



**DOWNTOWN
LONG BEACH
ALLIANCE**

Debra Johnson, Chair
Alan Burks, Vice Chair
Griselda Suarez
Sara Hickman
Traci De La Torre
John Waldron
Dianne T McNinch
Tokotah Ashcraft
Jorge Mujica

DLBA Staff:
Sean Warner,
Placemaking Manager
Broc Coward, COO

**PUBLIC REALM COMMITTEE
Minutes**

**Monday, October 29, 2018
4:00 PM
DLBA Conference Room
100 W Broadway, Suite 120
Long Beach, CA 90802**

Voting Present: Debra Johnson, Alan Burks, Griselda Suarez, Sara Hickman, John Waldron, Dianne T. Mc Ninch, Tokotah Ashcraft, Jorge Mujica

Voting Absent: Traci De La Torre

DLBA Staff: Sean Warner, Broc Coward, Cherisse Evans

1. Call to Order and Introductions – Debra Johnson, Chair

Meeting was called to order at 4:06PM

2. **ACTION:** Approve minutes from [September 18, 2018](#) Public Realm Committee meeting. **1st: Hickman, 2nd Waldron. None opposed. Burks abstained. Mujica was not present for item.**
3. Orientation to DLBA and Public Realm Committee – Broc Coward & Sean Warner, Staff
Warner thanked the committee for volunteering their time for the year ahead.

Public Realm Committee Presentation

- a. DLBA Vision 2020 Strategic Plan
Warner reviewed (seen above in the linked presentation, slides 3-5)
- b. Public Realm Programs, Projects and Accomplishments

Warner reviewed (seen above in the linked presentation, slide 6).

4. Committee Priorities and Responsibilities - Johnson
 - a. [Review Proposed Committee Priorities and Goals](#)
Waldron provided an update on ULI TAP Waterfront Connectivity and previous meetings with Development Services and Mayor Garcia.

Burks suggested Victory Park design should be looked at considering the development along the park.

Burks added courts and ways (alleys) as a potential area of focus. McNinch - eco-friendly alley treatments (e.g. permeable paving) would benefit alleys. Warner - the Port of LB would be releasing infrastructure grant opportunities in the next year.

Mujica urged the group to consider pedestrian safety regarding the street person population living in alleys when discussing alley improvements. Coward provided background on DLBA's partnership with MHA (Alley Busters program).

Hickman suggested the group identify existing projects, programs and policies related to downtown alleys. Burks suggested mapping the alleys.

Johnson suggested that the Committee invite a City rep to provide an overview of current projects related to alleys. She also provided background on Long Beach Transit's STAR initiative and input received at LBT presentation at joint Public Realm/Economic Development Committee meeting in Nov 2017. DLBA has engaged a consultant to develop a scope of work to identify steps in the implementation of a Downtown connector.

Suarez inquired about funding available for public art projects and the possibility of incorporating arts into all projects including alleys.

b. Actions and Assignments

Working Group member assignments:

1. Victory Park Design/Pine Ave – Burks, Waldron, Mc Ninch
2. Courts & Ways – S. Hickman, Ashcraft, Mc Ninch, Burks
3. Downtown Connector – Johnson, Suarez, Mujica

Next meeting the Committee will identify specific goals and actions associated with each area of focus

c. Timelines and Metrics

To be identified at November Public Realm Committee meeting.

5. Public Realm Committee Meeting Day and Time – Johnson

Committee agreed to meet on the third Monday of every month at 4pm

6. Old Business
7. New Business
8. Public Comment (three minutes on all non-agenda items)
9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:15pm.

NEXT PUBLIC REALM COMMITTEE MEETING:

TBD

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