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

MEETING MINUTES - FINAL

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

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

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

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

Nathan Mahaffey	Here	Christian Dittmer	Here	James Wilde	Here, through alternate
Wendy Celaya	Here	Damion Wagner	Here	Angela DeLeon	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 Martinez:

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

Wendy Celaya	Yes	Damion Wagner	Yes	Angela DeLeon	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:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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