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**DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL  
LIVABILITY SPECIAL COMMITTEE  
VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, January 18, 2023 - 6:30 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/86237989067>

**AB 361 Updates:** Public comment cannot be required to be submitted in advance of the meeting, only real-time public comment is required. If there are any broadcasting interruptions that prevent the public from observing or hearing the meeting, the meeting must be recessed or adjourned. If members of the public are unable to provide public comment or be heard due to issues within the Neighborhood Council's control, the meeting must be recessed or adjourned.

Instructions on how to sign up for public comment will be given to listeners at the start of the meeting.

1. Call to Order / Roll Call 6:34 PM

Debby Zhou (Chair) <a href="#">DZ</a>	P		
Melynda Choothesa <a href="#">MC</a>	P 6:42PM		
Victor Robert <a href="#">VR</a>	A		
Wendy Celaya <a href="#">WC</a>	P		
Reeyan Raynes <a href="#">RR</a>	P		
Samir Bitar <a href="#">SB</a>	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 jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period. Please note that under the Brown Act, the Board is prevented from acting on a matter

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3. Chair's Welcome

4. Approval of [minutes](#) for 11/10/22 meeting

DZ motioned to approve, RR seconded.

Y (4), N (0), Abstain (0), Absent (2)

5. Emergency Preparedness and Public Works update

RR: Pico Triangle funding motion submitted to City Council, allocation of \$30k.

Illegal dumping issue on 9th/Olympic to Central in the Pinata district – Businesses hiring unlicensed to dump on their behalf to evade fees. City is ramping up enforcement.

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

a. Broadway Planters Beautification Project

SB: CD14 street plan from 4th to 9th st – after more than six months, planters are still there. The City moved ones from further south up to 4th/5th. SB is at a loss at what to do.

RR had meetings with CD14 and HCBID regarding planters last year. CD14 wants to keep planters as a barrier for vehicular protections.

Next steps are to get a meeting with LADOT and BSS to find out the reason for the delay.

RR to get SB the points of contact.

b. Broadway Oil Drill Site

DZ: City reached out to us to let us know they are proceeding with a compliance review of the drill site. Will be asking us for a letter of support and also to notify the community.

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

a. Submission of a CIS on CF [22-1569](#): My LA 311 Service Requests / Open Case Status / Council District 1

RR motioned to submit in support, WC seconded.

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

b. Submission of a CIS on CF [22-1573](#): Pavement Condition Index (PCI) / Poor or Fair Rated Streets / Repair / Fiscal Year 2022-23 / Funded / Council District 1 / Pavement Preservation Program / Bike Lane Acceleration and Safety (BLAST) Program

DZ motioned to submit in support, MC seconded.

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

c. Submission of a [CIS](#) on CF [22-1154](#): IKE Smart City LLC / Installation and Maintenance / Interactive Kiosks

RR motioned to submit in support if amended, DZ seconded.

Y (4), N (1), Abstain (0), Absent (1)

MC asks if we can partner with Pit Stop type staff to train people on how to use kiosks. RR said BID has ambassadors that can potentially be the point people. SB did a report on this for the past year, the contract piggy backs on one with Houston, TX. The City doesn't have the opportunity to draft their own contract. There is a vandalism risk that makes us reliant on BIDs for cleanup, an ADA issue that NYC also has as kiosks aren't built for people in wheelchairs. IKE hasn't taken the time to do community outreach. Can we invite IKE to present to DLANC? MC suggests doing a pilot program first. SB wants to know how the content is kiosk content is populated, and if the NC can be involved in deciding the placement of kiosks. RR suggests we add a stipulation in CIS letter for a limited pilot program. SB clarified that the vendor approached the City Tourism Committee. DZ will see if IKE can present at a future board meeting. SB commented that the contractor would be responsible for kiosk maintenance, and the City gets either or both a revenue share of the ads or priority advertising placement.

- d. Submission of a CIS on CF [22-1485](#): City-Owned Commercial Property / Los Angeles Mall / Van Nuys Civic Center / Braude Building / Parking Structures / Small Business Commercial Tenants / General Services Department Administered Lease Contracts / Rent Payments Waiver / Rent Reduction

RR motioned to submit in support if amended, MC seconded.  
Y (4), N (0), Abstain (1), Absent (1)

#### 8. General Public Comment

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Jacob Van Horn comments that they are close to finishing the historic renovation of 722 Broadway. Requests for a conversation regarding graffiti abatement beyond BIDs and 311. Solution needs to be more proactive.

#### 9. Committee member announcements

Next Meeting: February 16, 2023

Adjourn 7:25 PM

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