. New Business
   a. Staff reiterated that the new forum/task-force structure is intended to reduce quorum challenges, make participation more flexible, and encourage greater public involvement.
   b. Staff and committee members expressed interest in continuing project-based work and using future forums to gather feedback from residents and businesses on public safety and quality-of-life concerns.
   c. Members thanked Alliance staff, Block by Block, and fellow committee members for their responsiveness, participation, and support throughout the committee's work.
8. Public Comment (three minutes on all non-agenda items)
9. Adjournment
   Adjourned at 3:15PM.

NEXT PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING:

TBD

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