



**DOWNTOWN
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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, September 27, 2023
3PM

DLBA Conference Room

100 W Broadway, Suite 120
Long Beach, CA 90802

Voting Present: Isidro Panuco, Cheryl Roberts, Terry Krieger, Robb Smith, Paul Boyd-Batstone.

Voting Absent: Jane Gould, Yolanda Baltazar, Vincent Severen, Janice Friend

DLBA Staff: Stew Stephens, Juan Torres, Cesar Garay

Guests: Laura Reimer, Derek Ernest.

MEMBERS

Isidro Panuco, Chair

Cheryl Roberts, Vice Chair

Yolanda Baltazar

Paul Boyd-Batstone

Jane Gould

Terrence Krieger

Robb Smith

Vincent Severen

Janice Friend

STAFF

Juan Torres,
Operations Manager

James Ahumada
Sr. Vice President & Deputy
CEO

Kelsey Mader,
General Manager

Stew Stephens,
Programming Assistant

1. Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions – Isidro Panuco, Chair
Meeting Presentation. Called to order 3:02 PM.
2. **ACTION:** Approve minutes from [July 26, 2023](#) and review notes from [August 23, 2023 Meeting](#).
VOTE: 1st: Krieger; 2nd: Smith.
MOTION: None opposed. One abstention. Motion Passes.
3. Chairperson Report – Panuco
 - a. FY22-23 Public Safety Committee Working Group Projects
 - i. Fresh Start Donation Program
 - ii. Safety Walk Audits
 - iii. Downtown Emergency Disaster Plan
 - Torres updates the group on each working group project throughout the year and in preparation for the upcoming FY23-24 strategic goals and focus for the new committee.
 - b. 2022-2023 Chair Overview
 - The Chair reinforces the priority of the committee to strategize how DLBA can continue to facilitate change in the community via business, residential, and civic advising, as well as remaining aware of the growing level of concern amongst all citizens about safety in the downtown area.
 - Education (of individual residents, as well as businesses, organizations, etc.) should be a major focus of the 23-24 committee. This may entail a greater emphasis on collaboration between DLBA, City, & PD social media posts designed to inform, advocate, collect data, and assess/manage risk.
4. Public Safety Partners Report
 - a. Long Beach Police Department – South Division
 - Ernest & Reimer update the committee about the new changes to the bail system taking effect on a city and statewide level. This will change the circumstances regarding how/when arrests are made versus citations being issued, with a focus on the severity of the crime being the determining factor in arrest retention as opposed to the perpetrators' ability to afford bail. This will impact DLBA efforts to reduce harm to property and businesses as many smaller misdemeanors will not necessarily result in arrest. This also impacts the public perception of what

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local city, state, and civic organizations and institutions are able or willing to do to resolve difficult situations.

- b. Department of Public Works – Clean Team
- c. Department of Health and Human Services
- d. City Prosecutor

5. Staff Report

- a. Staying Safe- East Village Community Meeting Update
- Torres updates the group about the East Village Community Meeting De-escalation Training: participation and engagement from attendees focused more on voicing concerns, being heard, and asking questions. DLBA remains committed to providing a safe space for that discourse while also emphasizing the need for widespread education about response procedures in collaboration with the City of LB and PD. The following meeting (with the new committee) will entail a brainstorming session about the goals of future trainings, their structure, curricula, guidance resources and name (perhaps changing ‘De-escalation Training’ to ‘Response Guide’ - to remove the impetus this places on the individual to de-escalate potentially dangerous scenarios).
- b. Clean and Safe Update

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

7. Old Business
8. New Business
9. Adjournment

Adjourned at 4:07 PM

Next Public Safety Committee Meeting

October 25, 2023

3:00 PM

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