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**DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL  
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VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES**  
Thursday, April 14, 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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Instructions on how to sign up for public comment will be given to listeners at the start of the meeting.

1. Call to Order / Roll Call 7:03PM

Debby Zhou (Chair) <b>DZ</b>	P		
Melynda Choothesa <b>MC</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

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3. Chair's Welcome

4. Approval of [minutes](#) for 3/22/22 special meeting

DZ motioned to approve, RR seconded.

Y(3), N(0), Abstain (0), Absent (2)

5. Emergency Preparedness and Public Works update

3rd Street Tunnel - electronic traffic detour sign that was left over from art installation project has been removed, no longer blocking bike lane.

Olympic blvd has been repaved, other repair projects are planned throughout DT, east of Alameda and south of the 10.

The second round of meetings about the San Pedro streetscape improvement project is coming up, starting 4/20/22. Looking to get community feedback.

CERT classes are also back.

6. Old Business

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

RR spoke with General Services Department (GSD), but no further action has been taken by either the City or Latino Theater Co. We're still in the fact finding stage. There are complexities around getting nuisance abatement, and it's unclear how to have a City-led approach to intervening. Ultimately, it's a contractual issue, as the lease operator is in charge of maintaining the building. Since the lease operator is not in breach of contract, there's no easy/good way for the City to step in.

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

- a. Submission of a CIS on [CF 22-0368](#): Vision Zero Initiative / Executive Directive No. 10 / Traffic Deaths / Collisions

DZ motioned to submit a CIS in support of CF 22-0368, RR seconded.

Y(3), N(0), Abstain (0), Absent (2)

- b. Submission of a CIS on [CF 22-0369](#): Community Reporting System / Idling Commercial Vehicles / New York City Citizen Air Complaint Program / Toxic Air Pollution / Noxious Odors / Global Warming

RR motioned to submit a CIS in support of CF 22-0369, VR seconded.

Y(3), N(0), Abstain (0), Absent (2)

- c. Request for \$10,000 to be allocated to Community Improvement Project (CIP) line item as part of the Livability Committee budget for FY 2022-2023

RR motioned to amend request to \$7500 to be allocated to the CIP line item. DZ seconded.

Sub-item allocations of \$5k for Pico/Olive triangle, and \$2.5k for other CIP e.g. tree planting, power boxes, etc.

\$7.5k is a more realistic/feasible allocation due to next year being an election year, and so DLANC will have to allocate funds for administration costs.

Y(3), N(0), Abstain (0), Absent (2)

- d. Submission of Pico/Olive triangle project for [Beautify LA](#) grant

RR motioned to submit Pico/Olive triangle project for Beautify LA grant. VR seconded.

Public Comment: Debra Strout thanked committee for supporting the project. South Park needs more green space.

Y(3), N(0), Abstain (0), Absent (2)

Will need to call a special BOD meeting to get approval to submit grant before May 4 deadline.

#### 8. General Public Comment

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#### 9. Committee member announcements

Next Meeting: May 12, 2022 7:34PM

Adjourn

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