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**DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
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VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES**
Thursday, June 16, 2022 - 6:30 PM

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1. Call to Order / Roll Call **6:36PM**

Debby Zhou (Chair) DZ	P		
Melynda Choothesa MC	P		
Victor Robert VR	P 6:58PM		
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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David Nealy: Requested implementation of more stop lights on the street in front of his building. It would be helpful for pedestrians, there was recently a car accident. RR instructed David to email DZ and RR about his concerns.

Micah Wilcox: From Fastlink DTLA. Shared information on the new ButterFli program in CD14, a subsidized assisted rideshare service for mobility challenged individuals.

3. Chair's Welcome

4. Approval of [minutes](#) for 5/12/22 meeting

DZ motioned to approve, WC seconded.

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

5. Emergency Preparedness and Public Works update (RR)

The encampment issue in 3rd/Fig pedestrian tunnel has been forwarded to LASAN.

There are maintenance issues around the 2nd St tunnel, as graffiti is filling up again.

The DTLA MIP survey is still ongoing, everyone is encouraged to participate.

Scooter SOZ update: RR has followed up with LADOT and is waiting to hear back.

LADOT will also be coming back with a follow up on the 3rd St bike lane project. Current issues are around the location of the lane on the north vs. south side, and infrastructure and signal changes.

CERT classes are back, however they're overscheduled and there will be no new classes available for another year.

6. Old Business

a. none

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

a. Presentation and submission of a [letter](#) regarding the LA Streetcar

RR motioned to approve letter, MC seconded.

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

Presentation from Derek Benedict (DB): Spoke to DLANC 2 years ago. The project is shovel-ready.

Questions: MC asked if the streetcar will replace the Dash.

DB: The goal is to serve as last mile options for metro at four stops. The streetcar will simplify the dash route, is meant to be lower cost, and will be tied to Dash. Pricing will be 40c per ride.

SB asked for DB to share schematics. Asked about impact on loading/unloading zones on Broadway.

DB: LASI can provide the schematic drawings, commented that there's no intention to take out parking. The streetcar shares its route with traffic, therefore will be slowed by traffic. \$350M+ has been funded now. DZ made the call to end discussion and forward additional questions to LASI via email.

- b. Submission of a [letter](#) regarding the Broadway Drill Site (155 West 14th Place and 1325 South Broadway)

RR motioned to approve letter, VR seconded.

Y(6), N(0), Abstain (0), Absent (0)

Discussion: The letter concerns the only active drill site in our district. Questions whether oil drilling is appropriate due to carcinogenic impacts. The site had an accident in 2006, the conditional use permitting is expiring, so KDL is pushing to shut down the site by declaring it nonconforming use.

SB asked what control does DLANC/the City have if the federal government controls oil resources. Can't the federal government override City level decisions?

RR commented that Calgen is the agency in charge– the state of CA has ultimate jurisdiction.

- c. Emergency Preparedness initiatives (SB)

Discussion: SB brought a letter to Livability due to the City having no pronounced messaging about emergency/disaster preparedness. The goal is to bring training to DT and offer topics beyond CERT. Classes range from one-hour standalone to weekly workshops. Prospects are two City and one nonprofit organization.

First objective is to add an emergency preparedness section to the DLANC website.

Second objective is to secure classes/training. SB spoke to the Fire commander, DCBID, FDBID, and LAPL. The Library can provide a free meeting room for the time frame of 9/10 through 11/5, from 9am to 1pm for workshops. DCBID has agreed to promote and market the events for us. Since the meeting space is free, minimal budget will be required to implement the initiative.

Next steps for SB are to reach out to MySafeLA, RYLAN, and CERT, and confirm specific courses for each date. We'll require clearance from the City Clerk, which will be easier due to using the library as the venue.

- d. Broadway planter beautification

SB said PLUC is working on a letter to revitalize the Broadway theaters, and six of the theaters want loading/unloading zones which will impact the planters on specific blocks. MC suggested to do a test run on a block that is not in front of any theaters.

RR mentioned that under Complete Streets, some planters will be removed.

SB, MC, and RR planned to meet and discuss plans to target a specific block.

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Winnie: Requested access to agenda files. DZ instructed how to locate the agenda and all related files on the DLANC website calendar.

Krishna Tabor reiterated information about the new Butterfli program.

9. Committee member announcements

Next Meeting: July 14, 2022

Adjourn 8:09PM

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