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**DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL  
PLANNING & LAND USE COMMITTEE  
VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES DRAFT  
Tuesday May 17, 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>

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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.

1. Call to Order / Roll Call

a. Called to order at 6:42pm

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

1. Committee Member Introductions
2. Approve Minutes from 3/2022
  - a. **Motion by Patti to approve the minutes, seconded by Tonja.**
  - b. **Motion passed unanimously.**
3. Report on last DLANC Board Meeting concerning items presented by PLUC.
4. Declarations of Ex Parte communications
5. 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.)
6. 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.

7. Old Business

None

8. New Business

a. Discussion and possible action concerning a letter to CD14 about the Broadway Theater District. (Letter in packet)

1. **Patti recused herself**
2. **Samir motioned to speak with theater owners and write an amended letter to be discussed at next months meeting. Tonja seconded.**
3. **Motion passed (6 Y, 1 Recuse)**

b. **Motion:** The Committee shall approve the creation of a Sustainability Working Group under PLUC. Such working group will report to PLUC and weigh in on sustainability issues that pertain to planning and land use and/or PLUC agenda items.

1. **Ryan motioned to create a sustainability working group under PLUC. Jim seconded.**
  - **Motion passed unanimously (7 Y)**
  - **John, Simon, Samir, and Tonja noted they want to be a part**
  - **Simon offered the resources of his firm.**
  - **Jim noted that Nish, DLANC Sustainability Liaison would be interested**

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10. Committee Member Comments and Announcements

11. Proposed delivery dates – Motions, Letters and Minutes 04/01/2022

12. Next Meeting(s) 06/21/2022 and 07/19/2022

13. Adjourn

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