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**DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Draft Meeting Minutes, October 12, 2021**

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1. Call to Order/Roll Call - Quorum of 13 required

Claudia called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

(5 min)

Patti Berman	Here, via alternate Nisha Parekh	Ryan Afari	Here	Allen Gross	Absent
Claudia Oliveira	Here	Lori Summers	Here	Eboney Pearson	Absent
Tony Hoover	Here	Vacant		Cody Nowak	Here
Wendell Blassingame	Here	Melynda Choothesa	Here	Jim Sarratori	Here
Michelle Duffie	Here	Tyler Murphy	Here	Jehan Reagan	Here
Naira Harootunian	Absent	Pablo Fontoura	Here	Debby Zhou	Here
Rick Nordin	Absent	Kevin Dieterle	Here	James Wilde	Here, via alternate Susan V Powers
Wendy Celaya	Here	Shawn Smith	Here	Angela DeLeon	Here

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4. Selection (Discussion & Possible Action):

(20 min.)

- a. Historic Core Business Seat Vacancy Selection and Swearing in.

Christine Ko, Natalie Woysner, and Samir are the candidates.

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

Samir received 8 votes, Natalie Woysner received 6 votes, and Christine Ko received 2 votes. Samir was elected to the Historic Core vacancy.

- b. VP of Outreach and Communications Selection.

Claudia Oliveira nominated Shawn Smith for VP of outreach and communications. Shawn Smith accepted. There were no other nominations.

Vote to confirm Shawn Smith:

Patti Berman	Abstain	Ryan Afari	Yes	Allen Gross	Absent
Claudia Oliveira	N/A	Lori Summers	Yes	Eboney Pearson	Absent
Tony Hoover	Yes	Samir	Yes	Cody Nowak	Yes
Wendell Blassingame	Absent	Melynda Choothesa	Yes	Jim Sarratori	Yes
Michelle Duffie	Yes	Tyler Murphy	Yes	Jehan Reagan	Yes
Naira Harootunian	Absent	Pablo Fontoura	No	Debby Zhou	Yes
Rick Nordin	Absent	Kevin Dieterle	Yes	James Wilde	Yes
Wendy Celaya	Yes	Shawn Smith	Yes	Angela DeLeon	Yes

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

Shawn Smith was confirmed as VP of Outreach and Communications.

5. Declaration of Ex-Parte Communications

6. Speakers

(20 min.)

- a. City/County/State/Federal elected officials or representatives
- b. Liaisons and Budget Representative Reports - Open liaison positions: Homelessness, Sustainability, LLANC, Purposeful Aging, Data, DWP, Plan Check, and Transportation.
- c. Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District (EIFD) - Joe Dieguez from Kosmont

7. Approval of the 09-14-2021 Meeting Minutes

Motion: Jim Sarratori

2nd: Kevin Dieterle

Patti Berman	Abstain	Ryan Afari	Yes	Allen Gross	Absent
Claudia Oliveira	N/A	Lori Summers	Abstain	Eboney Pearson	Absent
Tony Hoover	Yes	Samir	Yes	Cody Nowak	Yes
Wendell Blassingame	Yes	Melynda Choothesa	Yes	Jim Sarratori	Yes
Michelle Duffie	Yes	Tyler Murphy	Yes	Jehan Reagan	Yes
Naira Harootunian	Absent	Pablo Fontoura	Yes	Debby Zhou	Yes
Rick Nordin	Absent	Kevin Dieterle	Yes	James Wilde	Yes

Wendy Celaya	Yes	Shawn Smith	Yes	Angela DeLeon	Yes
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Yes =17, No =0, Abs =2, Rec =0

Motion passed.

8. President's Report

9. Consent Calendar - None

10. Old Business

- a. Update on Redistricting.

11. New Business

a. Planning and Land Use:

- i. **Case Number: [ZA-2021-5039-CUB](#)**

Project Location: 650 S Spring St, Units R1 & R2

Item Description/Request: A Conditional Use Permit to allow the off-site sale of beer, wine, and distilled spirits in conjunction with an existing retail food market of 900 SF with take-out food service and 24 outdoor convenience seats. No alcohol in seating area. Market open 24-hours, daily. Alcohol sales requested from 6 am-2 am, daily. Motion to support the request for the sale and service of beer, wine, and distilled spirits for off-site consumption.

MOTION: "The Planning and Land Use Committee recommends that DLANC submit a [letter of support](#) for the Applicant's request in Planning Case No. ZA-2021-5039-CUB. Support is conditioned on the following: (a) Owner/Operator will come back and present to PLUC should owner/operator change; (b) storefronts of ground-floor retail retain transparency at all times to allow for eyes on the street and pedestrian safety Applicant explores options to pull retail shelves away from windows or incorporate lower shelves along windows to maintain sightlines from interior to exterior seating; (c) A minimum of one security guard is maintained onsite at all times of liquor sales; (d) Owner/Operator posts and enforces notice that outside tables are for customers only (e) Owner/Operator ensures outside tables are kept free and clear of litter cleaned and maintained at all hours."

[PLUC Vote Count: Y(10), N(0), A(0), Absent(1), R(0)]

Claudia Oliveira recused herself because she was within 500 feet of the property.

Motion: Kevin Dieterle

2nd: Michelle Duffie

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

Yes =19, No =0, Abs =0, Rec =1

Motion passed.

b. Government Liaison:

- i. Discussion & Possible Action on submitting a **CIS in Support of CF 21-0658:** 100 Percent Deed-Restricted Affordable Housing Projects/Expedited Approval Process/Strategic Plan.

[Government Liaison Vote Count: Y(5), N(0), A(0), R(0)]

Claudia Oliveira motioned to approve the Government Liaison items from i to vi.

Motion: Claudia Oliveira

2nd: Pablo Fontoura

Patti Berman	Yes	Ryan Afari	Yes	Allen Gross	Absent
Claudia Oliveira	N/A	Lori Summers	Yes	Eboney Pearson	Absent
Tony Hoover	Yes	Samir	Yes	Cody Nowak	Yes
Wendell Blassingame	Yes	Melynda Choothesa	Yes	Jim Sarratori	Yes
Michelle Duffie	Yes	Tyler Murphy	Yes	Jehan Reagan	Yes
Naira Harootunian	Absent	Pablo Fontoura	Yes	Debby Zhou	Yes

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

Yes =19, No =0, Abs =0, Rec =0

Motion passed.

- ii. Discussion & Possible Action on submitting a **CIS in Support of CF 21-0002-S108**: AB 1177 (Santiago, et al.) /California Public Banking Option Act/Financial Services Access/BankCal Program/Low-Income Communities/Communities of Color.

[Government Liaison Vote Count: Y(4), N(0), A(1), R(0)]

- iii. Discussion & Possible Action on submitting a **CIS in Support of CF 21-0863**: City of Los Angeles Street Engagement Strategy/Right to Housing /Interim Supportive Housing/Housing Now Program/Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles/County of Los Angeles/Memorandum of Understanding).

[Government Liaison Vote Count: Y(5), N(0), A(0), R(0)]

- iv. Discussion & Possible Action on submitting a **CIS in Support of CF 21-0307**: YMCA Shower Program/Portable Hygiene Station Program/Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention (HHAP) / Hygiene Services / Funding

[Government Liaison Vote Count: Y(5), N(0), A(0), R(0)]

- v. Discussion & Possible Action on submitting a **CIS in Support of CF 20-0197**: Social Housing/International Models/Construction/Government-Owned Properties/Funding Sources.

[Government Liaison Vote Count: Y(4), N(1), A(0), R(0)]

- vi. Discussion & Possible Action on submitting a **CIS in Support of CF 19-0855**: NextGen Bus Study / Operational and Infrastructure Improvements / Reliable Service

[Government Liaison Vote Count: Y(5), N(0), A(0), R(0)]

c. Livability: (50 min.)

- i. Discussion and possible action to submit **CIS in Support of CF 21-0869**:

Neighborhood Watch Program / Community-Building / Online Toolkit /
 LAPDOnline.org / Public Safety Neighborhood Smartphone Application.

[Livability Vote Count: Y(5), N(0), A(0), R(0)]

Claudia Oliveira moved to approve items i to iii.

Motion: Claudia Oliveira

2nd: Debby Zhou

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

Yes =19, No =0, Abs =0, Rec=0

Motion passed.

- ii. Discussion and possible action to submit **CIS in Support of CF 21-0979:** Automated Public Toilets (APTs) / Mobile Pit Stops / Coordinated Street Furniture Program / Sidewalk and Transit Amenities Program / Homeless Crisis.

[Livability vote: Y(5), N(0), A(0), R(0)]

- iii. Discussion and possible action to submit **CIS in Support of CF 21-0953:** Urban Alchemy Clean Team / Skid Row / Litter Removal / Bulky Item Trash / Program Expansion.

[Livability vote: Y(5), N(0), A(0), R(0)]

- iv. Discussion and possible action to submit a **letter** requesting LAPD Reserve officers for foot patrols.

[Livability vote: Y(5), N(0), A(0), R(0)]

Jose Galdamez, representative from DONE clarified that this letter came from committee and does not need a second.

Motion: Debby Zhou

2nd:

Patti Berman	Abstain	Ryan Afari	Yes	Allen Gross	Absent
Claudia Oliveira	N/A	Lori Summers	Yes	Eboney Pearson	Absent
Tony Hoover	Yes	Samir	Absent	Cody Nowak	Yes
Wendell Blassingame	Absent	Melynda Choothesa	Yes	Jim Sarratori	Yes
Michelle Duffie	No	Tyler Murphy	Yes	Jehan Reagan	Yes
Naira Harootunian	Absent	Pablo Fontoura	No	Debby Zhou	Yes
Rick Nordin	Absent	Kevin Dieterle	No	James Wilde	Yes
Wendy Celaya	Yes	Shawn Smith	Yes	Angela DeLeon	Absent

Yes =12, No =3, Abs =1, Rec =0

Motion passed.

- v. Discussion and possible action to submit a [letter](#) to engage in the EIFD development process.

[Livability vote: Y(5), N(0), A(0), R(0)]

Motion: Debby Zhou

2nd:

Lori Summers motioned to amend the letter to remove references to stormwater and wastewater management. Claudia Oliveira seconded.

Vote on amendment:

Patti Berman	Yes	Ryan Afari	Yes	Allen Gross	Absent
Claudia Oliveira	N/A	Lori Summers	Yes	Eboney Pearson	Absent
Tony Hoover	No	Samir	Absent	Cody Nowak	No
Wendell Blassingame	Yes	Melynda Choothesa	No	Jim Sarratori	Yes
Michelle Duffie	No	Tyler Murphy	No	Jehan Reagan	No
Naira Harootunian	Absent	Pablo Fontoura	No	Debby Zhou	No
Rick Nordin	Absent	Kevin Dieterle	No	James Wilde	No
Wendy Celaya	Yes	Shawn Smith	No	Angela DeLeon	Absent

Yes =6, No =11, Abs =0, Rec =0

Motion to amend failed.

Original motion:

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

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

Motion passed.

12. Treasurer's Report

- a. Approve MERS for July and September (Discussion & Possible Action)

Tony Hoover explained that they can vote on the June MERS but not July or September because they are waiting for the clerk to approve the invoice for the Skid Row Printing Company.

Jose Galdamez from DONE recommended that the board table this because it is not on the agenda to approve the June MERS.

The item was tabled until next meeting.

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14. Board Members and Committee Announcements.

15. Next Meeting November 9th, 2021

16. Adjourn

Claudia Oliveria motioned to adjourn at 10:07, and Shawn Smith seconded. The meeting adjourned at 10:07 PM.