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**Public Safety
Committee Members**

Johanna Cunningham – Chair
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**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
Minutes**

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

4:00 pm

DLBA Conference Room

100 West Broadway, Suite 120 Long Beach, CA 90802

Voting Present: Johanna Cunningham, Jeremy Schott, Sheila Gibbons, Joe Harding, Bob Kurkjian, Pat Welch, Denise Carter

Voting Not Present: Teresa Calloway

Guests: Eric Matusak, Dean Vescera, Bob Kelton, Candace Facemyer

DLBA Staff: Broc Coward, Melissa Wilson, Cherisse Evans

1. Call to Order, Welcome and Self-Introductions

Meeting called to order at 4:10 pm

2. **Action: Approve minutes from [September 26, 2018 Meeting](#)**

Discussion of approving minutes, per City Attorney's office, new members can approve minutes as long as a staff member or committee members validate that the minutes are accurate. **1st Gibbons . 2nd Harding. None opposed, no abstentions. Carter not present for vote.**

3. Orientation to DLBA & Public Safety Committee [Public Safety Committee Presentation](#)

a. Role of committee members (Cunningham)

Background of DLBA: manages 2 BIDs and the services that we provide for the assessments paid. Explained what the DLBA staff manages and also about the two contractors we work with BBB and West Coast for clean and safe plus pressure washing.

b. Past Projects and Accomplishments (Coward)

Broken/illegal news racks ordinance, Aggressive Panhandling Ordinance, Civic Center Task Force, Homeless Services Card, Information Kiosk, Online Public Safety Survey, Downtown Walk Audit, Clean and Safe Public Outreach

c. [DLBA Vision 2020 Strategic Plan](#) (Coward)

The goal is to align the DLBA Strategic Plan, created 2.5-3 years ago, with the goals of the committees to achieve results

- Perform an evaluation of and report on national best practices of BIDs and community partners addressing homeless and mental illness.
- Educate residents, business owners, employees and visitors about what is being done in LB to improve safety, and how they can help.
- Further increase security and community pride by keeping the Downtown streetscape free of litter, stickers and graffiti

4. **Action: Approve FY18/19 Committee Goals (Cunningham)**

Potential Committee Goals:

- Continue to work with City and social service providers to ensure that individuals in need of services (encourage community service and public donation)



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- Expand use of the DLBA Info Kiosk (enhance the use of the information kiosk by creating a DLBA docent program)
- Work with small merchants and commercial property owners to increase collective security (variation on the Neighborhood Watch concept)
- Identify and advocate for the elimination of trip-and-fall hazards in public spaces (lighting or alley safety)

Other ideas:

- Discussion about focusing on homeless outreach and ways we can make use of the Homeless Services card.
- Another idea is to create an education program to let the public know about the information available to them.
- Concerns about bikes and scooters on sidewalks

No Action Taken. It was agreed by the committee to continue discussing the ideas that came up and set goals at the next meeting.

5. FY 18/19 Committee Goals, Working Groups and Timelines (Coward)
6. FY18/19 Public Safety Committee Meeting Day and Time
Committee agreed to make the last Wednesday of every month at 4:00pm the regular meeting day/time with the exception of December, which may change to another date due to the holidays.
7. Public Comment (Three minutes on all non-agenda items)
8. Old Business
9. New Business
Candace Facemyer mentioned that her organization is looking for volunteers on January 24, 2019 to help count the homeless population in Long Beach. The information gathered is used for grant funding and strategic planning
10. Adjournment
Meeting adjourned at 5:20pm

Mission: Cultivate, preserve and promote a healthy, safe and prosperous Downtown.

Next Public Safety Committee Meeting
Wednesday, November 28, 2018
DLBA Conference Room
100 W. Broadway Suite 120

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