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**DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL  
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VIRTUAL MEETING AGENDA**

Thursday, January 13, 2022 - 7:00 PM

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In conformity with the September 16, 2021 enactment of California Assembly Bill 361 (Rivas) and due to concerns over COVID-19, this Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council meeting will be conducted entirely with a call-in option or internet-based service option. Every person wishing to address the Neighborhood Council must dial (669) 900-6833 or enter Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82495346020> Passcode: 087494

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1. Call to Order / Roll Call 7:04PM

Debby Zhou (Chair) <b>DZ</b>	P		
Melynda Choothesa <b>MC</b>	A		
James Wilde <b>JW</b>	A		
Victor Robert <b>VR</b>	P		
Wendy Celaya <b>WC</b>	P		
Reeyan Raynes <b>RR</b>	P		

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David Nealy - requesting speed bumps on Francisco Street between 8th/9th, in front of Metropolis

3. Chair's Welcome

None

4. Approval of minutes

DZ motioned to approve minutes of Livability Meeting 11/11, WC seconded  
Y(4), N(0), A(2)

5. Emergency Preparedness and Public Works update

None

6. Old Business - (All items for discussion and possible action)

a. None

7. New Business (All items for discussion and possible action)

a. Submission of a CIS on [CF 20-1536](#): Sidewalk and Transit Amenities Program (STAP) / Public Engagement / Request for Proposals

City is trying to find a new operator of street furniture. Explores the role of street advertising at bus citations. This CIS is voting in support or not of advertising on bus furniture. Money generated off advertising goes back into funding public infrastructure. Direct benefit for NCs, can utilize ad units for public engagement. In instances of property damage/vandalism, the private operator has to maintain as part of the STAP contract, the cost of repair won't come from taxpayers.

DZ motioned to submit CIS in support of CF 20-1536, VR seconded  
Y(4), N(0), A(2)

b. Submission of a CIS on [CF 21-1467](#): Passive Recreation / Open Space / Los Angeles Department of Water and Power Property Conversion / Park Equity / Executive Directive No. 31

RR motioned to submit CIS in support of CF 21-1467, VR seconded  
Y(4), N(0), A(2)

c. Submission of a CIS on [CF 21-1469](#): Sidewalk Maintenance and Repair Program / Curb Cuts / Backlog / Mobility / Safety

DZ motioned to submit CIS in support of CF 21-1469, RR seconded  
Y(4), N(0), A(2)

d. DTLA Scooter [SOZ letter](#)

Background info (RR): Special Operations Zone (SOZ) is a limited geographic area that has additional regulations around scooter management. Main provisions of letter are around SOZ boundaries, vehicle drop-off zones, vehicle volume.

Public comment:

Jens - Lives on Spring St, mobility has increased with scooters without car dependency. Make sure there are enough drop-off spots to maintain utility and convenience of scooters. It doesn't feel safe to ride in car lanes, suggests signage of best routes to go from bike lane to bike lane.

David - Look at Paris as an example - incorporating regulating scooter speeds. Make sure scooters are returned to designated drop off zones.

Committee discussion:

VR - Mainly concerned with drop-off zones. Is there a way to communicate to curb scooters, tie that action to the end of ride. Ask operators to augment their apps rather than having the City define dropoff zones. Are there other technological options that don't entail having the City paint parking spots.

The conclusion is that we are not there yet at a tech/data standpoint to solely rely on the operators to define/enforce drop offs.

Agreement to keep 5-7 scooters per operator, no limits on operating hours for DT.

DZ motioned to submit letter to BOD, RR seconded  
Y(4), N(0), A(2)

e. 2nd & 3rd Street Tunnel Graffiti Abatement

No agency wants to take responsibility of cleaning graffiti. The tunnels have ventilation issues, factor of vehicle traffic. Thus there's an argument that it's dangerous for cleaning crews, moreover they require specialized equipment.

RR is currently in communication with CD14, so no action needed.

Are there ways to prevent new vandalism? There needs to be an annual pool of money allocated to maintain the tunnels.

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## 9. Committee member announcements

Spring St lighting - RR needs to follow up on this item.

Spring St Park lighting - VR is working with Cesar to explore more permanent lighting options. The NC can't take action because it would require us to commit funding and commit to maintaining it into perpetuity. Need to engage Parks and Recs dept.

Next Meeting: February 10, 2022

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:45PM, VR seconded

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