



Thursday, April 02, 2020 – 12:30 p.m.

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Approved Minutes of **SAFE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Approved on May 7, 2020

Attending: F. Wehbe, T. Ragan, D. Bass, S. Costello, R. Groeper, J. Luster, N. Larrew, B. Scane
Guests: John Adams, Cleveland Davis
Absent: A. Mehrtens, W. Anabel
Staff: Dianna Eisenberg

- 1. Call to Order/Welcome/Introductions**
The meeting was called to order by Ragan at 1:07 p.m.
- 2. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda**
None.
- 3. Approval of Meeting Minutes (Motion)**
Ragan made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of March 05, 2020, seconded by Luster. The motion passed unanimously.
- 4. Report on security conditions in the District**
Davis reported that the streets of the Hollywood Media District have been very quiet since the outbreak of Covid-19. No extraordinary calls to Security have been received with exception of a few regular call reports from CVS, Walgreens and 7-11 to help with crowd control. Certain hot spot areas have shown significant clean-up progress. Highland/Waring was previously a main hot spot and now it is substantially clean, and the number of encampments has been reduced.

Davis pointed out that several porta-potties have been placed in the District, including a handwashing station.

Davis reported that there was an encampment on fire reported on Sycamore/Santa Monica Blvd. Davis noted that this incidence was only reported to LAFD and not to BID Security. He was on District patrol when this happened. Davis stated that it appears that the homeless encampments are relocating. Those facing homeless that were previously living on Highland/Willoughby, are relocating to the Sycamore/Santa Monica Blvd. area, which is one area that seems to be rapidly growing.



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Adams reported that the Hollywood just north of the District has become very quiet as well. Tourism has been reduced to virtually nothing and foot traffic and calls for service have essentially stopped. Adams stated that tension within the homeless encampments have increased and many brawls have been reported because their resources have greatly diminished due to Covid-19 restrictions. As a result, there has been an increase in arrests by LAPD in that area.

Groeper stated that he has been referencing Crime Mapping.com, a website that identifies arrests that happen. He suggested that Security should review the website for crime in the District. When there is a reported incidence, Security should reassure involved Stakeholders that they will pay close attention and patrol the area. Larrew added that the Citizen app is also a very good option if you would like to receive local crime alerts.

The committee members agreed that it is a good idea to keep up to date with crime in the District. Adams stated that with reduced resources for homelessness, crime in the District was certain to rise.

5. **Evaluation of deployment levels**

Adams stated that the Security team was fully staffed the District will not experience any loss of Security coverage and protective gear against the Corona Virus has been ordered and would be distributed as soon as possible.

6. **Homeless Solutions Pilot Project**

Wehbe stated that the Homelessness Pilot Project is on hold now due to the outbreak of Covid-19.

7. **District Hot Spots**

Ragan stated that he has noticed an increased amount of trash that has piled up and overflowing on the streets and trash cans. Bass commented that HBT currently has reduced staff and requested the BID Security team to help report hot spot areas that need clean up by LABT.

8. **Updates from local government partners/Covid-19**

Costello reported that the City is now occupied with moving those experiencing homelessness that are most vulnerable to Covid-19 out of encampments and into designated hotels, RV's and shelters. Costello stated that the West LA Veterans Administration will be providing Veterans experiencing homelessness with tents and allowing them to stay on the West LA, VA campus.



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9. **Neighborhood initiative briefing**
Wehbe stated that the Grocery Outreach Delivery program started and is doing very well. Over 100 boxes of food rationing is being delivered to those Seniors and those most vulnerable to Covid-19 in the District. The LAPD and LA Conservation Core are collaborating to ensure deliveries run smoothly. Wehbe reported that the program will ultimately reach approximately 300 seniors.
10. **Old Business**
None.
11. **New Business**
None.
12. **Adjournment/Next Committee Meeting**
The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Next Meeting

Thursday, May 07, 2020 at 12:30 p.m.

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