



Virtual Board Meeting Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: September 14, 2021

Meeting Time: 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM

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VIRTUAL MEETING TELECONFERENCING NUMBER FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

In conformity with the Governor’s Executive Order N-29-20 (MARCH 17, 2020) and due to concerns over COVID-19, the Downtown LA Neighborhood Council meeting will be conducted entirely telephonically. Every person wishing to address the Neighborhood Council must dial (669) 900-6833 then enter MEETING ID: 975 1098 2909 and then press # to join the meeting or use the zoom login at <https://zoom.us/j/97510982909>

Instructions on how to sign up for public comment will be given to listeners at the start of the meeting.

1. Call to Order

Naira Harootunian

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM with quorum.

2. Roll Call – Establish Quorum of Thirteen (13)

Jim Sarratori (5 Min)

Patti Berman	Here	Ryan Afari	Here	Allen Gross	Here
Claudia Oliveira	Here	Lori Summers	Absent	Eboney Pearson	Here, arrived at 6:46 PM.
Tony Hoover	Here	Vacant		Cody Nowak	Here
Wendell Blassingame	Here, phone number 590	Mylena Chootesa	Absent	Jim Sarratori	Here
Michelle Duffie	Here	Tyler Murphy	Here	Jehan Reagan	Here
Naira Harootunian	Here	Pablo Fontoura	Here	Debby Zhou	Here
Rick Nordin	Here, phone number 808	Kevin Dieterle	Here	James Wilde	Here

Wendy Celaya	Absent	Shawn Smith	Here	Angela Deleon	Here
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3. Selection of New President

Naira Harootunian nominated Claudia Oliveira as president. Cody Nowak, Shawn Smith, and Tony Hoover seconded. No other nominations.

Patti Berman	Abstain	Ryan Afari	Yes	Allen Gross	Yes
Claudia Oliveira	Yes	Lori Summers	Absent	Eboney Pearson	Absent
Tony Hoover	Yes	Vacant		Cody Nowak	Yes
Wendell Blassingame	Yes	Mylena Chootesa	Absent	Jim Sarratori	Yes
Michelle Duffie	Yes	Tyler Murphy	Yes	Jehan Reagan	Yes
Naira Harootunian	Yes	Pablo Fontoura	Absent	Debby Zhou	Yes
Rick Nordin	Abstain	Kevin Dieterle	Yes	James Wilde	Yes
Wendy Celaya	Absent	Shawn Smith	Yes	Angela Deleon	Yes

Yes =15, No =0, Abs =2 Rec =0

Claudia Oliveira was confirmed as president of DLANC. Meeting leadership transferred to Ms. Oliveira.

4. General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

The public is requested to dial *9, when prompted by the presiding officer, to address the Board on any agenda item before the Board takes an action on an item. Press *6 to unmute. Comments from the public on agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the Board's jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period.

Please note that under the Brown Act, the Board is prevented from acting on a matter that you bring to its attention during the General Public Comment period; however, the issue raised by a member of the public may become the subject of a future Board meeting. The public comment period is not intended to be a "Question and Answer" period or for conversations with the DLANC Board. Public comments are limited to two minutes per speaker with a total time of ten minutes. (The chair, depending on the number of speakers and time considerations, may change these parameters.)

4. Speakers - Presentations with possible discussion from City, State, County or Elected Officials or staff

- a. Presentation on Metro's Central LA Region providing an update on Regional Connector by Juan Carlos Montenegro
- b. Presentation on LA Metro's Grand Ave & Olive St project by Josh Francis

5. President's Items

a. Announcements

- a. Vice President of Outreach seat is now open on the Executive Committee. Selected directly by the board.
- b. James Wilde will be the animal liaison.
- c. Other liaison positions open. Go to meetings and report back to the board.
- d. Shawn wants to be the film liaison position.
- e. Movie night moved to October 2nd, just waiting on city clerk.

6. Announcement of Vacant Seat- Historic Core Business Director

7. Swearing in of Alternates

Naira Hartoonian (2 min)

- a. Susan Powers for James Wilde's, South Park residential Director.

8. Approve Minutes of the August 10th, 2021 Board Meeting and August 26th, 2021 Special board meeting

Vote on August 10th, 2021 minutes:

Motion: Jim Sarratori

2nd: Naira Harootunian

Patti Berman	Yes	Ryan Afari	Yes	Allen Gross	Yes
Claudia Oliveira	N/A	Lori Summers	Absent	Eboney Pearson	Yes
Tony Hoover	Yes	Vacant		Cody Nowak	Yes
Wendell Blassingame	Yes	Mylenda Chootesa	Absent	Jim Sarratori	Yes
Michelle Duffie	Abstain	Tyler Murphy	Yes	Jehan Reagan	Yes
Naira Harootunian	Yes	Pablo Fontoura	Abstain	Debby Zhou	Yes
Rick Nordin	Yes	Kevin Dieterle	Yes	James Wilde	Yes
Wendy Celaya	Absent	Shawn Smith	Yes	Angela Deleon	Yes

Yes =15, No =0, Abs =2, Rec =0

Motion passed.

Vote on August 26th, 2021 minutes:

Motion: Jim Sarratori

2nd: Kevin Dieterle

Patti Berman	Yes	Ryan Afari	Yes	Allen Gross	Yes
Claudia Oliveira	N/A	Lori Summers	Absent	Eboney Pearson	Yes
Tony Hoover	Yes	Vacant		Cody Nowak	Yes
Wendell Blassingame	Yes	Mylena Chootesa	Absent	Jim Sarratori	Yes
Michelle Duffie	Abstain	Tyler Murphy	Yes	Jehan Reagan	Yes
Naira Harootunian	Yes	Pablo Fontoura	Abstain	Debby Zhou	Yes
Rick Nordin	Yes	Kevin Dieterle	Yes	James Wilde	Yes
Wendy Celaya	Absent	Shawn Smith	Yes	Angela Deleon	Yes

Yes =16, No =0, Abs =2, Rec =0

Motion passed.

9. Consent Calendar MOTION TO APPROVE (None)

10. Declarations of Ex Parte communications

As required. (5 Min)

11. Old Business

- a. Discussion and possible action on an updated position letter regarding the draft DTLA2040 community plan.

Motion (to approve): Ryan Afari

2nd: Wendell Blassingame

Patti Berman	Yes	Ryan Afari	Yes	Allen Gross	Yes
Claudia Oliveira	N/A	Lori Summers	Absent	Eboney Pearson	Absent
Tony Hoover	Yes	Vacant		Cody Nowak	Yes
Wendell Blassingame	Yes	Mylena Chootesa	Absent	Jim Sarratori	Yes
Michelle Duffie	No	Tyler Murphy	Yes	Jehan Reagan	Abstain
Naira Harootunian	Yes	Pablo Fontoura	No	Debby Zhou	Yes
Rick Nordin	Absent	Kevin Dieterle	No	James Wilde	Yes

Wendy Celaya	Absent	Shawn Smith	Yes	Angela Deleon	Yes
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Yes = 13, No = 3, Abs = 1, Rec = 0

Motion passed.

- b. **PROPOSED MOTION:** The DLANC Board approves and recommends a new council district to the Los Angeles City Redistricting Commission that places the following urban adjacent neighborhood councils (DLANC, Arts District/Little Tokyo, Historic Cultural North (Olvera Street, Chinatown, etc), Echo Park, Westlake - North, Westlake - South, MacArthur Park, Rampart Village and Pico Union into a newly configured CD-1.

Jehan Reagan suggested that the item be tabled. Kevin Dieterle said it is probably time sensitive and should not be tabled because this is basically the last stop. Reeyan Raynes added that the redistricting process is similar, but the commission will close their opportunity for public comments.

Motion: Michelle Duffie
2nd: Wendell Blassingame

Patti Berman	Yes	Ryan Afari	Abstain	Allen Gross	Yes
Claudia Oliveira	N/A	Lori Summers	Absent	Eboney Pearson	Absent
Tony Hoover	Yes	Vacant		Cody Nowak	Yes
Wendell Blassingame	Yes	Mylenda Chootesa	Absent	Jim Sarratori	Yes
Michelle Duffie	Yes	Tyler Murphy	Yes	Jehan Reagan	Yes
Naira Harootunian	Yes	Pablo Fontoura	Yes	Debby Zhou	Yes
Rick Nordin	Absent	Kevin Dieterle	Yes	James Wilde	Yes
Wendy Celaya	Absent	Shawn Smith	Yes	Angela Deleon	Yes

Yes =16, No =0, Abs =1, Rec =0

Motion passed.

12. New Business

Ryan Afari (90 min)

a. **Sale of Alcoholic Beverages**

PROPOSED MOTION: The DLANC Board supports the Applicants' requests in Planning Cases No. **ZA-2021-1985-CUB** and No. **ZA-2021-555-MPA; ZA-2021-1439-MPA** regarding the sale of alcoholic beverages. DLANC support is conditioned on applicants agreeing to the stipulations below for each project.

Motion: Ryan Afari motioned to approve on consent.
2nd: Naira Harootunian

Patti Berman	Yes	Ryan Afari	Yes	Allen Gross	Yes
Claudia Oliveira	N/A	Lori Summers	Absent	Eboney Pearson	Absent
Tony Hoover	Yes	Vacant		Cody Nowak	Yes
Wendell Blassingame	Yes	Mylenda Chootesa	Absent	Jim Sarratori	Yes
Michelle Duffie	Yes	Tyler Murphy	Yes	Jehan Reagan	Yes
Naira Harootunian	Yes	Pablo Fontoura	Yes	Debby Zhou	Yes
Rick Nordin	Absent	Kevin Dieterle	Yes	James Wilde	Yes
Wendy Celaya	Absent	Shawn Smith	Yes	Angela Deleon	Yes

Yes =17, No =0, Abs =0, Rec =0

Motion passed.

Planning Case No: ZA-2021-1985-CUB

Project Address: 658 S Broadway GL106 Los Angeles, CA 90014

Applicant: Garo's Deli

Representative: Jack Berberian and DK Marikian owners

Project Description: Asking for a Support Letter from DLANC for a Conditional Use Permit for the sale of beer and wine for a Deli/Market with packaged goods for consumption off-site premises The Planning and Land Use Committee recommends that DLANC submit a letter of support for the Applicant's request.

CONDITION 1: Owner/Operator will come back and present to PLUC should the owner/operator change.

This item was pulled. Claudia Oliveira had to recuse herself.

Motion: Ryan Afari

2nd: Cody Nowak

Patti Berman	No	Ryan Afari	Yes	Allen Gross	Yes
Claudia Oliveira	Recused	Lori Summers	Absent	Eboney Pearson	Absent
Tony Hoover	Yes	Vacant		Cody Nowak	Yes
Wendell Blassingame	No	Mylenda Chootesa	Absent	Jim Sarratori	Yes
Michelle Duffie	Yes	Tyler Murphy	Yes	Jehan Reagan	Yes
Naira Harootunian	Yes	Pablo Fontoura	Yes	Debby Zhou	No

Rick Nordin	Absent	Kevin Dieterle	Yes	James Wilde	Yes
Wendy Celaya	Absent	Shawn Smith	Yes	Angela Deleon	Yes

Yes = 14, No = 3, Abs = 0, Rec = 1

Planning Case No: ZA-2021-555-MPA; ZA-2021-1439-MPA

Project Address: 1027 Wilshire Blvd
New Ground Floor Restaurant and Cafe
Applicant: AMIDI GROUP
Representative: Crystal Villalpando

Project Description: ZA-2021-555-MPA: A Master Plan Approval to permit the on-site sales and consumption of a full line of alcoholic beverages in conjunction with an approximately 7,161 square foot ground floor restaurant, which includes 5,031 square feet of indoor area and 2,130 square feet of outdoor area. ZA-2021-1439-MPA: A Master Plan Approval to permit the on & off-site sales and consumption of a full line of alcoholic beverages in conjunction with an approximately 2,267 square foot ground floor café, which includes 1,223 square feet of indoor area and 1,044 square feet of outdoor area.

Project Requests: Master Plan Approvals pursuant to approved Case No. ZA-2019-7504-MCUP

Recommended action: The Planning and Land Use Committee recommends that DLANC submit a letter of support for the Applicant's request in Planning Case No. ZA-2021-555-MPA; ZA-2021-1439-MPA. Support is conditioned on the following: (a) Owner/Operator will come back and present to PLUC should owner/operator change; (b) ground floor retains transparency at all times to allow for eyes on the street and pedestrian

ZA-2021-1439-MPA: A Master Plan Approval to permit the on & off-site sales and consumption of a full line

CONDITION 1: Owner/Operator will come back and present to PLUC should owner/operator change

CONDITION 2: Ground floor windows retain transparency at all times to allow for eyes on the street and pedestrian safety.

b. Approval of Three Planning Cases

PROPOSED MOTION:: The DLANC Board supports the Applicants' requests in Planning Cases

- 1) DIR-2020-3656-SPR** DLANC support is conditioned on Applicant agreeing to the stipulations below for the project. Ryan Afari

Planning Case No: DIR-2020-3646-SPR

Project Address: 1130 Hope Street
Applicant: Hope Street 1 LLC
Representative: Dana Sayles/Jason Friedman, Owner's Representative and Greg Bucilla, Architect

Project Description: The new construction, use, and maintenance of an 8-story 46,741 SF hotel, consisting of 112 guest rooms, and 528 SF of ground-floor retail space, with 2 on-site parking spaces and 21 off-site parking spaces.

Project Requests: Site Plan Review (SPR), pursuant to LAMC 16.05, to permit the new construction of an 8-story 112-guest room hotel with 528 square feet of ground-floor retail uses.

CONDITION 1: Applicant will maintain pedestrian access if the sidewalk is temporarily closed during construction.

CONDITION 2: Applicant will ensure any temporary walkways covered due to construction (e.g., scaffolding) are well-lit at all hours.

CONDITION 3: Applicant will explore options to finesse the landscape design.

CONDITION 4: Applicant will explore options to finesse the ground floor treatments

13. Outreach Committee

Claudia Oliveira

Discussion and possible motion to staff a booth and participate in the upcoming CicLAvia event on October 10th, 2021. CicLAvia has offered DLANC a booth on their event happening within Downtown Los Angeles boundaries.

Motion: Claudia Oliveira

2nd: Jim Sarratori

Patti Berman	Yes	Ryan Afari	Yes	Allen Gross	Yes
Claudia Oliveira	N/A	Lori Summers	Absent	Eboney Pearson	Absent
Tony Hoover	Yes	Vacant		Cody Nowak	Yes
Wendell Blassingame	Yes	Mylena Chootesa	Absent	Jim Sarratori	Yes
Michelle Duffie	Yes	Tyler Murphy	Yes	Jehan Reagan	Yes
Naira Harootunian	Yes	Pablo Fontoura	Yes	Debby Zhou	Yes
Rick Nordin	Absent	Kevin Dieterle	Yes	James Wilde	Yes
Wendy Celaya	Absent	Shawn Smith	Yes	Angela Deleon	Yes

Yes =17, No =0, Abs =0, Rec =0

Motion passed.

14. Treasurer's Report

Tony Hoover (10 Min)

a. Report on Office Lease

b. Motion: The Board shall approve the August 2021 Monthly Expenditure Report.

Tony Hoover said it was not possible to generate the MERs prior to the 72 hour window of the meeting, the city had to approve it before we could generate it and they did not do that until Monday. He screen shared the MERs for the board members and explained the charges.

Motion: Tony Hoover

2nd: Claudia Oliveira

Patti Berman	Absent	Ryan Afari	Yes	Allen Gross	Absent
Claudia Oliveira	N/A	Lori Summers	Absent	Eboney Pearson	Absent
Tony Hoover	Yes	Vacant		Cody Nowak	Yes
Wendell Blassingame	Yes	Mylena Chootesa	Absent	Jim Sarratori	Yes
Michelle Duffie	Yes	Tyler Murphy	Yes	Jehan Reagan	Yes
Naira Harootunian	Yes	Pablo Fontoura	Yes	Debby Zhou	Yes
Rick Nordin	Absent	Kevin Dieterle	Yes	James Wilde	Yes
Wendy Celaya	Absent	Shawn Smith	Yes	Angela Deleon	Yes

Yes =15, No =0, Abs =0, Rec =0

Motion passed.

- c. **Motion:** The Board should approve Google as DLANC's new email vendor with a monthly expenditure not to exceed 240 dollars. Monies to come from the office budget.

Motion: Tony Hoover

2nd: Cody Nowak

Patti Berman	Absent	Ryan Afari	Yes	Allen Gross	Absent
Claudia Oliveira	N/A	Lori Summers	Absent	Eboney Pearson	Absent
Tony Hoover	Yes	Vacant		Cody Nowak	Yes
Wendell Blassingame	Yes	Mylena Chootesa	Absent	Jim Sarratori	Yes
Michelle Duffie	Yes	Tyler Murphy	Yes	Jehan Reagan	Yes
Naira Harootunian	Yes	Pablo Fontoura	Yes	Debby Zhou	Yes
Rick Nordin	Absent	Kevin Dieterle	Yes	James Wilde	Yes
Wendy Celaya	Absent	Shawn Smith	Yes	Angela Deleon	Yes

Yes =15, No =0, Abs =0, Rec =0

Motion passed.

14. General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

15. Other Committee Comments and Announcements

- Naira – planning to have a bylaws committee this month. Standing rules will be discussed. How to do we do posting.
- Jehan – Govt Liaison meeting coming up, last Tuesday 9/28 at 6:30.

16. Next Meeting – October 12, 2021

17. Adjourn

Naira Harootunian motioned to adjourn. Kevin Dieterle seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:14 PM.