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DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL PLANNING & LAND USE COMMITTEE VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT

Tuesday March 15, 2022 – 6:30 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 then enter MEETING ID: 933 3986 7646 and then press # to join the meeting or use the zoom login at <https://zoom.us/j/93339867646>

AB 361 Updates: Public comment cannot be required to be submitted in advance of the meeting, only real-time public comment is required. If there are any broadcasting interruptions that prevent the public from observing or hearing the meeting, the meeting must be recessed or adjourned. If members of the public are unable to provide public comment or be heard due to issues within the Neighborhood Council's control, the meeting must be recessed or adjourned.

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

Please note that we are asking presenters to limit their presentations to 15 minutes for a development project and 10 minutes for CUB or other items.

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1. Call to Order at 6:46pm/ Roll Call

Ryan Afari – Chair	Yes
Patti Berman	Yes
Tyler Murphy	No
Jim Sarratori	Yes
Cody Nowak	Yes
Reeyan Raynes	No/Yes ²
John Swartz	No/Yes ¹
Simon Ha	No
Tonja Boykin	No
Audrey von Ahrens	Yes
Samir Bitar	Yes

¹ John Swartz arrives at 6:39pm.

² Reeyan Raynes arrives at 6:50pm

2. Committee Member Introductions

3. Approve Minutes from 2/15/2022

Presented by: Patti Berman

Seconded by: Jim Sarratori

Ryan Afari – Chair	Abstain
Patti Berman	Yes
Tyler Murphy	Absent
Jim Sarratori	Yes
Cody Nowak	Yes
Reeyan Raynes	Absent
John Swartz	Absent
Simon Ha	Absent
Tonja Boykin	Absent
Audrey von Ahrens	Yes
Samir Bitar	Abstain

Vote Count: Yes: 4; No: 0; Abstention: 2; Absent: 5; Recused: 0

OUTCOME: Motion Passes

4. Report on last DLANC Board Meeting concerning items presented by PLUC.

5. Declarations of Ex Parte communications

6. General Public Comment - The public is requested dial *9, when prompted by the presiding officer, to address the Committee on any agenda item before the Committee 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 Committee’s jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period. Please note that under the Brown Act, the Committee 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 Committee meeting. Public comments are limited to two minutes per speaker with a total time of ten minutes. (The chair, depending on number of speakers and time considerations, may change these parameters.)

7. Committee Member Comments – Committee members are asked to keep their comments brief and relevant to the topic or project being discussed. Committee member comments will be limited to two minutes and all committee members will be given the opportunity to make a comment before additional comments are provided by committee members.

8. Old Business
None

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9. New Business

*Discussion of Item 8d moved to first item discussed.

- a. **Presentation by:** Samira Squires
Case Number: ZA-2021-9304-CUB-CUX
Project Location: 425 W. 8th Street

Project Description: Vibe Nightclub (basement of Bristol Hotel Apartments)

Project Requests: Pursuant to LAMC 12.24 W.1, the applicant is requesting a new conditional use to permit the continued on-site sales and consumption of a full-line of alcohol in conjunction with the existing bar/nightclub; with a dance floor and providing 206 interior seats. Hours of operation are from 9am – 2am daily in the C5-4D zone.

Pursuant to LAMC 12.24-1,18, the applicant is requesting a conditional use permit to allow for live entertainment and dancing in the C5-4D zone.

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-2021-9304-CUB-CUX. Support is conditioned on the following: (a) Owner/Operator will come back and present to PLUC should owner/operator change; (b) Any amplified or outdoor noise shall be mitigated such that it will remain in compliance with the LA Noise Ordinance.

Presented by: Audrey von Ahrens

Seconded by: Jim Sarratori

Ryan Afari – Chair	Yes
Patti Berman	Yes
Tyler Murphy	Absent
Jim Sarratori	Yes
Cody Nowak	Yes
Reeyan Raynes	Yes
John Swartz	Yes
Simon Ha	Absent
Tonja Boykin	Absent
Audrey von Ahrens	Yes
Samir Bitar	Yes

Vote Count: Yes: 8; No: 0; Abstention: 0; Absent: 3; Recused: 0

OUTCOME: Motion does not Pass

- b. **Presentation by:** Vicrim Chima

Case Number: ZA-2009-3356-CUB-PA1

Project Location: 800 West Sixth Street, Unit 100 Los Angeles, CA 90017

Project Description: A Plan Approval for the continued on-site sale and dispensing of a full-line of alcoholic beverages in conjunction with an existing 2,767 square foot restaurant with 126 indoor seats and a 1,611 square foot outdoor patio with 36 seats with hours of operation from 6:00 a.m. to 4:00 a.m., daily. Alcohol service from 6:00 am to 2:00 am.

Project Requests: Motion to support the request for the continued sale and service of beer, wine and distilled spirits for on-site sale and consumption.

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-2009-3356-CUB-PA1. Support is conditioned on the following: (a) Owner/Operator will come back and present to PLUC should owner/operator change; (b) Any amplified or outdoor noise shall be mitigated such that it will remain in compliance with the LA Noise Ordinance.

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Presented by: Patti Berman

Seconded by: Cody Nowak

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Patti Berman	Yes
Tyler Murphy	Absent
Jim Sarratori	Yes
Cody Nowak	Yes
Reeyan Raynes	Yes
John Swartz	Yes
Simon Ha	Absent
Tonja Boykin	Absent
Audrey von Ahrens	Yes
Samir Bitar	Yes

Vote Count: Yes: 8; No: 0; Abstention: 0; Absent: 3; Recused: 0

OUTCOME: Motion does not Pass

- c. Discussion and possible action concerning a letter to CD14 about DTLA participation in the Restaurant Beverage Program.

Recommended action: The Planning and Land Use Committee recommends that DLANC submit the proposed letter to CD14 about DTLA participation in the Restaurant Beverage Program.

Presented by: Audrey von Ahrens

Seconded by: Reeyan Raynes

Ryan Afari – Chair	Yes
Patti Berman	Yes
Tyler Murphy	Absent
Jim Sarratori	Yes
Cody Nowak	Yes
Reeyan Raynes	Yes
John Swartz	Yes
Simon Ha	Absent
Tonja Boykin	Absent
Audrey von Ahrens	Yes
Samir Bitar	Yes

Vote Count: Yes: 8; No: 0; Abstention: 0; Absent: 3; Recused: 0

OUTCOME: Motion does not Pass

- d. Discussion and possible action on CF 22-0151. Council motion is in packet.
*Discussion of Item 8d moved to first item discussed.

Recommended action: The Planning and Land Use Committee recommends that DLANC submit a CIS in support of CF 22-0151.

Presented by: John Swartz

Seconded by: Audrey von Ahrens

Ryan Afari – Chair	No
Patti Berman	No
Tyler Murphy	Absent
Jim Sarratori	Yes
Cody Nowak	No
Reeyan Raynes	Abstain

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John Swartz	Yes
Simon Ha	Absent
Tonja Boykin	Absent
Audrey von Ahrens	Yes
Samir Bitar	No

Vote Count: Yes: 3; No: 4; Abstention: 1; Absent: 3; Recused: 0

OUTCOME: Motion does not Pass

Recommended action: The Planning and Land Use Committee recommends that DLANC submit a CIS in opposition of CF 22-0151 with supplement language as follows:

1. DLANC supports the goal and initiative to reach zero carbon emissions;
2. DLANC supports implementing zero carbon emissions;
3. DLANC supports the study to remove gas lines;
4. DLANC finds the language of CF to be too to create a confident framework as it is not well defined and needs a pointed approach with clarification as to what the specific net zero targets are.

Presented by: Cody Nowak

Seconded by: Samir Bitar

Ryan Afari – Chair	Abstain
Patti Berman	Yes
Tyler Murphy	Absent
Jim Sarratori	Yes
Cody Nowak	Yes
Reeyan Raynes	Abstain
John Swartz	No
Simon Ha	Absent
Tonja Boykin	Absent
Audrey von Ahrens	No
Samir Bitar	Yes

Vote Count: Yes: 4; No: 2; Abstention: 2; Absent: 2; Recused: 0

OUTCOME: Motion Passes

10. General Public Comment The public is requested 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 number of speakers and time considerations, may change these parameters.)
11. Committee Member Comments and Announcements
12. Proposed delivery dates – Motions, Letters and Minutes 04/01/2022
12. Next Meeting(s) 04/19/2022 and 05/17/2022
13. Adjourn at 8:30pm

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