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**Public Safety Committee  
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Pat Welch, Vice Chair

Sheila Gibbons

Jon Timberlake

Janice Friend

Denise Maldonado

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## PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, November 18, 2020  
4:30 pm

**Voting Present:** Denise Carter, Sheila Gibbons, Jon Timberlake, Janice Friend, Nick Padula

**Voting Absent:** Pat Welch, Denise Maldonado

**Staff:** Broc Coward, Steve Be Cotte, Erica Beighley

**Guests:** Don Darnauer- DTLB Resident; Dean Vescera- Long Beach City Prosecutor's Office; Eric Matusak- LBPD South Division

1. Call to Order, Welcome and Self-Introductions – Denise Carter, Chair  
Meeting called to order at 4:38 PM. [Meeting Presentation.](#)
2. **Action: Approve minutes from October 28, 2020 Meeting. 1<sup>st</sup>: Gibbons. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Friend. No Abstentions. Motion Carries.**
3. Public Safety Partners Report
  - a. Department of Health and Human Services
  - b. Long Beach City Prosecutor
    - Vescera shared new expungement program being held on December 7<sup>th</sup> from 4-8 PM and public is encouraged to sign up at <https://cityprosecutordoughaubert.com/rise/>. Expungement program is one of the most requested programs with many success stories and will try to continue program as long as possible. Carter expressed excitement of continuation of program.
    - Vescera told Committee that there would be a lot of new changes in 2021. For example, quality of life crime misdemeanors will be a year probation and stay away orders in domestic violence cases change from 3 years to 1. Will inform Committee once adjustments are made next year.
  - c. Long Beach Police Department
    - Matusak reported that there were no major issues on Election Day and the week following due to the extra officers on duty. Officers were trained every day, then engaged with the community before they helped with patrol calls for service.
    - Matusak shared that with the rise in COVID cases and businesses changing hours, LBPD would know more after today about additional health restrictions. No large gatherings are anticipated for the end of the year due to COVID.
    - Carter asked Matusak if he could share any information that they might be receiving from the Health Department? Matusak answered about 4,000 cases confirmed positive today, with that it adds additional restrictions. They are prepared to assist anyone and anything with businesses in Downtown Long Beach. Coward added that by tonight or tomorrow we would know from the Health Department.
4. Staff Report – Broc Coward- Presented slide 5.
  - a. Post-Election Clean and Safe Activities
    - Coward shared that because of fear of civil unrest Clean and Safe Team made sure valuable equipment and supplies were stored at a safer, more secured location. Two to three peaceful demonstrations occurred.
    - Coward informed Committee Clean and Safe Team concentrated on cleaning up debris and palm fronds caused by the rainy weather. Be Cotte added that the Clean and Safe Team try to anticipate issues that may arise when weather starts turning.
5. Chairperson Report – Denise Carter- Presented slides 7-17
  - a. Update on Public Safety Committee Vacancies
    - Carter updated Committee on decision to formally invite Terrence Kreiger to join Committee and that the interview process was still in progress regarding remaining vacancy.

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- b. Review of Committee Goal Strategies and Milestones
  - Carter let Committee know to anticipate more calls/zoom meetings before January hit milestones which will be made into dashboards to share with Economic Development Committee Meeting and the Board.
    - i. Helping Hands
      - Gibbons suggested to make a list of organizations to contact by next month for cash donations as well as contacting Multi-Service Center and St. Luke's to see what is needed. Committee needs to decide how to take cash donations and how donations would be divided. Gibbons recommended reaching out to Flossie Lewis for more resources. Coward proposed beginning collection of items beginning in March and continuing through September.
    - ii. Go Long Beach App
      - Carter shared Committee would need to work around challenges of further closures but would like to start performing social media and physical outreach in January.
      - Coward suggested having a QR code businesses can scan and would take them directly to information page or taking down businesses email to send link.
      - Coward voiced importance of spreading awareness because businesses are underrepresented and app can increase number of people that are part of the solution.
      - Coward recommended Committee to download the app and come back next meeting with ways to improve app and see where businesses are at that point.
    - iii. Mystery Shopper Program
      - Coward reminded Committee past Mystery Shopper Program had weekly feedback which allowed Clean and Safe Team to address issues at meetings as well as with safety ambassador.
      - Mystery Shopper would observe surrounding environment such as gutter, curb lines and overall appearance as well as asking safety ambassadors questions that pertain to COVID guidelines, restaurants, and recommendations.
      - Coward proposed sending out a sample sheet of what has been done in the past. Timberlake volunteered to draft samples and instructed Committee that guidelines are already there if we had worked with contractor in the past, he suggested to start working on checklist, guidelines, and training and in January delegate tasks to members. Coward added that a google sheet would be set up for members to submit questions and feedback prior to next meeting.
6. Public Comment (Three minutes on all non-agenda items)
  - Gibbons shared fundraiser benefitting the Bembridge House, people are able to order cookies that are sold at Christmas events at [LBheritage.org](http://LBheritage.org) starting December 1<sup>st</sup>.
7. No Old Business
8. No New Business
9. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 5:43 PM.

**Next Public Safety Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, January 12, 2020  
4:30 PM**

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