

## BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

**Thursday, July 22, 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 July 22, 2021 at 9:00 am via Zoom.

26 individuals attended the meeting as follows:

- Charles Bassett, L&R Group
- Grant Coonley, Hilton LAX
- David Merritt, JM Eagle
- Bob Ruth, The Ruth Group
- Paul Solomon, 6171 LLC
- Gnell Abracosa, Hyatt Regency
- Jeff Hart, LAX Marriott
- Mark Goldrup, The Westin
- Michael D'Amodio, Seaview Investors
- Valeria Velasco, LAWA / BOAC
- Steve Doderer, H Hotel
- Mauricio Joya, Courtyard by Marriott
- Israel Mora, Holiday Inn
- Travis Paulson, 5777 W. Century
- Paul Gibbs, Sonesta
- Brian Comeau, Sheraton Gateway
- Fred DeSota, Sheraton Gateway
- Travis Paulson, LAT Investments
- Sherry Kia, LAT Investments
- Christina Davis, LAX Coastal Chamber
- Brian Churchill, LA Tourism
- Tom Flintoft, Kindel Gagen
- 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 – May 13, 2021**

*The minutes of the May 13, 2021 Meeting of the Board of Directors were approved as presented.*

**4. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**ADMINISTRATION:**

- Meeting with So-Fi Stadium Transportation team to discuss connectivity between GTLA businesses and stadium on game days
- June 21 – AMC Connector Groundbreaking
- June 21 – Lunch with Lori Peters / Av Air Pros
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr. Newsletter issued
- Meeting with Penta regarding connecting with hotels
- June 22 – Meeting with Clean Street regarding Streetworks program services
- June 23 – Conference Call with Manny Lopez / Mayor’s office regarding CCTV program
- June 29 - Lunch with Hanah Levien / CD 11
- June 30 – So-Fi Stadium Tour
- DWP Project on 98<sup>th</sup> Street between Bellanca and Vicksburg completed; bus lane restriping and parking signs installed
- A Safer Gateway – CCTV white paper drafted and sent to key agencies for funding opportunities
- CCTV RFP Issued – Proposals due August 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Coordinating LAX Kiwanis Scholarship program / scholarships awarded / recognition lunch on July 17

## **PROGRAM SERVICES**

### **LAPD & LAWA PD**

- The Gateway Operations Team worked closely with SLO Luis Pinell (LAPD Pacific) on addressing crime trends impacting the Gateway LA area.
- Met with Lieutenant Ed Trahan (LAWA PD) to discuss the upcoming NFL season and what to expect as far as crime trends, human trafficking, and other issue that may arise due to the increased activity at So-Fi Stadium.

### **Ambassadors:**

- Ambassadors continue to maintain high visibility and pro-active patrol throughout the District. Coverage is currently 7AM to 7PM, Monday through Friday.
- 2 new Ambassadors were on-boarded last month.
- 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. The current Gateway daily average homeless population is approximately 10 people.

- 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.

	May/June 2020	May/June 2021
Citizen Contacts	85	179
Panhandlers	16	20

Operations:

- Distributed newsletters to all office buildings.
- Held document shredding events on May 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Completed floor warden training for office building.
- Met with the NFL to discuss Super Bowl and game day preparations.
- Toured the So-Fi Stadium.
- Conducted daily trash pickup and weeding using Gateway maintenance carts.
- Conducted daily district walks to help identify quality of life issues.
- Ordered new clean team supplies (graffiti remover, rags, gloves, etc.).
- Removed graffiti, signs and stickers from street poles, signs and electrical boxes.
- Reported potholes, illegal dumping, bulk items and large graffiti to 311.
- Removed broken/fallen tree branches.
- Contacted LADWP regarding leaking fire hydrants.
- Re-organized garage storage space.
- Report abandoned luggage carts to SmartCarte
- Explored the implementation of a comprehensive surveillance camera system.  
Discussed increasing clean team service due to increased activity in the area.

5. **Guest Speaker – Christina Davis**, President of LAX Coastal Chamber of Commerce, gave a thorough update on the LAX Coastal Chamber community from LAX to Marina del Rey and the various projects that are in planning stages or under construction.

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

7. **Community Updates**

- Bryan Churchill, LA Tourism, gave an impromptu update on travel and tourism for Los Angeles.
- Tom Flintoft, Kindel Gagen, answered questions regarding possible replacement for Mayor of Los Angeles.