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**DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
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VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES**
Thursday, July 14, 2022 - 7:00 PM

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1. Call to Order / Roll Call 7:04 PM

Debby Zhou (Chair) DZ	P		
Melynda Choothesa MC	P		
Victor Robert VR	A		
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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3. Chair's Welcome

4. Approval of [minutes](#) for 6/16/22 meeting

DZ motioned to approve, RR seconded.

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

5. Emergency Preparedness and Public Works update

RR Update: The Pico Triangle project is moving along. The team met with CD14 earlier in the day and hope to have a more extensive update soon.

SB Update: There will be a series of emergency trainings starting 9/13. There will be one each Tuesday through 11/15, from 9:30AM to 1PM. There will be a DLANC sponsored CERT training. On 7/27, 400 Hope is hosting its own CERT training. SB has an active inquiry out to Ready LA.

6. Old Business

a. Broadway planter beautification initiative

MC, SB, and RR met, agreed to do a Fall harvest festival event in October (tentatively) for volunteer planting. They've gathered a list of native, drought tolerant plants.

Broadway between 4th and 6th streets will be the target area. The group will bring the plans and cost reporting to the BOD when finalized.

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

a. Submission of a CIS on [CF15-0719-S26](#): Mobility Plan 2035 / Street Improvement Measures / Healthy Streets LA Ballot Measure / Street Resurfacing / Slurry Seal Projects / High Injury Network / Dangerous Streets

DZ motioned to approve in support, RR seconded.

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

b. Submission of a [letter](#) regarding No Truck Idling signs

Committee decided to table letter approval so that more outreach can be done on sign locations.

Nish K, Sustainability Liaison authored the letter.

Truck idling is illegal in the state of CA. The letter requests the posting of signs at specific locations, based on proximity to sensitive uses (e.g. apartments), and the Alameda corridor, and San Pedro St. They were personal selections, and would ideally be updated with community input.

RR: We can do broader community output, but we need to come up with a strategy, and strike a balance with industrial stakeholders.

NK: The concern from the City is around enforcement – LAPD has reservations due to staffing shortages. SCAQMD should be the party enforcing. City staff has commented they don't want to post too many signs in too many locations, as legal staff has concluded it's not enforceable. LADOT funding will also limit the number of signs. Thus, NK suggests limiting to five locations.

RR: Community outreach will also delay the letter submission to the board.

SB: Regarding outreach, the City passed efforts to get funds for citywide marketing campaigns, would it be redundant for us to ask for our own outreach funding?

NK: Clarifies that those campaigns are for passenger vehicles. Trucks are more of a public health threat. Not looking to spend budget, as outreach can be done for free e.g. feedback from council members. Looking at a total cost of \$1,000 at most.

MC: They started putting up more signage for EV parking, suggests to see where that funding is from. Ultimately it ties back to regulation/enforcement.

NK: In regards to funding sources, should this be included in the letter?

RR: No, LADOT has in-house funding for signs. It's best to leave the funding decisions to the council office and City agencies. Enforcement is complicated because it also requires funding, so we should avoid mentioning in the letter.

NK: LADOT has custom made signs to include a number to file a complaint to SCAQMD, but they also have limited staff for enforcement.

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Debra Strout: Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District announced they're releasing \$9m to distribute to places with high needs, each eligible for \$1m. Does DLANC have a role in the fund allocation decisions?

RR: The funds are eventually transferred to the City, so in that level we can get involved.

SB: Nonprofits can also receive funding.

DZ: We'll be sure to agendaize if any relevant council actions deal with this..

9. Committee member announcements

Next Meeting: August 11, 2022

Adjourn 7:41PM

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