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**DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
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VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, May 12, 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) DZ	P		
Melynda Choothesa MC	P		
Victor Robert VR	A		
Wendy Celaya WC	P		
Reeyan Raynes RR	P		
Samir Bitar SB	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 4/14/22 meeting

DZ motioned to approve, RR seconded.

Y(5), N(0), Abstain (0), Absent (1)

5. Emergency Preparedness and Public Works update

May and June - street repaving in South Park along Pico, 14th, and 15th streets.

Alameda St, between Olympic and Washington has major improvement project that will continue into the coming year. Street closures will be announced on social media.

There will be sewer line repairs on Broadway and Figueroa, expect major disruptions.

SB asked what City agency leads emergency preparedness, RR explained there's no centralized agency. SB wants to look into how to bring a program for terrorism, natural disaster response for DTLA.

6. Old Business

a. Update on Pico/Olive Triangle project

DZ provided an update that the grant application has been submitted, however BeautifyLA has extended the application deadline by a month, so process has been pushed back a month and we expect to hear back from them in July.

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

a. Submission of a CIS and [letter](#) on [CF 22-0415](#): Serious and Violent Crimes / Public Transit System / Safety / Armed and Unarmed Response Models

RR motioned to approve, MC seconded.

Y(5), N(0), Abstain (0), Absent (1)

Discussion: SB asked how we ensure the letter gets passed by BOD due to the police subject matter included in it. RR commented on how it is an equity conversation to have safe transit. SB added that this is also inclusive of single females. MC commented on how cleanliness is also a major issue now.

b. Submission of a CIS and [letter](#) on [CF 21-1386](#): City Medians and Unimproved Medians / Repairs and Improvements / Resources / Environmentally Sustainable Components

DZ motioned to approve, RR seconded.

Y(5), N(0), Abstain (0), Absent (1)

- c. Submission of a CIS on [CF 22-0123](#): Prohibited Parking Signs / Commercial Corridors / Industrial Areas / Street Sweeping Routes / AM Route Staffing

RR motioned to approve, MC seconded.

Y(5), N(0), Abstain (0), Absent (1)

Discussion: SB asked what are commercial corridors, and mentioned the parking issues with street sweeping. He additionally asked how effective street sweeping is on Broadway, due to the planters. RR commented that Broadway is not posted, and that signage for applicable streets is already posted. The BID is supposed to maintain the Broadway planters. DLANC can get involved via a beautification project for next fiscal year. The planters can either get removed or replaced. DZ to agendaize Broadway planter beautification for next committee meeting.

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[Christian Dittmer wants to get involved on the planter beautification initiative.](#)

9. Committee member announcements

[MC spoke to KCRW reps at an event, they are interested in doing events with DLANC. Are already collaborating on events in Chinatown.](#)

Next Meeting: June 16, 2022

[SB requested to move meeting date next month, due to being out of the country.](#)

Adjourn 7:41PM, RR seconded.

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