



Thursday, July 02, 2020 – 12:30 p.m.

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## **Approved Minutes of** **SAFE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Approved on August 6, 2020

- Attending:** T. Ragan, D. Bass, S. Costello, R. Groeper, J. Luster, T. Lee, W. Anabel, F. Wehbe, Martha Demson
- Guests:** Cleveland Davis, BID Head of Security, Miriam Gonzales, Emma Carr, (Outreach Team Members from The People Concern)
- Absent:** A. Mehrtens
- Staff:** Dianna Eisenberg

1. **Call to Order/Welcome/Introductions**  
The meeting was called to order by Wehbe at 12:35 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 June 04, 2020, seconded by Wehbe.
4. **Report on security conditions in the District**  
Cleveland Davis reported on the service calls that Security has been receiving from Walgreens and CVS stores about ongoing theft issues. Security has been promptly responding to all calls received and following up to ensure that there were no safety issues.  
  
Cleveland Davis also stated that there has been an increased amount of altercations and noncompliance issues within encampments reported to Security. Although no arrests were made, LAPD has been present at various encampments to address these issues.



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5. **Area of Critical Need: Focus on 900 Block of N. Highland**

Ragan reported that encampment areas appear lawless presently because of the moratorium on the 5611 laws, non-enforcement of the ADA laws, and reduced LAPD funding and initiative to enforce these laws. He also noted that there has been an increase in homelessness by 14% before the pandemic and concerned about HHH proposition funding and the non-removal of Porta-Potties.

Miriam Gonzalez, an outreach manager from The People Concern (funded by the Department of Health Services) confirmed that due to Covid-19 the 5611 laws have temporarily been suspended but the ADA laws are still in effect. She explained that the outreach workers are now operating in “disaster relief capacity,” vs. case worker capacity and focusing on Covid-19 testing, education among people who are experiencing homelessness and safety among the community. She reported that over the past two months, her outreach group in Hollywood has tested over 325 people experiencing homelessness and working to minimize the spread of Covid within the homeless community. Individuals testing positive are being moved to quarantine facilities under the “Project Room Key” program.

Bass noted that the District would benefit from LAHSA assistance so that we could help to mitigate the impact of people experiencing homelessness.

6. **Clean & Green Update**

Lee reported on the excellent performance of CleanStreet over the first few weeks providing street cleaning, pressure washing, graffiti abatement, bulky item removal and hazardous waste removal in the BID. Lee stated that CleanStreet has responded within 30 minutes to all urgent requests and that stakeholders have been satisfied with their performance as well.

7. **Old Business**

None.

8. **New Business**

None.



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9. **Adjournment/Next Committee Meeting**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

**Next Meeting**

Thursday, August 06, 2020 at 12:30 p.m.

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