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**DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**DRAFT MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, September 13th, 2022 – 6:30 PM - 6:38

**Contact:** claudia.oliveira@dlanc.com for more information

**1. Call to Order/Roll Call**

<b>Patti Berman</b>	Here	<b>Ryan Afari</b>	Here	<b>Allen Gross</b>	Here
<b>Claudia Oliveira</b>	Here	<b>Ana Carril-Grumberg</b>	Here, left at 8:45 PM	<b>Leonel Aguilar</b>	Here
<b>Tony Hoover</b>	Absent	<b>Samir Bitar</b>	Here, through alternate/ Robert Martinez no longer alternate after item 5.a.	<b>Cody Nowak</b>	Here
<b>Wendell Blassingame</b>	Here	<b>Melynda Choothesa</b>	Here	<b>Jim Sarratori</b>	Absent
<b>Central City East Resident turned Area-Wide - Vacant</b>	Here, Robert Martinez elected	<b>Tyler Murphy</b>	Here	<b>Jehan Reagan</b>	Here
<b>Scott Miller</b>	Here, elected in item 5.b	<b>Pablo Fontoura</b>	Here	<b>Debby Zhou</b>	Absent

<b>Nathan Mahaffey</b>	Here	<b>Christian Dittmer</b>	Here	<b>James Wilde</b>	Here, through alternate
<b>Wendy Celaya</b>	Here	<b>Damion Wagner</b>	Here	<b>Angela DeLeon</b>	Absent

**2. General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**

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**3. Declaration of Ex-Parte Communications**

**4. Speakers**

- a. Presentation by CicLAvia Team
- b. City/County/State/Federal elected officials or representatives
- c. Liaisons Reports - Open positions: LLANC, Purposeful Aging, Data, DWP MOU, Plan Check, Budget Representative

**5. Board Seats (all items subject to discussion and possible action)**

**a. Selection of Area-Wide Seat.**

Vote to confirm Robert Rodriguez:

<b>Patti Berman</b>	Abstain	<b>Ryan Afari</b>	Abstain	<b>Allen Gross</b>	Abstain
<b>Claudia Oliveira</b>	N/A	<b>Ana Carril-Grumberg</b>	Yes	<b>Leonel Aguilar</b>	Yes
<b>Tony Hoover</b>	Absent	<b>Samir Bitar</b>	N/A	<b>Cody Nowak</b>	Abstain
<b>Wendell Blassingame</b>	Yes	<b>Melynda Choothesa</b>	Yes	<b>Jim Sarratori</b>	Absent
<b>Central City East Resident turned Area-Wide Vacant</b>		<b>Tyler Murphy</b>	Abstain	<b>Jehan Reagan</b>	Yes
<b>Civic Center Business - Vacant</b>		<b>Pablo Fontoura</b>	Yes	<b>Debby Zhou</b>	Absent
<b>Nathan Mahaffey</b>	Yes	<b>Christian Dittmer</b>	Yes	<b>James Wilde</b>	Yes

<b>Wendy Celaya</b>	Yes	<b>Damion Wagner</b>	Yes	<b>Angela DeLeon</b>	Absent
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Yes =11, No =0, Abs =5, Rec =0

**Robert Martinez confirmed as Area-Wide Board Member and is no longer alternate for Samir Bitar, who will count as “absent” in subsequent votes.**

b. Selection of Civic Center Business Seat

**Vote to confirm Scott Miller:**

<b>Patti Berman</b>	Abstain	<b>Ryan Afari</b>	Abstain	<b>Allen Gross</b>	Yes
<b>Claudia Oliveira</b>	N/A	<b>Ana Carril-Grumberg</b>	Abstain	<b>Leonel Aguilar</b>	Yes
<b>Tony Hoover</b>	Absent	<b>Samir Bitar</b>	Absent	<b>Cody Nowak</b>	Yes
<b>Wendell Blassingame</b>	Yes	<b>Melynda Choothesa</b>	Yes	<b>Jim Sarratori</b>	Absent
<b>Robert Martinez</b>	Yes	<b>Tyler Murphy</b>	Yes	<b>Jehan Reagan</b>	Abstain
<b>Civic Center Business - Vacant</b>		<b>Pablo Fontoura</b>	Yes	<b>Debby Zhou</b>	Absent
<b>Nathan Mahaffey</b>	Yes	<b>Christian Dittmer</b>	Yes	<b>James Wilde</b>	Yes
<b>Wendy Celaya</b>	Yes	<b>Damion Wagner</b>	Yes	<b>Angela DeLeon</b>	Absent

Yes =13, No =0, Abs =4, Rec =0

**Scott Miller confirmed as Civic Center Business board member.**

c. Selection of a VP of Admin

**Claudia Oliveira nominated Jim Sarratori as VP of Admin. Ryan Afari seconded.**

<b>Patti Berman</b>	Yes	<b>Ryan Afari</b>	Yes	<b>Allen Gross</b>	Yes
<b>Claudia Oliveira</b>	N/A	<b>Ana Carril-Grumberg</b>	Yes	<b>Leonel Aguilar</b>	Yes
<b>Tony Hoover</b>	Absent	<b>Samir Bitar</b>	Absent	<b>Cody Nowak</b>	Yes
<b>Wendell Blassingame</b>	Yes	<b>Melynda Choothesa</b>	Yes	<b>Jim Sarratori</b>	Absent
<b>Robert Martinez</b>	Yes	<b>Tyler Murphy</b>	Yes	<b>Jehan Reagan</b>	Yes
<b>Scott Miller</b>	Yes	<b>Pablo Fontoura</b>	Yes	<b>Debby Zhou</b>	Absent
<b>Nathan Mahaffey</b>	Yes	<b>Christian Dittmer</b>	Yes	<b>James Wilde</b>	Yes
<b>Wendy Celaya</b>	Yes	<b>Damion Wagner</b>	Yes	<b>Angela DeLeon</b>	Absent

Yes =18, No =0, Abs =0, Rec = 0

Jim Sarratori confirmed as DLANC VP of Admin.

**d. Selection of a Secretary**

Claudia nominated Debby Zhou as DLANC Secretary. Christian Dittmer seconded.

<b>Patti Berman</b>	Yes	<b>Ryan Afari</b>	Yes	<b>Allen Gross</b>	Yes
<b>Claudia Oliveira</b>	N/A	<b>Ana Carril-Grumberg</b>	Yes	<b>Leonel Aguilar</b>	Yes
<b>Tony Hoover</b>	Absent	<b>Samir Bitar</b>	Absent	<b>Cody Nowak</b>	Yes
<b>Wendell Blassingame</b>	Yes	<b>Melynda Choothesa</b>	Yes	<b>Jim Sarratori</b>	Absent
<b>Robert Martinez</b>	Yes	<b>Tyler Murphy</b>	Yes	<b>Jehan Reagan</b>	Yes
<b>Scott Miller</b>	Yes	<b>Pablo Fontoura</b>	Yes	<b>Debby Zhou</b>	Absent
<b>Nathan Mahaffey</b>	Yes	<b>Christian Dittmer</b>	Yes	<b>James Wilde</b>	Yes
<b>Wendy Celaya</b>	Yes	<b>Damion Wagner</b>	Yes	<b>Angela DeLeon</b>	Absent

Yes =18, No =0, Abs =0, Rec =0

Debby Zhou confirmed as DLANC Secretary.

**6. Minutes**

a. Approval of the [08/09/2022](#) Board Meeting Minutes

Motion: Ana Carril-Grumberg

2nd: Jehan Reagan

<b>Patti Berman</b>	Yes	<b>Ryan Afari</b>	Yes	<b>Allen Gross</b>	Yes
<b>Claudia Oliveira</b>	N/A	<b>Ana Carril-Grumberg</b>	Yes	<b>Leonel Aguilar</b>	Yes
<b>Tony Hoover</b>	Absent	<b>Samir Bitar</b>	Absent	<b>Cody Nowak</b>	Yes
<b>Wendell Blassingame</b>	Abstain	<b>Melynda Choothesa</b>	Yes	<b>Jim Sarratori</b>	Absent
<b>Robert Martinez</b>	Yes	<b>Tyler Murphy</b>	Yes	<b>Jehan Reagan</b>	Yes
<b>Scott Miller</b>	Yes	<b>Pablo Fontoura</b>	Yes	<b>Debby Zhou</b>	Absent
<b>Nathan Mahaffey</b>	Yes	<b>Christian Dittmer</b>	Yes	<b>James Wilde</b>	Yes
<b>Wendy Celaya</b>	Yes	<b>Damion Wagner</b>	Yes	<b>Angela DeLeon</b>	Absent

Yes =17, No =0, Abs =1, Rec =0

Motion passed.

**7. President’s Report**

- a. President
- b. Announcement of Congress of Neighborhood Councils
- c. New digital/social media Policy

**8. Consent Calendar - None**

**9. Old Business - None**

**10. New Business (all items subject to discussion and possible action)**

**a. PLUC**

**i. Case Number: [ZA-2019-3411-CUB-PA1](#)**

**Project Location:** 304 S. Broadway, NeueHouse Bradbury

**Item Description/Request:** A Conditional Use Permit Plan Approval Modification to an existing private membership club operation to permit limited amplified live entertainment (no dancing) from 5 pm- 12 am weekends and 7 pm - 12 am on weekdays as not otherwise permitted under conditions 17 and 18 of ZA-2019-3411 CUB in the [Q]C4-4D-CDO-SN and [Q]C4-4D Zone. (Conditions to follow recommendations of the acoustic study.) Pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 12.24-M, A Conditional Use Permit Plan Approval Modification to an existing private membership club operation to permit limited amplified live entertainment (no dancing) from 5 pm- 12 am weekends and 7 pm - 12 am on weekdays as not otherwise permitted under conditions 17 and 18 of ZA-2019-3411 CUB in the [Q]C4-4D-CDO- SN and [Q]C4-4D Zone. (Conditions to follow recommendations of the acoustic study.) No change to overall hours of operation which will remain 6:00 am – 12:00 am, daily.

**MOTION:** “The Planning and Land Use Committee recommends that DLANC submit a [letter of support](#) for the Applicant’s request in Planning Case No. ZA-2019-3411-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.”

(Vote Count: Yes: 6; No: 0; Abstention: 0; Absent: 5; Recused: 0)

**Claudia Oliveira recused herself from this item.**

**Motion:** Patti Bermanb

**2nd:** Jehan Reagan

<b>Patti Berman</b>	Yes	<b>Ryan Afari</b>	Yes	<b>Allen Gross</b>	Yes
<b>Claudia Oliveira</b>	Recused	<b>Ana Carril-Grumberg</b>	Abstain	<b>Leonel Aguilar</b>	Yes

<b>Tony Hoover</b>	Absent	<b>Samir Bitar</b>	Absent	<b>Cody Nowak</b>	Yes
<b>Wendell Blasingame</b>	Abstain	<b>Melynda Choothesa</b>	Yes	<b>Jim Sarratori</b>	Absent
<b>Robert Martinez</b>	Yes	<b>Tyler Murphy</b>	Yes	<b>Jehan Reagan</b>	Yes
<b>Scott Miller</b>	Yes	<b>Pablo Fontoura</b>	Yes	<b>Debby Zhou</b>	Absent
<b>Nathan Mahaffey</b>	Yes	<b>Christian Dittmer</b>	Yes	<b>James Wilde</b>	Yes
<b>Wendy Celaya</b>	Yes	<b>Damion Wagner</b>	Yes	<b>Angela DeLeon</b>	Absent

Yes =16, No =0, Abs =2, Rec =1

Motion passed.

- b. Livability - None
- c. Government Liaison - None
- d. Outreach - None
- e. Rules & Selections - None
- f. Other Items

- i. Discussion and Possible action on submitting a [letter of inaction](#) in regards to the Office Licensing Agreement.

Motion: Wendell Blasingame

2nd: Pablo Fontoura

<b>Patti Berman</b>	No	<b>Ryan Afari</b>	Yes	<b>Allen Gross</b>	Yes
<b>Claudia Oliveira</b>	N/A	<b>Ana Carril-Grumberg</b>	Yes	<b>Leonel Aguilar</b>	Yes
<b>Tony Hoover</b>	Absent	<b>Samir Bitar</b>	Absent	<b>Cody Nowak</b>	Yes
<b>Wendell Blasingame</b>	Yes	<b>Melynda Choothesa</b>	Yes	<b>Jim Sarratori</b>	Absent
<b>Robert Martinez</b>	Yes	<b>Tyler Murphy</b>	Yes	<b>Jehan Reagan</b>	Yes
<b>Scott Miller</b>	Yes	<b>Pablo Fontoura</b>	Yes	<b>Debby Zhou</b>	Absent
<b>Nathan Mahaffey</b>	Yes	<b>Christian Dittmer</b>	Yes	<b>James Wilde</b>	Yes
<b>Wendy Celaya</b>	Yes	<b>Damion Wagner</b>	Yes	<b>Angela DeLeon</b>	Absent

Yes =17, No =1, Abs =0, Rec =0

Motion passed.

- ii. Discussion and Possible action on submitting a [letter of inaction](#) in regards to the Gmail Agreement.

Motion:

2nd:

Claudia Oliveira motioned to postpone. Wendell Blasingame seconded.

Motion to postpone:

<b>Patti Berman</b>	Yes	<b>Ryan Afari</b>	Yes	<b>Allen Gross</b>	Yes
<b>Claudia Oliveira</b>	N/A	<b>Ana Carril-Grumberg</b>	Absent, left at 8:45 PM.	<b>Leonel Aguilar</b>	Yes
<b>Tony Hoover</b>	Absent	<b>Samir Bitar</b>	Absent	<b>Cody Nowak</b>	Yes
<b>Wendell Blasingame</b>	Yes	<b>Melynda Choothesa</b>	Yes	<b>Jim Sarratori</b>	Absent
<b>Robert Martinez</b>	Yes	<b>Tyler Murphy</b>	Yes	<b>Jehan Reagan</b>	Yes
<b>Scott Miller</b>	Yes	<b>Pablo Fontoura</b>	Yes	<b>Debby Zhou</b>	Absent
<b>Nathan Mahaffey</b>	Yes	<b>Christian Dittmer</b>	Yes	<b>James Wilde</b>	Yes
<b>Wendy Celaya</b>	Yes	<b>Damion Wagner</b>	Yes	<b>Angela DeLeon</b>	Absent

Yes =17, No =0, Abs =0, Rec =0

Motion was postponed.

**11. Treasurer's Items: (All items subject to discussion and possible action)**

- a. **Approve June 2022 MERS**
- b. **Approve a monthly expenditure not to exceed \$1400 a month for the license agreement with Industrious at 444 S Flower for the DLANC Office and Meeting Space. Monies to come from the Office Budget.**
- c. **Approve an annual expenditure not to exceed \$3233.96 for Office Equipment and Supplies. Monies to come from the office Budget.**
- d. **Approve an annual expenditure not to exceed \$3999,96 for Advertising both electronic and printed. Monies to come from the Outreach Budget. Vendor will be one like DTLA Weekly or Facebook.**

Items a, b, and c were tabled by Claudia Oliveira.

**Motion:** Claudia Oliveira

**2nd:** Wendell Blasingame

<b>Patti Berman</b>	Ineligible	<b>Ryan Afari</b>	Yes	<b>Allen Gross</b>	Yes
<b>Claudia Oliveira</b>	N/A	<b>Ana Carril-Grumberg</b>	Absent	<b>Leonel Aguilar</b>	Absent
<b>Tony Hoover</b>	Absent	<b>Samir Bitar</b>	Absent	<b>Cody Nowak</b>	Yes
<b>Wendell Blasingame</b>	Yes	<b>Melynda Choothesa</b>	Absent	<b>Jim Sarratori</b>	Absent

<b>Robert</b>	Ineligible	<b>Tyler Murphy</b>	Yes	<b>Jehan Reagan</b>	Yes
<b>Scott</b>	Ineligible	<b>Pablo Fontoura</b>	Abstain	<b>Debby Zhou</b>	Absent
<b>Nathan Mahaffey</b>	Yes	<b>Christian Dittmer</b>	Yes	<b>James Wilde</b>	Yes
<b>Wendy Celaya</b>	Absent	<b>Damion Wagner</b>	Abstain	<b>Angela DeLeon</b>	Absent

Yes =8, No =0, Abs =2, Rec =0

Motion passed.

e. Approve an annual expenditure not to exceed \$2000 for Tabling and Events. Monies to come from the Outreach Budget.

Motion: Claudia Oliveira

2nd: Wendell Blassingame

<b>Patti Berman</b>	Ineligible	<b>Ryan Afari</b>	Yes	<b>Allen Gross</b>	Yes
<b>Claudia Oliveira</b>	N/A	<b>Ana Carril-Grumberg</b>	Absent	<b>Leonel Aguilar</b>	Yes
<b>Tony Hoover</b>	Absent	<b>Samir Bitar</b>	Absent	<b>Cody Nowak</b>	Yes
<b>Wendell Blassingame</b>	Yes	<b>Melynda Choothesa</b>	Absent	<b>Jim Sarratori</b>	Absent
<b>Robert</b>	Ineligible	<b>Tyler Murphy</b>	Yes	<b>Jehan Reagan</b>	Yes
<b>Scott</b>	Ineligible	<b>Pablo Fontoura</b>	Yes	<b>Debby Zhou</b>	Absent
<b>Nathan Mahaffey</b>	Yes	<b>Christian Dittmer</b>	Yes	<b>James Wilde</b>	Yes
<b>Wendy Celaya</b>	Absent	<b>Damion Wagner</b>	Yes	<b>Angela DeLeon</b>	Absent

Yes =12, No =0, Abs =0, Rec =0

Motion passed.

- f. Discussion and possible action regarding a sponsored table at the Festival For All Skid Row Artists in Skid Row. - Tabled.
- g. Discussion and possible action regarding NPG application for Transformative Arts. - Tabled.

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**13. Board Members and Committee Announcements.**

**14. Next Meeting October 11th, 2022**

**15. Adjourn**

**Meeting was adjourned by Claudia Oliveira at 8:58.**