

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

Thursday, May 13, 2021

9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Location: Via Zoom

MINUTES

The Board of Directors meeting of Gateway Los Angeles PBID, Inc. a California nonprofit mutual benefit corporation was held on May 13, 2021 at 9:00 am via Zoom.

31 individuals attended the meeting as follows:

- Charles Bassett, L&R Group
- LAPD West Bureau Deputy Chief Vito Palazzolo
- LAWA PD Chief Cecil Rhambo Jr.
- LAPD Pacific Division Captain Steven Embrich
- LAPD LAX Field Services Division Capt. Jay Roberts
- Grant Coonley, Hilton LAX
- David Merritt, JM Eagle
- Bob Ruth, The Ruth Group
- Paul Solomon, 6171 LLC
- Gnell Abracosa, Hyatt Regency
- Kurt Hanson, Renaissance Hotel
- Jeff Hart, LAX Marriott
- Mark Goldrup, The Westin
- Michael D'Amodio, Seaview Investors
- Valeria Velasco, LAWA / BOAC
- Steve Shpilsky , Hyatt Place / Hyatt House
- Kenan Tekin, Hyatt Place / Hyatt House
- Steve Doderer, H Hotel
- Israel Mora, Holiday Inn
- Travis Paulson, 5777 W. Century
- Paul Gibbs, Sonesta
- Brian Comeau, Sheraton Gateway
- Brian Churchill, LA Tourism
- Saroya Sandiford, Metro
- Tom Flintoft, Kindel Gagen
- Geoff Kees-Thompson, CD11
- Hannah Levien, CD11
- Laura Ware, LINXS Construction
- Stephanie Sampson, LAWA
- Michael Russell, Gateway to L.A.
- Laurie Hughes, Gateway to L.A.

1. WELCOME / INTRODUCTIONS

Charles Bassett welcomed the attendees.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments from the public.

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – March 11, 2021

The minutes of the March 11, 2021 Meeting of the Board of Directors were approved as presented.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT –

Treasurer David Merritt briefed the members on the 2021 1st Quarter Financials.

Income as of March 31, 2021 - \$342,992.08.

Expenses as of March 31, 2021 - \$187,055.76

Carry-over from 2020 - \$93,664.00

Financial Statements for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019 prepared by Richard Moon & Associates CPA have been prepared, submitted to the City, and are available upon request.

5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

ADMINISTRATION:

- *Engaged California Consulting to prepare a white paper – A Safer Gateway – to support need for CCTV system and seek funding*
- *Participated on LAX Coastal Chamber Nominating Committee*
- *Participated in LA BID Consortium meeting on homeless issues and court rulings*
- *Implemented new banking product to prevent ACH fraud transactions*
- *Engaged Niche Advisors to prepare a CCTV RFP and manage the selection process*
- *Year-end accounting reports completed by Richard Moon & Assoc.*
- *1st Qtr. Report and 2020/2021 Financial Statements submitted to the City Clerk as per contract.*
- *DWP Meeting updating stakeholders regarding construction project on 98th Street*

PROGRAM SERVICES

LAPD

- *The Gateway Operations Team worked closely with SLO Luis Pinell (LAPD Pacific) on addressing crime trends impacting the Gateway LA area.*
- *Met with Captain Kenneth Willahan from LAFD Fire Station 95 to discuss fire safety, prevention and inspection for Gateway LA properites.*

Ambassadors:

- *Ambassadors continue to maintain high visibility and pro-active patrol throughout the District. Coverage is currently 7AM to 7PM, Monday through Friday.*
- *The team is now fully staffed at 7 full time guards.*
- *Ambassadors have maintained a pro-active approach to addressing homelessness around the District especially those found lodging overnight on benches, sidewalks and allies.*
- *Contacted LASHA (la-hop.org) for homeless outreach services.*
- *Surveyed daily homeless population.*
- *Ambassadors continue to increase their situational awareness and personal contacts, to broaden public relations efforts.*
- *Hosted bi-monthly Security Directors' Meeting via Zoom.*
- *Sent out weekly BOLO emails to the Security Directors email list.*
- *Conducted regular maintenance of bikes.*

	<i>Apr Qrt-20</i>	<i>Apr Qrt-21</i>
<i>Citizen Contacts</i>	<i>43</i>	<i>114</i>
<i>Panhandlers</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>29</i>

Operations:

- *Scheduled upcoming document shredding events on May 26th & 27th.*
- *Conducted daily trash pickup and weeding using Gateway maintenance carts.*
- *Ordered new clean team supplies (graffiti remover, rags, gloves, etc.).*
- *Installed 1 new trash receptacles to replace damaged receptacles.*
- *Removed graffiti, signs and stickers from street poles, signs and electrical boxes.*
- *Reported potholes, bulk items and large graffiti to 311.*
- *Removed broken/fallen tree branches.*
- *Submitted Trespass Authorization forms to LAPD*
- *Explored the implementation of a comprehensive surveillance camera system.*

6. Panel Discussion – What can be done to improve law enforcement response time and patrolling of Century Blvd. Corridor?

*Panelists: LAPD West Bureau Deputy Chief, Vito Palazzolo
LAWA PD Chief, Cecil Rhambo Jr.
LAPD Pacific Division Captain, Steven Embrich
LAPD LAX – Field Services Division Captain, James Roberts*

Introduction of law enforcement leaders for the area and discussion of each area of responsibility and protocol for overlapping jurisdictions.

7. *LAWA – LAMP Construction Update – Stephanie Sampson*
Stephanie gave an update on the LAMP Construction projects and roadway impacts.

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