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**DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL  
LIVABILITY SPECIAL COMMITTEE  
VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES**  
Tuesday, March 22, 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 7:08PM

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

2. General Public Comment - 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. 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. 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.) (20 min. cap).

3. Chair's Welcome

4. Approval of [minutes](#) for 2/10/22 regular committee meeting

DZ motioned to approve, RR seconded.

Y(4), N(0), Abstain (0), Absent (2)

5. Approval of [minutes](#) for 2/10/22 special committee meeting

DZ motioned to approve, RR seconded.

Y(4), N(0), Abstain (0), Absent (2)

6. Emergency Preparedness and Public Works update

Ongoing street repaving

There are complaints of Bottega Louie using bike lanes for valet parking

RE: street racing letter – LAPD and LADOT followed up with Claudia. LAPD has allegedly increased enforcement, and LADOT acknowledged they are aware of the issue and hope to better address them in the future.

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

a. Update on nuisance issues in front of the Los Angeles Theater Center (514 S Spring St)

DZ and RR had a follow up meeting with Jose Valenzuela and some LATC staff to discuss possible remedies. LATC has already upgraded some lighting, we pushed for further increases in target areas. There are issues with the alleyway that require coordination with other City agencies.

VR requested to participate in the next meeting with LATC. DZ noted to include VR in future discussions to brainstorm ideas to improve/activate the area.

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

a. [Letter](#) on scramble crossings

RR motioned to approve, VR seconded.

Y(4), N(0), Abstain (0), Absent (2)

b. Request for \$5000 to be placed under the Community Improvement Project (CIP) line item for the Pico/Olive Triangle Activation Project

RR motioned to approve, DZ seconded.

Y(4), N(0), Abstain (0), Absent (2)

Public Comment/Discussion:

Samir Bitar asked if we can work with other orgs besides the BID to do street activations.

MC asked how we can direct private companies to donate money towards activation projects.

RR suggested they can donate to LANI. However the issue with nonprofits is they are focused on conceptual work, not so much construction or project management. And the City won't provide maintenance services, so those responsibilities ultimately get punted to the BIDs. Important thing to note is that due to activations being on the public right of way, there are liability requirements to maintain and be responsible for any issues into perpetuity, so private companies are wary to commit.

## 9. General Public Comment

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## 10. Committee member announcements

Next Meeting: April 14, 2022

Adjourn 7:51PM, RR motioned, DZ seconded

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