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## Retail Theft Prevention Meeting

Tuesday, August 06, 2019,

9:00AM-10:30AM

Bloomington's—Mission View Room

845 Mission Street

### MEETING MINUTES

1. **Networking**

2. **Welcome, Introductions, & Brief Announcements**

Chris Boss, Director of Services of the USBID called the meeting to order at 9:21am. Chris thanked Bloomington's and Westfield for their hospitality in hosting the meeting. Introductions were made.

3. **Public comment**

None

**a. Brief Announcement**

The USBID continues to solicit feedback from retailers regarding the implementation of a private investigator to address the ORC trends in Union Square. We will be reaching out to committee members who have expressed interests in provide insights on the USBID's proposal.

4. **ACTION to approve committee meeting minutes from 06/04/19**

Action: The committee meeting minutes from 6/04/19 were unanimously approved by the committee as moved by Vincent Sanchez and seconded by Sylvia Rivera.

5. **Updates:**

**a. Timeline for Implementation of Expanded Services**

Members were directed to review the *Timeline for Implementation of Expanded Services Post Renewal* document included in the packet. A brief summary of the implementation was provided.

**b. San Francisco District Attorney Candidate Forum on 9/18/19**

Committee members who are interested in attending the forum may contact Chris directly at [Chris@UnionSquareBID.com](mailto:Chris@UnionSquareBID.com).



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**c. Union Square Retail Theft Updates and Trends**

Members were directed to review the *Retail Theft Trends* document included in the packet. Brief updates on arrests and BOLOs were provided. The following provides a summary of retail theft related trends the USIBD has recently seen:

- U-Haul Trucks being used to load and transport stolen goods
- Chainsaws being used to break into retail stores

**6. Discussion and Introduction to SFPD Ambassador Program**

**a. Commander David Lazar, Community Engagement Division, SFPD**

Commander David Lazar gave an overview of SFPD's Ambassador Program. The Ambassador Program is an SFPD program that hires retired officers as ambassadors to help raise the existing security level of a district area, and act as additional visible deterrents to the USBID's safety team and 10B officers. A brief kick-off timeline of the program and a brief summary of the program's logistics was provided. The program will be piloted in the Union Square area later this month; ambassadors will be dispatched between 11am–9pm between Tuesdays to Saturdays. Brief discussion took place among members regarding the City's support on expansion, budget for the program, and holiday hours.

**7. SFPD Union Square are introductions, updates & reports**

**a. Central Station updates**

Lieutenant Marc Chan gave an overview of his team's responsibilities, and provided a quick summary of the crime data breakdown and analysis from the Central Station. Sergeant Jennifer Marino of Criminal Investigation provided a quick overview of the current open cases and provided some insight on the DA's prosecution process. Committee members were reminded of the importance of witnesses and digital evidence to ensure meaningful prosecutions.

**b. Tenderloin Station updates**

Lieutenant Ray Luk provided a quick summary of the crime data and trends compiled by the Tenderloin Station. Lieutenant reminded all committee members of the importance of providing video footage for all cases to supplement the prosecution process.

**8. District Attorney's Updates**

*No present during meeting.*

**9. Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 10:02am.