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**DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
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VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES**
Thursday, August 11, 2022 - 7:00 PM

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In conformity with the September 16, 2021 enactment of California Assembly Bill 361 (Rivas) and due to concerns over COVID-19, this Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council meeting will be conducted entirely with a call-in option or internet-based service option. Every person wishing to address the Neighborhood Council must dial (669) 900-6833 or enter Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82495346020> Passcode: 087494

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1. Call to Order / Roll Call 7:06 PM

Debby Zhou (Chair) DZ	P		
Melynda Choothesa MC	A		
Victor Robert VR	P		
Wendy Celaya WC	P		
Reeyan Raynes RR	P		
Samir Bitar SB	A		

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 7/14/22 meeting

DZ motioned to approve, RR seconded.

Y (3), N (0), Abstain (1), Absent (2)

5. Emergency Preparedness and Public Works update

RR met with CD14 and DOT mobility team re: e-scooter SOZ to discuss final implementation.

A constituent reached out about dangerous conditions of 8th/Hope intersection. RR relayed to DOT, Street Services, and BOE.

Engine Company 23 Arts Center update: They are now ready to start actual construction on the project. Phase 1 is estimated to take sixteen or seventeen months to complete the shell of the building. During phase 1, BOE must get buy-in from the community on what programs will be offered in the Junior Arts Center, and how the Center can be used for adults outside and tangential with the kids use. This will inform Phase 2 interior construction, which has an approximate timeline of 14 months.

6. Old Business (All items for discussion and possible action)

a. Pico Olive Triangle update

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

a. LADOT 3rd Street Resurfacing Project

LADOT presentation by Charlie Ho.

Goal is to address the gap in bicycle lanes between San Pedro and Main St, connect DT, LT, and AD. Piggyback off StreetsLA street resurfacing.

Proposal is for south side bike lanes that are protected by bollards and parked vehicles.

Q&A:

RR: Can Main and Spring St lanes get converted into two-way bike lanes? There's currently no good way to get from the Historic Core to Arts District. Suggested DOT explore looking at two-way lanes eastbound vs. just westbound one-way lane.

Charlie Ho: This phase will be a one-way lane. Two-way lanes are difficult but there may potentially be some room.

VR: Is there a standard width requirement for two-way bike lanes?

CH: Typically they have a 3 ft buffer between parking, with 10 ft total for both directions. There's a possibility to explore narrower lanes.

RR: The 3rd / Los Angeles turning lane is problematic if there isn't a protected left turn.

VR: 3rd / Main intersection has issues with traffic backup on Main st. Could use a bike signal going west with a red turn arrow to prevent people from making left turns.

CH: Will reach out to District Operations to raise concerns about traffic flow at the intersections of concern.

RR: Will also include a request regarding this in next email to District Operations.

CH: They're still finalizing plans, just wanted to present today to provide an update of major changes.

VR: Are there any plans to beautify the SE side triangle on 3rd / Main?

CH: It's outside the project scope, need to talk to StreetsLA about that.

b. Broadway Streetscape

RR: BOE and DOT will be removing the planters, hopefully within the next few months.

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9. Committee member announcements

Next Meeting: TBD

Adjourn 7:48 PM

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