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DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
SPECIAL PLANNING & LAND USE COMMITTEE
VIRTUAL MEETING DRAFT MINUTES
Tuesday, June 21, 2022 – 6:35 PM

Contact: ryan.afari@dlanc.com for more information

1. Call to Order / Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 6:39pm

Ryan Afari – Chair	Absent
Patti Berman	Present
Tyler Murphy	Present
Jim Sarratori	Present
Cody Nowak	Present (arrived 6:44pm)
Reeyan Raynes	Present
John Swartz	Present
Simon Ha	Absent
Tonja Boykin	Absent
Audrey von Ahrens	Present (arrived 6:52pm){
Samir Bitar	Present

- Committee Member Introductions
- Approve Minutes from 5/2022

Presented by: Jim Sarratori

Seconded by: Samir Bitar

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

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

OUTCOME: Motion Passes

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. Presentation by Nayantara Banerjee from the Garment Worker Center (total time 10 minutes)
 - b. **Presentation by:** Louie Cano, louie@canoliquorlicenses.com, 424-271-2953

Case Number: CUB: ZA-2014-285-CUB-PA1

Project Location: 421 S. Main Street, Suite M100, Los Angeles, CA 90013

Project Description: A Plan Approval to allow the continued sale of beer and wine for on-site consumption in conjunction with an existing restaurant in the [Q]C4-4D zone.

Project Requests: Pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code (“LAMC”) Section 12.24-W-1, the applicant requests a Plan Approval to allow the continued sale of beer and wine for on-site consumption in the 1,115 sq ft, 25 indoor seats existing restaurant, with hours of 11 am to 2 am, daily. The requested grant will maintain the same operational standards that were prescribed in Case No. ZA-2014-285-CUB.

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 CUB: ZA-2014-285-CUB-PA1. Support is conditioned on the following: (a) Storefronts of ground-floor retail retain transparency at all times to allow for eyes on the street and pedestrian safety; (b) Owner/Operator will come back and present to PLUC should owner/operator change.

Presented by: Reeyan Raynes

Seconded by: Audrey von Ahrens

Ryan Afari – Chair	Absent
Patti Berman	Yes
Tyler Murphy	Yes
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
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Vote Count: Yes: 8; No: 0; Abstention: 0; Absent: 3; Recused: 0

OUTCOME: Motion Passes

c. **Presentation by:** Boris Mayzels

Case Number: ZA-2010-2511-CUB

Project Location: 221 W 7th St

Project Description: The Tavern Off Broadway, a Type 48 establishment, is a small local tavern for DTLA locals to socialize, watch sports and enjoy beer, wine, and cocktails. It is in the former Silo, Mattachine, and Bang Bang Room space and operated by the former owners of Silo Vodka Bar.

Project Requests: A conditional use for continued dispensing of a full line of alcoholic beverages in a 2015 sq ft space with 83 indoor seats and 10 outdoor seats. Proposed hours are 7 days a week 6AM – 2AM. There will be live entertainment limited to Piano, jazz or string trio.

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-2010-2511-CUB. Support is conditioned on the following: (a) Storefronts of ground-floor retail retain transparency at all times to allow for eyes on the street and pedestrian safety; (b) Owner/Operator will come back and present to PLUC should owner/operator change; (c) Any amplified or outdoor noise shall be mitigated such that it will remain in compliance with the LA Noise Ordinance.

Presented by: Tyler Murphy

Seconded by: Cody Nowak

Ryan Afari – Chair	Absent
Patti Berman	Yes
Tyler Murphy	Yes
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 Passes

d. **Presentation by:** Gary Benjamin. (213) 479-7521

Case Number: ZA-2022-3668-CUB-CUX

Project Location: 1948 E 7th St

Project Description: Change of use of an existing 2,760 sf. liquor store with on-site beer and wine consumption to a bar with full-line alcohol sales for on-site and off-site consumption with 83 seats, hours of operation of 9 AM-2 AM daily, live entertainment, and patron dancing.

Project Requests: Pursuant to LAMC 12.24-W,1 and 12.24-W,18, a Conditional Use Permit to allow the sale and dispensing of a full line of alcoholic beverages for on-site and off-site consumption, live entertainment, and patron dancing in conjunction with a 2,760 sf. bar with 83 seats.

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-2022-3668-CUB-CUX. Support is conditioned on the following: (a) Storefronts of ground-floor retail retain transparency at all times to allow for eyes on the street and pedestrian safety; (b) Owner/Operator will come back and present to PLUC should owner/operator change; (c) Any amplified or outdoor noise shall be mitigated such that it will remain in compliance with the LA Noise Ordinance.

Presented by: Reeyan Raynes

Seconded by: Samir Bitar

Ryan Afari – Chair	Absent
Patti Berman	Yes
Tyler Murphy	Yes
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

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- e. Discussion on committee action to disband the CF22-0151 Working Group
- f. Review of changes and staff recommendation\ made to DTLA 2040 plan since DLANC’s last review in 2019.
- g. Discussion and possible action on letter concerning Broadway Theaters.

Recommended action: The Planning and Land Use Committee recommends that DLANC submit the proposed letter concerning Broadway Theaters pending revisions to clarify and specify streetscape design and improvements rather than infrastructure.

Presented by: Reeyan Raynes

Seconded by: Audrey von Ahrens

Ryan Afari – Chair	Absent
Patti Berman	Recused
Tyler Murphy	Yes
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: 7; No: 0; Abstention: 0; Absent: 3; Recused: 1

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- h. Discussion and possible action to submit a CIS on CF-20-0499: Corona Virus/Safer at Home/ Food and Beverage Industry Operations/Streamline City Process and Approvals

Recommended action: The Planning and Land Use Committee recommends that DLANC submit a CIS in support of CF 20-0499 with the following supplement language: DLANC requests that City Planning and relevant City departments address specific issues of the al fresco dining program that are unique to Downtown Los Angeles, including but not limited to improved designs of the extension of the PROW use associated with outdoor dining and beverage consumption; and increase measures to prevent illicit sale of alcoholic beverages that may impact safety in the PROW

Presented by: Reeyan Raynes

Seconded by: Audrey von Ahrens

Ryan Afari – Chair	Absent
Patti Berman	Yes
Tyler Murphy	Yes
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

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10. Committee Member Comments and Announcements
11. Proposed delivery dates – Motions, Letters and Minutes 7/1/2022
12. Next Meeting(s) 7/19/2022 and 8/16/2022
13. Adjourn
Meeting adjourned at 8:27pm

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