



Retail Theft Prevention Meeting Committee

July 5, 2022, 9:00am – 10:30am

Virtual Meeting- Zoom

MINUTES

The following attendees were present: Armine Esackanian (Christian Dior), Cam Colpan (Saint Laurent), Sgt. Culbert Chu (SFPD), David Della Fave (Chanel), Dmitri Shimolin (Applied Video Solutions), Don Thomas (Club Donatello), Capt. Douglas Farmer (SFPD, Central Station), Ofc. Gary Kunaboot (SFPD), Ofc. Haven Latimore (SFPD), Ken Gilam (Westfield SF Centre), John Joe Garrity (SFPD), Kelly Powers (Hotel Council), Kevin Dombay (Highway Patrol), Orlando Torres (Gap), Ricky Soares (Legion), Thaddeus Southall (Cartier), Wolf Ahonen (Levi's Flagship), and Zuhail Weber (Louis Vuitton).

The following staff members were present: Marisa Rodriguez (Executive Director), Lance Goree (Director of Services), Joshua Chan (Sr. Project Coordinator), Karen Gagarin (Service Manager), Tinea Adams (Block by Block), and Melanie Medina (Intern).

1. Welcome, introductions, & brief announcements

- a. Wylie Broshar, New Retail Theft Prevention Committee Chair

Wylie Broshar is the new Retail Theft Prevention Committee Chair.

2. Public comment

No public comment was made.

3. Action: Approve Committee Meeting minutes from 5/03/22

Action: The committee unanimously approved the Committee Meeting minutes from 5/03/22 as motioned by Don Thomas and seconded by Thaddeus Southall.

4. Committee Updates

- a. Alliance Ambassador & Security Update on Trends

- i. Tinea Adams, Operations Manager and Johnny Linares Sr., Regional Director of Operations

Tinea notified the committee that the Block-by-Block ambassadors have not noticed an uptick in retail theft.

- ii. Ricky Soares, Manager, Legion Corporation



Ricky informed the committee that Legion has not noticed an uptick in retail theft. Legion security has been more vigilant as foot traffic has been increasing the past couple months and ensuring a safe environment for visitors and workers.

Lance advised the committee to ask SFPD questions and provide issues they may be experiencing to have takeaways from these meetings. This is an informative meeting for retailers, and everyone should be benefiting from the information that can be provided during this time.

5. SFPD Union Square Area Updates & Reports

a. Retail Theft 10B Coordinator, Sgt. Mark Milligan

Sgt. Milligan was not present to provide an update.

b. Central Station, Sgt. Culbert Chu / Off. Kwame Lovell/ Off. Haven Latimore

Officer Latimore reminded the committee members to call the command van if there is any suspicious activity in the district or 311 for non-emergency calls.

Command Van number: (415) 470-7867

Captain Douglas Farmer, the new Captain for Central Station, informed the committee issues he has noticed and is actively working on to resolve them. The police responded quickly to three incidents that occurred at Walgreens, Burberry, and Louis Vuitton. Despite the increase in foot traffic, there has been a decrease in store robberies. There has been unfortunately an uptick in street robberies and the community should be vigilant when walking to and from work. Discussion took place regarding collecting accurate data to emphasize the importance of reporting crime, update on organized retail theft, reallocation of resources within the police department, and garage safety.

c. Tenderloin Station, Captain Chris Canning / Off. James Gay

No representatives were present from the Tenderloin Station. According to the statistics provided, there has been an increase in larceny thefts, robberies, assault, and motor vehicle thefts, for both May and June.

d. Retired Police Ambassador, Joe Garrity

The retired police ambassador program has expanded from five days a week to now seven days with new ambassadors added to the program. They have been focusing on parking garage patrol and unstable individuals.

6. Project Updates

a. Security Camera Network, Ben Horne



Dmitri Shimolin from Applied Video Solutions (AVS) would like to expand the security camera program to reach Market Street, and Bush Street between Kearny and Grant. If anyone is interested in camera installations within the district, please reach out to Lance from the Alliance.

7. Adjourn