Forgot to CC you on this email

**Lance Gorée**
Operations Manager  
Downtown Berkeley PBID

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**From:** Lance Gorée [mailto:lgoree@downtownberkeley.org]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 03, 2012 8:14 AM  
**To:** Vilma Marania  
**Subject:** Thank You

Vilma,

Thank you for the work on the cameras and WiFi. They are both going to be very helpful in our pursuits to provide a Consistent, Welcoming, Professional and Visitor Ready Environment in the Constitution Square/BART Plaza.

I do need to discuss the actual camera with you sometime very soon. We do want to use it, not just have it there as a deterrent. To do that, the camera is going to have to be monitored. So we will need to discuss who will do that, how to access etc. If you have the information/details on the actual camera set up, we can plan something soon.

I look forward to hearing from you. Thank you again for your work in the square.

**Lance Gorée**  
Operations Manager  
Downtown Berkeley PBID
Stephanie,

I wanted to thank you, Officer White, Officer Cumming and Officer Landrum for your presence in BART Plaza.
All in all, the group has behaved itself as much as we can expect.

I have a question for you NOT regarding the group in The Plaza...

We have a group that is posterizing the downtown with "Summer Job" stickers. Is it possible that you can call the # and explain that they are in violation of Berkeley Municipal Code 20.16.010 and could be cited etc.?

I don't know if that would be a good use of resources, but we have taken down well over 2500 of their postings and they just hit us with another round. They are putting 4-8 on each pole/structure. I attached a pic, you have probably seen them.

If you can't do that, I will totally understand, I am just taking a shot! :-) Have a good day and thanks again.

Lance Gorée
Operations Manager
DowntownBerkeleyPBID
Polizzani, Stephanie

From: John Caner
Sent: Monday, September 28, 2015 3:39 PM
To: Polizzani, Stephanie
Subject: Interesting articles in SF Chronicle re homelessness/problematic street behavior

As we discussed:

https://medium.com/@Scott_Wiener/helping-the-homeless-doesn-t-mean-anything-goes-on-san-francisco-s-streets-b7063296ae05

Supervisor Scott Weiner differentiates between homelessness and problematic street behaviors. We need to working on both, and not be shamed by homeless right activists that we are trying to criminalize the homeless. As San Francisco, we are a compassionate City, if we did not want to have deal with homelessness we would move to Walnut Creek.

Follow on editorial by C.W. Nevis.

Best, John

John Caner, CEO

Downtown Berkeley Association

7 Shattuck Ave., Suite

Berkeley, CA 94704
Polizziani, Stephanie

From: John Caner
Sent: Monday, September 28, 2015 3:38 PM
To: Polizziani, Stephanie
Subject: FW: Need to require dogs on-leash in commercial areas, with no exceptions

fyi

From: John Caner
Date: Monday, September 28, 2015 3:25 PM
To: Linda Maio <>, Laurie Capitelli <>
Cc: Stuart Baker <>
Subject: Need to require dogs on-leash in commercial areas, with no exceptions

Linda and Laurie:

We had a meeting today with BPD today, and asked them why they are not citing dogs off leash in Downtown. (For example today the encampment in front of Shattuck Cinemas has two pit bulls off leash. It is intimidating, and I am a male who loves dogs. For my parents in their mid 60's visiting today, or parents with kids visiting Habitot it is truly frightening.) Both Lance and I were flabbergasted to learn that BPD justifiably does not enforce the leash law because code allows "An obedience-trained dog under effective charge and control within six feet of his master shall be deemed to be on a leash." This to me is no-brainer that dogs should be on leash in commercial areas. I cannot see any justification that dogs should be allow off leash under any circumstances in commercial areas, that have a high density of pedestrian traffic.

Hence I strongly recommend the following addition to the code as highlighted below as part of the package on new ordinances and services:

10.04.090 Running at large prohibited.
Except in an area specifically set aside and designated by the City Council as a "dog park", or "off-leash" area no owner/guardian or keeper of a dog shall allow or permit such dog, whether licensed or unlicensed, to be or run at large in or upon any public place or premises, or in or upon any private place or premises other than those of said owner/guardian or keeper except with the consent of the person in charge of said private place or premises, unless such dog is securely restrained by a substantial leash not to exceed six feet in length and is in charge and control. An obedience-trained dog under effective charge and control within six feet of his master shall be deemed to be on a leash. only in noncommercial areas. For the purposes of this section, any dog in or upon any motor vehicle shall be deemed to be on the premises of the operator thereof. (Ord. 6627 § 1, 2001; Ord. 5769-NS § 1, 1986; Ord. 4412-NS (part), 1969; Ord. 4372-NS § 9, 1968)

What do you think? Make sense to add?

Thanks, John

John Caner
You are invited to the

Downtown Berkeley Association

2015 Annual Meeting & Reception

5:00 - 7:00pm, Tuesday, April 14th

The David Brower Center
2150 Allston Way, Downtown Berkeley

Please RSVP now to let us know if you can join us.

5:00pm Program
2014 Accomplishments & Plans for 2015
Global Trends Shaping Downtowns & Implications for Berkeley
Board of Directors Elections
State of the Downtown - Mayor Tom Bates

6:00pm Reception
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Hudson McDonald

John Lineweaver
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Pegasus Books

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John Paluska
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Scott Newman
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Ito Ripsteen
Vine Street Investments

Lawrence Rinder
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Kristine Seinsch
The Jazzcaffe

Where:
The David Brower Center
2150 Allston Way
Berkeley, CA 94704

Driving Directions

When:
Tuesday, April 14, 2015

RSVP Now!
I can't make it

Sincerely,

John Caner
CEO
Downtown Berkeley Association
jcaner@downtownberkeley.com
510 549-2230 x12
Sounds good. Follow-on to our Downtown team meeting.

John Caner, CEO
Downtown Berkeley Association
800 Shattuck Ave., Suite 500
Berkeley, CA 94704

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On 11/5/14 3:49 PM, "Polizziani, Stephanie" <Polizziani@cl.berkeley.ca.us> wrote:

> Monday the 17th at noon?
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: John Caner*
> Sent: Wednesday, November 05, 2014 3:46 PM
> To: Hynes, Jim; 'Lance Gorée' i
> Cc: Jennifer, Polizziani, Stephanie
> Cc: Yavneh, Tenli
> Subject: Re: Scope
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> Jim: Please schedule with Lance. If I can join meeting I will, but
> please do not let me slow it down. Thanks, John John Caner, CEO
> Downtown Berkeley Association
> 800 Shattuck Ave., Suite 500
> Berkeley, CA 94704

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On 11/5/14 2:15 PM, "Hynes, Jim" wrote:
Tenant just filled me in on this contract. Yes, it is up and running
albeit with a slow and gradual launch. Tenant and I discussed the need
for better coordination between existing efforts and ones funded
through this grant. I suggested that Tenant and one of the project
staff come and meet with us to discuss this, in particular through the
roles of Ambassadors staff, but they cannot do it on the 12th Nov.
They may be able to do it on the 12th. Does that work for you?

-----Original Message-----
From: Hynes, Jim
Sent: Wednesday, November 05, 2014 2:02 PM
To: John Caner ; Lance Gorée
ogley, Jennifer; Polizziani, Stephanie
Subject: FW: Scope

Here is the contract we discussed. I have a phone call message into
the MH Director for more information. Note that the contract will
expire in January 2015

-----Original Message-----
From: Vasquez, Jennifer
Sent: Wednesday, November 05, 2014 1:51 PM
To: Hynes, Jim
Cc: Grohnic-Clurg, Steven
Subject: RE: Scope

Here you go. If you have any questions, please contact Steve at:

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From: Hynes, Jim
Sent: Wednesday, November 05, 2014 1:25 PM
To: Vasquez, Jennifer
Subject: Scope

Do you have a copy of that for the contracted outreach team?
Polizziani, Stephanie

From: John Caner
Sent: Thursday, October 02, 2014 5:10 PM
To: Polizziani, Stephanie; Cogley, Jennifer; Scott, Christopher; Hynes, Jim
Cc: Lance Gorée
Subject: Pw: Deteriorating Situation Downtown

Stephanie, Jennifer, Chris, Jim:

Fyi, below is email that I just sent to City Manager and Mayor. I also had friendly chat with the Chief yesterday evening at the Berkeley Film Foundation gala expressing my concerns and letting know he could expect this email.

Thanks for all the work you are doing to turn around this situation.

Best, John

John Caner, CEO
Downtown Berkeley Association
hättuck Ave., Suite
Berkeley, CA 94704

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From: John Caner
Date: Thursday, October 2, 2014 4:54 PM
To: Mayor Bates ->, Christine Daniel ->, Susie Medak, Michael Meehan, Michael Caplan, Calvin Fong
Cc: 
Subject: Deteriorating Situation Downtown

Tom and Christine:

I wanted to share with you below four recent emails from citizens and stakeholders about the deteriorating situation Downtown: Pam Grossman, Steven Donaldson, Mark Rhoades, and John Paluska.

Susie and I are meeting with both of you next week to discuss what steps can be taken in the near term to improve this situation. Here are some of our ideas:
- Assignment of another bike cop to help out Officer Chris Scott who is operating by himself in the Downtown
- More enforcement of current ordinances (e.g., smoking, dogs, noise, blocking sidewalks)
- More intervention of PD along with Ambassadors in discouraging unwelcoming behavior
- New training and information bulletin regarding objects on sidewalks as per recent memo from Public Works Dept. to deal with encampments
- New ordinance to prohibit public defecation and urination.
We have set up a new Task Force with the City that met for the first time on the 24th including Jennifer Cogley, Jim Hynes, Officer Stephanie Polizziani, Officer Chris Scott, and Lance Goree and myself from DBA. Or next meeting is November 4th. We are all working hard to turn around the situation but I think we need your help and support to make more progress. Hence this email and our meetings next week.

We realize this as a complex difficult situation with many factors contributing to the problem. However, we feel we are losing ground and a lot of hard won progress over the past few years with the PBID. If people do not feel comfortable coming downtown a lot of our other work is for naught.

Thank you for your timely consideration of this situation.

Best, John

On 9/30/14 9:09 PM, "Pam Grossman" wrote:

Hello John,

I hope this finds you well.

Recently I was in downtown Berkeley for the first time in a while, and I was appalled by what I saw. I walked on Shattuck from University to Kittredge. Not only was the smell of urine pervasive the whole way but the edges of the sidewalks were lined with young people and bums lying around smoking dope, eating and drinking surrounded by all their stuff (sleeping bags, back packs, dogs, etc.). I saw some tourists come out of the Shattuck Hotel pulling their suitcases and saw the look of horror on their faces as they viewed this scene. I was embarrassed that our downtown was presenting itself this way. In addition, the streets were filthy with trash and grime on the sidewalk. I had to be very careful where I stepped to avoid god-knows-what.

Is there anything that can be done about this? It is hard to imagine out of toomers wanting to come back to this, and I will certainly avoid downtown. As I have spoken to five friends in the last couple of days, they have told me that they avoid downtown Berkeley too. It’s so sad feeling this way.

All my best,

Pam

From: Steven Donaldson
Date: Wednesday, October 1, 2014 4:06 PM
To: John Caner
Subject: Homeless problem on Shattuck getting out of control...

Hello -

I live in Berkeley and frequent the downtown at least once or twice a week. I wanted to mention that last two times in the Downtown, in particular at BART Plaza but even more dramatically on Shattuck near the Shattuck Cinemas, I was overwhelmed by the number of homeless young people camping on the sidewalk. They were taking over the space so much at 5:15 pm when it’s the most crowded at the end of the work that it was almost impossible to get by. One guy with a backpack and skateboard swung around suddenly and backed into me I had to grab him to prevent myself from falling into two other people. His friends and he just said “oh sorry man!” and continued to dominate the area. I kind of feel it’s allowing the “campers” own the sidewalk space and everyone else needs to give them room.

Lastly, I wanted to say there were no police, no one one who could manage these folks and the older population and women with small children seem the most vulnerable. I’ve been downtown three times in the last two weeks and at the end of the day it’s absolutely dominated by these folks.

Thanks for your concern.

Steven Donaldson
From: Mark Rhoades <rhoades@planninggroup.com>
Date: Thursday, October 2, 2014 12:02 PM
To: John Caner
Cc: Joseph Penner
Subject: Downtown Illegal Sidewalk Behavior

Dear John,

As you know, HSR has made a substantial financial investment in Downtown Berkeley. In addition to the Berkeley Plaza project that is under consideration, HSR also owns the retail strip that fronts Shattuck Avenue below the Shattuck Hotel. In the last few weeks the homeless youth situation on the sidewalk in front of our tenants’ businesses has grown precipitously. Yesterday we spent time in the entrance vestibule of the Shattuck Theaters in order to observe these circumstances personally. I spoke with Joe Penner about this and he has asked me to send this email to you.

Over the course of just 15 minutes yesterday we observed 15 to 20 otherwise able bodied homeless youth camped on the sidewalk, creating general mayhem, and smoking both tobacco and marijuana. All of this in clear violation of City ordinances. The lack of enforcement from the City is notable. These youth were creating a terribly unfriendly environment by screaming profanities and acting in extremely crude and offensive manners among themselves but also toward pedestrians and potential customers. In fact, we watched three or four potential Starbucks customers attempt to go in the business only to be repelled by the activities unfolding on the adjacent sidewalk. We also observed several people trying to use the BART Bike Station negotiate this same sidewalk activity with great difficulty.

This behavior is not only illegal and has to be stopped, it is bad for business, which is bad for City revenues and bad for the Downtown Berkeley Association. We can NOT attract higher quality retailers with this kind of activity occurring both here, and across Kittredge Street next to the Main Library. Please help us understand what the DBA, or better yet the City of Berkeley, is doing to protect THEIR investment in the Downtown, and ours as well.

Thank you.

Mark Rhoades for Joe Penner
RhoadesPlanningGroup

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From: John Paluska <jpaluska@gmail.com>
Date: Thursday, October 2, 2014 12:40 PM
To: John Caner
Cc: Susie Medak <susie.medak@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Deteriorating street behavior situation

John

The situation in downtown and along our block of Shattuck has deteriorated significantly in recent months. Things had been trending well since the "big deep clean" in early 2012, but since early 2014 the trend line is not good.

We are observing a much greater number of transients downtown. Beyond the numbers, the bigger cause of concern is the behavior. Much more brazen and oftentimes disgusting. Lots of urination, defecation and vomiting on our block, often in front of our building. Many more are sleeping on the street, smoking pot, etc. And we've also noted that on several occasions the transients were bloodied in a way that looked like they'd been in a fight. It's definitely feeling much less safe around here these days, and much less pleasant. If it continues or god forbid gets any worse I fear that we may see people avoiding the downtown.

Information redacted is protected from public disclosure by California Government Code 6254(f). (k).
We've done so much good work over the last couple years trying to change people's perceptions of downtown. Just as that is starting to take hold, we have this surge in street behavior. All those people who are just warming up to the idea that downtown Berkeley has changed will quickly retreat if conditions persist.

I just had to interrupt typing to ask one of our "regulars" to stop smoking in our doorway. He then proceeded to walk across the sidewalk and urinate on the tree out front. No fun.

I'm happy to provide more feedback as necessary.

Thanks

John
Thanks Stephanie for the update. What ever we can do to get Officer Scott support sooner rather than later is greatly appreciated. Best, John

John Caner, CEO
Downtown Berkeley Association
9anattuck Ave., Suite
Berkeley, CA 94704

From: Stephanie Polizziani
Date: Wednesday, October 1, 2014 10:39 AM
To: John Caner, Jennifer Cogley, Jim Hynes, Lance Gorée, Michael Caplan, "Files, Randolph", Chris Scott
Cc: 

Subject: RE: Downtown Situation

Thanks for sharing this email John. As you know the bike officer position is set to be filled at our timesheet, which is in January. There is an application process that is currently happening and the special assignment will be selected soon. I will pass along this email to command staff so that they are aware of the situation and your concerns. I agree with you that Officer Scott is doing great work and has been an asset to the downtown commercial district. Hopefully with the addition of another bike officer in January, the good work will continue and duplicate. In the mean time I will put a message out to patrol and ask that officers support Officer Scott and his continued efforts and take any appropriate enforcement actions they can during their shifts.

Best,
Stephanie

Officer Stephanie Polizziani #31
Area 3 Coordinator-Operations Division
From: John Caner  
Sent: Wednesday, October 01, 2014 9:54 AM  
To: Cogley, Jennifer; Polizziani, Stephanie; Hynes, Jim; Lance Gorér  
Cc: Caplan, Michael  
Subject: Downtown Situation  
Importance: High

Team:

The situation in Downtown not good. Below is email from Pam Grossman who is very reasonable civicly minded friend about her recent visit to Downtown. Earlier this week we had PBID consultant Rena Leedy visiting who commented on feeling uncomfortable doing downtown walking tour with me. I also recently have been feeling uncomfortable walking the gauntlet in front of our building with encampment on both sides of the sidewalks. I have a call into Calvin to set up a meeting with Mayor to talk about increased enforcement and perhaps some new ordinances (e.g., no detection and urination ordinance) after the election. Also Susie and I will be meeting with the City Manager next week about this and a number of other issues.

An immediate measure the City could take is to fill the open bike cop position for downtown. Officer Chris Scott has been working hard, but he needs a partner so he has coverage and can feel safe in dealing these problem situations.

Thanks, John

John Caner, CEO
Downtown Berkeley Association
1 Shattuck Ave., Suite
Berkeley, CA 94704

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All my best,
Pan

From: Jennifer Cogley  
Date: Thursday, September 25, 2014 5:08 PM  
To: Stephanie Polizziani  
   Jim Hynes  
   John Caner  
   Lance Gorée 

Subject: RE: Yesterday’s meeting

Made my day!

From: Polizziani, Stephanie  
Sent: Thursday, September 25, 2014 5:08 PM  
To: Hynes, Jim; John Caner  
   Lance Gorée  
   Jennifer  

Subject: RE: Yesterday’s meeting

Thanks for sharing!

From: Hynes, Jim  
Sent: Thursday, September 25, 2014 10:14 AM  
To: John Caner; Lance Gorée  
   Stephanie; Polizziani, Stephanie  

Subject: Yesterday’s meeting

I forgot something I wanted to share with you yesterday. As you know last week we had a delegation from Australia interested in town gown relations and composed of elected officials and college folks from a City within the Melbourne metropolis. One of their comments/observations was how clean the city looked. Christine and I looked at each other stunned.

I think it’s good for us to get an outsider reality check like this since sometimes we’re so close to it all we see are the problems.
RE: Walgreen's 2190 Shattuck

Lance Gorée
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 2:01 PM
To: Polizziani, Stephanie; Hogan, Devin L
Cc: Cobert, Jerome; Shannon, Jeffrey; Wilson, Ethell L; DavidDaniels@Berkeley.Net; Cogley, Jennifer; John Caner Sara Erickson

Thank You for Sending this to me. I have contacted the Store Manager Olufemi to request a meeting. My efforts to help will be to have more ambassador presence in that area after school. I also have a couple of questions...

* Is there someway Walgreen's can use 'The Crowd' to its benefit? Perhaps put a table outside to capture emails for its frequent buyer programs? Take seasonal job applications? Perhaps a college or two or three could do some marketing.
* Walgreen's is limiting access to just a few students at a time. Nothing wrong with that but it is causing part of the log jam. Would it be possible to put up barriers to make a line that turns and hugs one side of the building? Preferably the front side where the cameras are located.
* Does the High School see an opportunity here in some aspect to reach these kids? (I CC'd David Daniels of BHS)

The ambassadors will definitely do what they can, hopefully we can come up with alternative positive measures as well.

Lance Gorée
Operations Manager
Downtown Berkeley PBID

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From: Polizziani, Stephanie
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 8:29 AM
To: Hogan, Devin L
Cc: Cobert, Jerome; Shannon, Jeffrey; Wilson, Ethell L; Lance Gorée
Subject: RE: Walgreen's 2190 Shattuck

Thanks Hogan! I will pass it on!

Steph

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From: Hogan, Devin L.
Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2012 8:07 PM
To: Polizziani, Stephanie
Subject: Walgreen's 2190 Shattuck

Hey Polizziani,

I responded to the new Walgreen's regarding BHS students loitering in the front of the business. When I arrived the students we no longer there, however, the security/management wanted to bring the issue to BPD attention. According to the staff, this is becoming an ongoing issue and the students typically smoke

https://webmail.berkeley.edu/uwa/messid=19PM.Notes&c=AMBRgAAADQInvKUr16gmS7eG1T9r%2BTvCAaqw0RgZgFT3pqUuIL6hRSAAANV90AA...
Marijuana and block the sidewalk very frequently. The staff is requesting more attention to the business by BPD during business hours when BHS ends for the day. Just wanted to bring the issue to your attention if you haven’t heard it from them already.

Hogan # 84
RE: Meeting with Sam Vargas (Facility Manager)
Lance Gorée
Sent: Tuesday, December 18, 2012 10:46 AM
To: Polizziani, Stephanie

I may have told you this before, but Ryan and I also had conversations about the Brower Center parking structure and stairwell. I had suggested two things for their stairwell and other areas of the parking structure. I think LAZ parking is really responsible.

Stairwells:
A sensitive cigarette smoke detector with an alarm: [http://www.cigarettesmokedetector.com](http://www.cigarettesmokedetector.com) Motion detectors with lights and a beeper.

Parking Structure:
Motion detectors with lights and a beeper.

On another note:

I think that the area outside of the tanning salon at Allston Way also needs some attention. As you probably know, the YOUNG girls working there get semi stalked and the area around the store is secluded from the street. There has even been a robbery. I think they could benefit from 'Beeping' motion detectors as well as benefitting at night from High Intensity motion detectable lighting. The lighting could be valuable to officers in certain situations.

I think in all the cases that these One Time costs can provide enough deterrents to be valuable. Let me know what you think.

Lance Gorée
Operations Manager
Downtown Berkeley PBID

From: Polizziani, Stephanie
Sent: Tuesday, December 18, 2012 9:38 AM
To: 'Lance Gorée'
Subject: RE: Meeting with Sam Vargas (Facility Manager)

Ya among other things and a chance for us to take a tour of the property.

From: Lance Gorée
Sent: Tuesday, December 18, 2012 9:17 AM
To: Polizziani, Stephanie
Subject: RE: Meeting with Sam Vargas (Facility Manager)

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Is this the meeting about the parking stairwell etc.?

Lance Gorée
Operations Manager
Downtown Berkeley PBID
E-mail: L.Gorée@berkeley.ca.us

-----Original Appointment-----
From: Polizziani, Stephanie
Sent: Tuesday, December 18, 2012 8:59 AM
To: Cobert, Jerome; Scott, Christopher; 'Lance Goree'
Cc: Fomby II, Spencer
Subject: Meeting with Sam Vargas (Facility Manager)
When: Monday, January 07, 2013 12:00 AM to Tuesday, January 08, 2013 12:00 AM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada).
Where: David Brower Center

When: Monday, January 07, 2013 12:00 AM to Tuesday, January 08, 2013 12:00 AM (GMT-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada).
Where: David Brower Center 2150 Allston

Note: The GMT offset above does not reflect daylight saving time adjustments.

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Meet and Greet to discuss issues pertaining to trespassing on their property and an opportunity to tour the facility.

David Brower Center
Allston Way
Berkeley, CA 94704
Greg,

It was great to meet with you today. Officers Polizziani and Files are great partners and we will all stay diligent to keep you, your staff and guests as safe as possible.

Attached is the Individual No Trespassing form that we spoke about in the meeting. Obviously, as much information that you have about the individual, the better. I will go into detail about this later, but if your people do get pictures of the person, it is handy to print the picture on one side of the paper and the No Trespass on the other. Even if you don’t have their name yet. That step will go a long way!

I will be in touch about some other measures I am taking downtown that will positively effect you, your staff and your guests.

Thank you for your time today. Always productive to talk with you.

Lance Gorée
Operations Manager
Downtown Berkeley Association
Re: commending your team

Susie Medak

Sent: Thursday, May 30, 2013 12:57 PM
To: Lance
Cc: John Caner;
;
Polizziani, Stephanie; Cobert, Jerome; Scott, Christopher

this person jumped out of a car...grabbed Heather's cell phone. They struggled until she went down (got a concussion). The assailant then jumped into a waiting car and took off...

Sent from my iPad

On May 30, 2013, at 12:45 PM, "Lance" <

> Stephanie, Chris & Jerome,
> 
> John forwarded this email to me from Susie Medak of the Berkeley Rep. Stephanie, I am assuming that this is the type of "robbery" that we spoke about. Considering it is a crime of opportunity, I am not sure how we can help diminish/eliminate these types of crimes. If there is anything we/ambassadors can do, please let me know.
> 
> In my next meeting I will speak to the ambassadors about a "Stay Alert" phrase to use when they see people not being attentive to their surroundings. Please let me know if you have any other suggestions.
> 
> Thank You
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> Lance Gorée
> Operations Manager
> Downtown Berkeley Association
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> On May 30, 2013 at 12:26 PM John Caner wrote:
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> > John Caner, CEO
> > > Downtown Berkeley Association
> > > 0 Shattuck Ave., Suite C
> > > Berkeley, CA 94704
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> > > > —Original Message—
> > > > From: Susie Medak
> > > > Sent: Thursday, May 30, 2013 12:01 PM
> > > > Subject: Fwd: commending your team
> > > > not sure why this is n't going through to your office address
> > > > Sent from my iPad
> > > > Begin forwarded message:
> > > > From: Susie Medak
> > > > Date: May 30, 2013, 11:58:45 AM PDT
> > > > To: John Caner
Subject: Fwd: commending your team

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Sent from my iPad

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Begin forwarded message:

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From:

Date: May 30, 2013, 11:58:32 AM PDT

To: mike meehan

Cc: Tom Bates

Subject: commending your team

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Mike, one of our out-of-town designers was attacked at 3:30 in the afternoon yesterday in front of the Roda Theatre. It was just hours before the show she had designed opened to the press. She missed the opening as we had taken her to the emergency room. HOWEVER, I want to commend your officers (unfortunately no one on our staff got their names) for their quick response and their terrific support. Some people on the street managed to get the license plate number of the attacker’s car. Within a matter of minutes, your officers found the car, brought the attacker back to Addison Street for identification and returned our designer’s phone to her.

Please share my thanks to your officers for their excellent and compassionate assistance.

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Sent from my iPad
RE: Good Morning
Lance
Sent: Monday, July 01, 2013 12:01 PM
To: Polizzi, Stephanie

Sounds like it is going to have to work! :-)  
BTW, we will be participating in National Night Out Again. So far we are planning to make the following requests:

50 cent Gelato by Almare  
Music by the John Bros.  
Kid oriented activity - Balloon Maker, Face Painting etc.  
25 cent cookies by ??????

Any and all information you can share with us will be beneficial. Thanks!

Lance Gorée  
Operations Manager  
Downtown Berkeley Association

On July 1, 2013 at 11:37 AM "Polizzi, Stephanie" wrote:

Hey Lance,
I spoke with Rita our Crime Analyst and she is going to do a crime stat breakdown for Downtown. With that said, she will be on vacation for the next three weeks, so upon her return we can get you those numbers. I hope that works!

Best,
Steph ☺

Officer Stephanie Polizzi #31  
Area 3 Coordinator-Operations Division  
Berkeley Police Department

From: Lance
Sent: Monday, June 24, 2013 4:05 PM
To: Polizzi, Stephanie
Subject: RE: Good Morning
Welcome Back!
Hope you had an amazing vacation!

Could we get both? Is it possible to get them on a regular cycle? You, or Crime Analysis can dictate the cycle.

Lance Gorée
Operations Manager
Downtown Berkeley Association

On June 24, 2013 at 3:07 PM "Polizziani, Stephanie"
\[\text{wrote:}\]

Sure not a problem. What did the Chief tell her? I will ask our Crime Analysis unit to come up with some numbers. Are you interested in violent crimes or thefts?

From: Lance
Sent: Wednesday, June 19, 2013 11:33 AM
To: Polizziani, Stephanie
Cc: Caner, John
Subject: Good Morning

Stephanie,

Welcome Back. Hope you had a great vacation.

I was hoping that you could help us with getting the crime statistics for the downtown?
Susie Medak spoke with Chief Meehan and he mentioned some possible reasons for spike in crimes.
We had spoken about a few. When you get a chance, hopefully we can chat about it.

Let me know. Thank you and talk to you soon.

Lance Gorée
Operations Manager
Downtown Berkeley Association

Lance Gorée
Operations Manager
National Night Out

Lance

To: Polizzi, Stephanie
Cc: Caner, Johr

Attachments: NO GROUP registration 2013.pdf (28 KB)

Stephanie,

Attached is our Registration Form for National Night Out.

Lance Gorée
Operations Manager
Downtown Berkeley Association
West Side of 2200 block of Shattuck

Lance

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2013 7:57 AM

To: Polizzi, Stephanie; Cober, Jerome; Scott, Christopher
Cc: Caner, John

Attachments: 2200 Shattuck.doc (214 KB)

Stephanie, Jerone and Chris,

Good Morning/Afternoon! I hope we all get a great start to the week!

The reason for me writing is to bring to attention a growing issue. It seems that the Street Population has decided that the West of the 2200 block of Shattuck will be their new 'encampment', for the lack of a better word, and party place. It is concentrating from the Bike Station to the Shattuck Theaters. It is very obvious that it is an all night party going on starting around 11:00 PM each night. I have attached pictures. I want to nip this in the bud, but as usual, we need to have a good strategy because we don't just want the problem to move to another block.

I will get together with Cober & Scott as soon as possible, hopefully today, about this issue. I wanted to make sure we put it on the radar. Thank You!!

Lance Gorée
Operations Manager
Downtown Berkeley Association
Berkeley Spark Beer Garden August 10th ATTACHMENTS

On July 16, 2013 at 5:36 PM Lance wrote:

Stephanie,

First I wanted to let you know that the situation in 2200 block was better this morning. Not perfect or great, but it was better.
I don't know if the night beat officers did anything or not, but wanted you to know.

Second, an application for a Beer Garden went in for an event at Civic Park on August the 10th. I believe it is being reviewed by Lieutenant Hart. I am handling 'security' and operations for that Beer Garden. I wanted you, and Officers Cobert and Scott, to know what my plan is going to be. I have attached some very preliminary sketches of the logistics and would welcome ANY and ALL feedback.

I have attached two schematics. The major difference between the two is the directional flow of people in relation to the actual Beer Station. Since we do not plan to supply extra seating in the fountain area, the stairs provide additional seating. Thus, to provide more seating, I have a schematic showing a Left to Right directional traffic flow.

In addition, here are the preliminary plans for safe distribution and controlled consumption:

- Beer will only be poured into Berkeley Spark Commemorative Beer Glasses (Still TBD)
- Beer will only be poured for ticket holding wristbanded event goers
- Tickets will only be sold to ID carrying 21 year old or older event goers
- Wristbands will only be distributed to ID carrying 21 year old or older event goers
- All event goers will be asked to consume all beer within the confines of the Beer Garden, verbally and with signage.

As always, thanks for the support and I will talk to you soon.

Lance Gorée
Operations Manager
Downtown Berkeley Association
To All,

I wanted to send another follow up message about the conditions on the 2200 block of Shattuck Ave. Since we have talked with BPD on Monday, things have been remarkably different! I have attached another before and after sheet with pictures. The pictures from this and yesterday morning are a major improvement. ALL thanks to BPD!

Lance Gorée
Operations Manager
Downtown Berkeley Association
Stephanie,

You probably got my voicemail about the assault on my ambassador Wayne Jones today. Wayne was working the kiosk when the altercations occurred. Wayne was split on, had objects thrown at him and got rushed. Wayne did defend himself. He is with officers as I type this.

While I was standing there and Wayne was talking to the officer, 3 citizens came up to the officer to tell them that the attack was completely unprovoked. Yet, the officer said that they had detained the person and he was claiming mutual combat and wanted to press charges. The officer said that if that happened, then he MAY have to arrest both of them since they both would have a complaint against them.

I had the same issue months ago. This is setting a really bad precedent. Please contact me as soon as you can so we can discuss what to do regarding these types of incidents.

Thank You

Lance Gorée
Operations Manager
Downtown Berkeley Association
**Wayne's case 13-43500**

Lance

**Sent:** Friday, August 02, 2013 11:12 AM

**To:** Caner, John; Stephanie

**Cc:** Vasile - B8B, Daniel

FYL and Thanks To All, especially BPD!
We still have some informing/education to do, but this is good news.

Lance Gorée
Operations Manager
Downtown Berkeley Association

-------- Original Message --------

From: "Polizziari, Stephanie"

To: Lance

Date: August 2, 2013 at 10:59 AM

Subject: RE: Wayne's case 13-43500

Just heard from the DA she is requesting the stay away.

From: Lance

**Sent:** Friday, August 02, 2013 6:59 AM

**To:** Polizziari, Stephanie

**Subject:** Re: Wayne's case 13-43500

Thank You!!

On August 1, 2013 at 4:49 PM "Polizziari, Stephanie"

Hi Lance,
I reviewed the report and have asked the DDA for a stay away order from Downtown,
specifically the Shattuck and Center area. I will let you know what she says.

Best,
Stephanie

Officer Stephanie Polizziari #31
Area 3 Coordinator-Operations Division
Berkeley Police Department

Information redacted is protected from public disclosure by California Government Code 6254 (f). (g).
Lance Grecé
Operations Manager
Downtown Berkeley Association
RE: Information

Lance " "
Sent: Tuesday, August 20, 2013 4:46 PM
To: Polizzi, Stephanie
Attachments: The Promenade.doc (167 KB)

I would definitely be interested in speaking to/with them! Thank You!
I went to The Promenade, it has entrances on both University and Addison. The Addison entrance is a HOTEL for the Street Population. I took some pics and attached them. We are going to try a little more aggressive approach by using a signed A Frame asking people not to Loiter or Sleep on those landings. I will have ambassadors check the areas, Addison and University and put out the A Frame sign.

If beat officers can make it by, it would be great! Thank You

Lance Gorée
Operations Manager
Downtown Berkeley Association

On August 20, 2013 at 3:13 PM "Polizzi, Stephanie" wrote:

Thanks for the information! On another note, I did a safety presentation at the main library for library staff. They had no idea what DBA and the Ambassadors were all about. I explained how you guys are a resource to the community and they would be interested in getting to know about your operation. I am going to be meeting with the admin folks over there and I suggested you be invited as well. Are you interested?

From: Lance " "
Sent: Tuesday, August 20, 2013 10:30 AM
To: Polizzi, Stephanie
Subject: Information

Stephanie,

So I talked to my ambassadors about the Juggalos.

Basically they say that the Juggalos are a non factor on the street right now. Although, it does seem like there are more of the Street Population claiming to be Juggalos. Everyone was aware of the assault in The Plaza, but "Momo" is an idiot that not too many take seriously. Cody, young guy with salt and pepper hair, is more of an issue at times and seems to be able to get Eddie, Rory and others to follow his lead. Cody and Eddie have written anti police and anti ambassador messages on the sidewalk. Damian, who was calling himself a Juggalo, is the one that assaulted Wayne, one of my ambassadors. There is also 'word' that they will be out to get Patches who routinely sits in front of Sprint. There was
a dispute over a skateboard, the dispute started on August 10th and required police presence at Allston Way and Milvia.

The Post Office encampment is definitely not helping because they get encouragement from some of the 'older' protestors when they go down to visit. That was part of the issue on August 10th.

Let me know if we can help in any way.

Lance Gorée
Operations Manager
Downtown Berkeley Association
Officer Aronas of Campus Police was the officer that alerted us.

On August 23, 2013 at 8:32 AM "Polizziani, Stephanie" wrote:

Call over to UCPD dispatch and they can help find out who the officer was. Great work by all!

From: Lance
Sent: Friday, August 23, 2013 7:49 AM
To: Polizziani, Stephanie; Cogley, Jennifer; Caner, John; Rogers, William; Caplan, Michael; Hynes, Jim
Subject: A Feel Good Story in Downtown

To All,

Yesterday Berkeley Campus Police stopped one of the ambassadors, used our radio to keep a lookout for the at-risk individual from San Jose that is in this news article.<http://www.ktvu.com/news/news/crime-law/sjpd-asking-help-locating-missing-risk-man/nZYfi/>. We never saw the article.

Well, on my way home I entered the BART Station platform and there he was. I struck up a conversation with Larry and brought him back upstairs and called Officer Cobert. He was not aware that this person was missing but it didn't take long for Officer Cobert to get some information and tell me that Larry was missing out of San Jose. Officer Brown also arrived and we were deciding whom to contact, so I called Rich Mongarro in San Jose, he is my Block By Block counterpart there. Rich knew of the situation and called San Jose Missing Persons and had them call me. San Jose Missing Persons gave Officer Cobert the number to call. To make a long story short, he is back home safe and sound! I will follow up on him today.

Does anyone know of a quick way we can find the name of the Campus Police Officer?

Lance Gorée
Operations Manager
Downtown Berkeley Association
Hi Lance,

There is a great place in San Leandro called Pacific Coast Laboratories, or just PCL.

Lunch Wednesday?

jC

San Leandro Blvd.,
San Leandro, CA 94577
Telephone

Sent: Monday, September 09, 2013 3:58 PM

From: Lance
To: Polizziani, Stephanie; Cobert, Jerome; Scott, Christopher
Subject: Questions and Martha Corona

Stephanie,

How are you doing? Been awhile.

First I wanted to let you know that we are having an 'event' on September 27th and October 4th. We didn't need to pull a permit so I doubt that you were informed. We will be showing free movies on UC Berkeley 'crescent' at Center & Oxford. We expect 200-300 people. Just keeping you in the loop.

One of the street population, Martha Corona (Alicia), brandished a knife towards my Team Leader Carlos Paz Rivera. She was arrested and has been gone for awhile. She is back and we believe that she has a stay away of some sort, either from Carlos or from the area. The case is #13-46882. If you could check, it would be greatly appreciated.

Do you know if PD has someone that fixes their extension microphones that attach to the radio? Or do they just buy new or send out? I have a few that have gone out and would love to get them fixed.

We are testing out putting messages on A Frames in areas that have been a problem. We had good results at the Promenade and we have just started putting a message A Frame at Allston...
Place outside of Soeil Tanning Salon. I attached a picture. As you know, this is a favorite spot for the high schoolers to hang out, smoke dope, drink etc... Seems we are having good results. If we have good results there, we will also try the same tactics in the parking lot behind Chase Bank on Channing Way.

Thanks for everything and I think that is about it for now. Talk to you soon.

Lance Gorée
Operations Manager
Downtown Berkeley Association