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DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT

Tuesday, December 13th, 2022 – 6:30 PM

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1. Call to Order/Roll Call at 6:32 p.m.

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

2. General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

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No public comment.

3. Declaration of Ex-Parte Communications

Patti Burman and Ryan Afari have been in communication with pluck block presenters.

4. President's Report

- Jim Sarratori screen shared the upcoming email that will be provided for everyone to update their signature.
- Later in this Agenda is a vote for Gmail or Google suites; however, the email signature will remain the same.

5. Speakers

- a. City/County/State/Federal elected officials or representatives
 - i. Rocky Wiles, Department of Cannabis Regulations, Compliance and Enforcement Division, screenshared the 2022 year-to-date enforcement stats and shared the goals of the division highlighting the complaint portal, reviews for approval, and how to recognize an authorized facility by visiting cannabus.lacity.org. Ms. Wiles screenshared a list of 14 retail businesses with temporary approval in the Central City and Central City North.
 - ii. Jim Sarratori stated that the DLANC has this presentation on the website for review under the resources tab.
 - iii. Detective Mike Boylls, LAPD Detective II, spoke on licensed cannabis activity and the tools to shut down illegal businesses with the Cannabis Task Force. Samir Bitar invited Ms. Wiles and Detective Boylls to provide more information to the BOD at a later date regarding the safety issue of retail owners in the district.
- b. Presentation by Elections Representative Naima Pulliam
 - i. Jose Galdamez, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment spoke on the upcoming election timelines and will forward detailed dates to the Board. More information is available on partly.org/elections. Mr. Galdamez spoke on the Cornerstone training module.
 - ii. Naima Pulliam, election administrator spoke on the stakeholder's hybrid model, in-person, vote by mail, and drop off locations. The website is clerk.city.org/ncelections or call 213/978-0444.
 - iii. Jarvis Emerson, Director Skid Row Strategies, Mayor's Office, Homelessness Initiative, and updated the Board that the warming stations will be reactivated. The street light outages are under investigation regarding the street copper wire thefts and this is a safety issue with pedestrians and vehicles. The Fentanyl awareness program is planning an activity in December in the park.
- c. Liaisons Reports - Open positions: LLANC, Purposeful Aging, Data, DWP MOU, Plan Check, Budget Representative
 - i. Reeyan Raynes, Public Works stated that the toilet switch over on skid row is progressing. The downtown area still has oil well drilling and letters have been sent out regarding livability and he is working with the Planning Divisions for the next steps. The copper street lighting thefts are under investigation with the Bureau of Street Lighting.

- ii. Nish Krishnamurthy, Sustainability, updated the Board on Mayor Garcetti's environmental concerns regarding construction of new buildings being electric, the phasing out of oil wells, and limiting Styrofoam and single use plastic.

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

- a. Area Wide Homeless Seat Vacancy announcement
Jim Sarratori stated that if anyone has an interest in this position, please email the Secretary and you will be agendaized for a vote at the next meeting
- b. Announce VP of Outreach Vacancy
Jim Sarratori stated that this position is also vacant and this position is also open for self-nomination or to nominate another Board member.

7. Minutes

- a. Approval of the 11/07/2022 Board Directors Special Meeting Minutes
Samir Bitar noted 2 corrections on vote for Item 10 b1 & b4 stating he was not absent. Item 11 b1 & c1 also has an incorrect vote.

Samir Bitar made the motion for approval that was seconded by Pablo Fontoura. No public comment.

Vote count Y (19) N (0) A (1) Absent (4) Motion passed.

8. Consent Calendar

- a. Confirm Nick Leathers as Plan Check Liaison
Jim Sarratori made the motion to approve the Consent Calendar that was seconded by Jehan Reagan. No public comment.

Vote count Y (20) N (0) A (0) Absent (4) Motion passed.

9. Old Business - None

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

- a. **PLUC - None**

- i. **Livability**

- i. Discussion and possible action to submit a CIS in **support** of [CF-17-0447-S2](#) - New Oil and Gas Drilling Activities / Extraction Prohibition / Nonconforming Use / Environmental Clearance / Code Amendment / Ordinance

Christian Dittmer made the motion for approval that was seconded by Wendy Celaya . No public comment.

Livability Vote Count: Y(19), N(1), A (0), Absent (4) Motion passed. Allen Gross voted no.

- ii. Discussion and possible action to submit a follow-up [letter](#) to LADOT regarding an E-Scooter Special Operations Zone (SOZ) in DTLA

Jehan Reagan made the motion for approval that was seconded by Wendy Celaya. Jen Midthun, Patti Berman, Samir Batir, and Ana Carril-Grumberg made public comment.

Livability Vote Count: Y(20), N(0), A (0), Absent (4) Motion passed.

A discussion followed after the vote regarding independently owned LA Metro docking stations and historic theatre locations.

b. Government Liaison

- i. Discussion & Possible Action on submitting a CIS in support if amended with recommendations via attached letter CF [22-1232](#) Charter Reform / Ethics Commission / Powers and Responsibilities / Ballot Measure

Pablo Fontoura made the motion for approval that was seconded by Samir Bitar. Jamie made public comment.

GL Vote: Y(19) N(0) A(1) Absent (4) Ryan Afari abstained.

c. **Outreach** – None

d. **Rules & Selections** – None

e. **Other Items** - None

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

- a. Approve October 2022 MERS

Tony Hoover made the motion to approve the October MERS that was seconded by Jim Sarratori. Tony Hoover screen shared the report. No public comment.

October MER Vote: Y(18) N(0) A(2) Absent (4) Ryan Afari abstained & Patti Berman ineligible

- b. Approve November 2022 MERS

No Action Taken.

- c. Approve a monthly expenditure for the Google Workspace not to exceed \$500 dollars. Monies to come from the Office budget line item.

Tony Hoover made the motion to approve the Item 11c that was seconded by Jim Sarratori. No public comment.

TI Vote: Y(19) N(0) A(1) Absent (4) Patti Berman ineligible

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No public comment.

13. Board Members and Committee Announcements.

Nathan Mahaffey expressed concern with the CIS letter from last month that may need to be amended.

Samir expressed concern with the VP of Advocacy position that was not voted on tonight.

14. Next Meeting January 10th, 2023

15. Adjourn 8:06 p.m.

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