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**DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SPECIAL 24HR VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT**

Tuesday, March 14th, 2023

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1. **Call to Order/Roll Call: 6:34 p.m. Board consists of 21 members. Quorum established with 17 board members. Present were:** Patti Berman, Claudia Oliveira, Tony Hoover, Scott Miller, Wendy Celaya, Ana Carril-Grumberg, Samir Bitar, Tyler Murphy, Pablo Fontoura, Christian Dittmer, Allen Gross, Leonel Aguilar, Jim Sarratori, Jehan Reagan, Debby Zhou and Susan for James Wilde. Melynda Choothesa joined the meeting at 6:49 p.m. **Absent were:** Wendell Blassinggame, Robert Martinez, Nathan Mahaffey, Ryan Afari, and Cody Nowak.
2. **General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**
 - David, who represents landlords and tenants, spoke about the event Avenue 26 on Imperial, a food and music event that he said is creating trash and parking issues. He asked the board to represent the landlords and tenants that are dealing with this illegal business issues.
 - Luis is running for City Council and introduced himself.
 - Jens Midthun is also running for City Council.
3. **Declaration of Ex-Parte Communications**
 - Claudia has been in touch with various people in her role of dealing with operations.
 - Patti Berman is speaking with people involved with PLUC.
4. **President's Report**
 - a. EmpowerLA Leadership Change: Claudia spoke about the resignation of EmpowerLA GM Raquel Beltrans who has been replaced by Vanessa Serrano.
 - b. In-Person Board Meetings: In-person meetings will resume in April offering new ways to interact with constituents.
5. **Speakers**
 - a. City/County/State/Federal elected officials or representatives:
 - Jorge Plascencia, Field Deputy for Councilmember Hernandez, introduced himself and gave his email: jorge.plascencia@lacity.org if you want to reach out to him.
 - Jarvis Emerson, Director of Skid Row Strategies for the Mayor's Office, spoke about tagging, flooding and dumping issues they are working on at Skid Row. On April 3, 2023, they are planning a Health Fair at Gladys Park. Also, planning more Homeless Connect days.

- Christopher Antonelli, CD14, said 15 individuals who were living in Lower Grand were housed this week and he remains open to assisting board members with any issues that come up.
 - Liaisons Reports** - Open positions: LLANC, Purposeful Aging, Data, DWP MOU, Budget Representative. Reeyan Reynes attended the NC Sustainability Alliance meeting but did not give a report.
 - Presentation by LADOT's Tam Nguyen on the Downtown Women's Center Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) grants for housing and transportation.** The Affordable Housing Grant uses Cap and Trade dollars for eligible projects. Tam explained what qualifies for the grant money which includes improvements for mobility and access for walking, biking and transit. Her partner, Fernando Velasco, spoke about traffic calming and safety improvements planned for downtown L.A. (7th & Alameda and 8th Street from San Pedro to Santee) where they would be dropping a lane of travel to put in a bike lane. Other improvements include a walking path along Maple.
- Claudia asked why the bike lane bollards were so far apart and expressed concern about replacing plastic bollards with cement as emergency vehicles need extra lane access.
- Damion asked about two corners at 4th & Main that do not allow for handicapped access.
- A board member (unnamed) spoke about almost being struck while riding her bike.

6. Board Seats

- Select Government Liaison Chair – (Oliveira/Sarratori) nominated Leonel Aguilar for this seat. The motion carried unanimously: 17-0-0.**

(Vote Count: Yes: 17; No: 0; Abstention: 0; Absent: 4; Recused: 0)

- Area Wide Homeless Seat cannot be appointed due to the proximity of the election.

7. Minutes: (Sarratori/Dittmer) moved approval of the February 13th, 2023 Board Directors Special Meeting Minutes. The motion carried: 14-0-3 (Berman, Fontoura, Reagan abstained).

(Vote Count: Yes: 14; No: 0; Abstention: 3; Absent: 4; Recused: 0)

8. Consent Calendar - None

9. Old Business - None

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

- PLUC: (Berman/Sarratori) moved to vote on 10.a.i. and 10. a. ii. together.** Daniel Reardon, representing the ii. project, asked that wording on 10. A. ii be reviewed for accuracy as was discussed at the PLUC meeting. Reeyan Raynes pointed out a discrepancy of wording in the letter.

(Berman/Sarratori) moved to amend the letter to include two suggestions. The amended motion carried: 16-0-1 with one abstention (Bitar).

(Vote Count: Yes: 16; No: 0; Abstention: 1; Absent: 4; Recused: 0)

10. A.

- Case Number:** ZA-2023-54-CUB-CUX

Project Location: 116 W 4th Street, Los Angeles, CA, 90013

Item Description/Request:

- The Continental Club is requesting the continued on-site sale and dispensing of a full- line of alcoholic beverages, live entertainment, and patron dancing. The Continental Club is 5,760 square feet with 165 indoor seats. Hours of operation requested from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m., daily.

2. Project Requests: Motion to support the request for the new entitlement allowing the continued sale of alcohol on-site, live entertainment and patron dancing.

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-2023-54-CUB-CUX. Support is conditioned on the following a) Owner/Operator will come back and present to PLUC should owner/operator change.”

PLUC (Vote Count: Yes: 16; No: 0; Abstention: 1; Absent: 4; Recused: 0)

- ii. **Case Number: DIR-2022-7374-SPP-SPPA-WDI (Berman/Sarratori) moved to amend the letter to insert the word “explore” instead of strongly recommend...be added to the letter.**

Project Location: 130 S. Olive Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012

Item Description/Request: New construction of a (112.6-FT), approximately 78,347-SF performing arts educational building and a 6,946-SF public plaza located on the northeast corner of the intersection of Second (2nd) Street and Hill Street in the Bunker Hill Specific Plan (BHSP).

Specific Plan Project Permit Compliance (SPP), per LAMC Section 11.5.7 and Bunker Hill Specific Plan (BHSP) 6.B, to allow: (1) the construction of a 6-story (112.6 feet), approximately 78,347 square-foot performing arts educational building (“Educational Building”) consisting of 1,077-seat concert hall, a dance performance studio/flex space accommodating up to 111 spaces, four dance rehearsal studios, rooftop garden and porch, pre-function lobby spaces, exterior gathering spaces, and backstage performance support facilities, and (2) a 6,946 square-foot public plaza located on the northeast corner of the intersection of Second (2nd) and Hill Street, in the Bunker Hill Specific Plan (BHSP). Project Permit Adjustment (SPPA), per LAMC Section 11.5.7.E, for relief from the BHSP Section 8.B “Retail Streets” supplemental urban design standards on Olive, Hill, and 2nd Streets for the design and construction of a proposed performing arts educational building and institutional use. Specifically, the

Applicant requests the following:

Relief from BHSP Section 8.B.2 requiring Olive, Hill, and 2nd Street (designated as Retail Streets) requiring active ground-floor frontages totaling 50%, 75%, 75%, respectively;

Relief from Downtown Design Guide Section 3 Table 3-2, to permit a building setback of approximately 45 feet along a portion of Hill Street; and,

Relief from Downtown Design Guide Section 3.A.1 and Downtown Street Standards to permit a 0-foot sidewalk easement along the 2nd Street right-of-way.

Waiver of Dedication & Improvements (WDI), per LAMC Section 12.37 et. seq., for a potential five-foot dedication and associated improvements on the Second (2nd) Street right-of-way (ROW) abutting the southwesterly edge of the project site.

MOTION: “The Planning and Land Use Committee recommends that DLANC submit a [letter](#) of support for the Applicant’s request in Planning Case No. DIR-2022-7374-SPP-SPPA-WDI. Support is conditioned on the

following a) Applicant will maintain pedestrian access if the sidewalk is temporarily closed during construction; (b) Applicant will ensure any temporary walkways covered due to construction (e.g scaffolding) are well-lit at all hours; (c) ground floor windows will retain transparency at all times to allow for eyes on the street and pedestrian safety; (d) request that applicant explores accommodated designated rideshare drop-off/pick-up and loading zone on-site in lieu of no parking. Additionally, the following are strongly recommended: (a) Applicant rework the design of the Hill Street elevation and proposed concrete wall to increase transparency to allow for eyes on the street and incorporate lighting onto the sidewalk as well as finesse the design of the north elevation to increase transparency at ground floor and increase lighting at the street level for pedestrian safety; (b) the Applicant work with LADOT and Bureau of Engineering to accommodate rideshare drop off on Olive and Hill.”

PLUC (Vote Count: Yes: 16; No: 0; Abstention: 1; Absent: 4; Recused: 0)

- iii. **MOTION: (Berman/Sarratori) moved, “The Planning and Land Use Committee recommends that DLANC submit the [letter](#) as presented on proposed amendments by the Department of City Planning on the Mills Act Contract Program.” The motion carried unanimously.**

PLUC (Vote Count: Yes: 17; No: 0; Abstention: 0; Absent: 4; Recused: 0)

b. **Livability** - None

c. **Government Liaison** - None

d. **Outreach** - None

- e. **Rules & Selections: (Sarratori/Celaya) moved to approve DLANC’s rules, responsibilities, and operating procedures documents.** Jim reviewed this document which clarifies the rules, responsibilities and operating procedures for officers and committees.

R&S (Vote Count: Yes 17; No (0); Abstention (0); Absent: 4; Recused: 0)

f. **Other Items:**

- i. In-person Board and/or Committee Meeting Locations:

1. **Primary General Board Meeting and Committee Meeting Location: Los Angeles Central Public Library - [630 W 5th St, Los Angeles, CA 90071](#) (attendees would have to find their own parking).**
2. **Secondary General Board Meeting Location: Ronald F. Deaton Civic (inside Police HQ) Auditorium - [100 W 1st St, Los Angeles, CA 90012](#) (Patti added that if the police need this room for an emergency, the meeting can be shut down).**
3. **Secondary Committee Meeting Location: Cal State LA Downtown Annex - [801 South Grand Avenue, 6th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90017](#) (attendees would have to find their own parking).**
4. **Tertiary General Board Meeting Location City Controller's Office Room 300 (City Hall East) - [200 N Main St, Los Angeles, CA 90012](#) (attendees would have to find their own parking and attendees would need to go through the metal detector and then take a pedestrian walkway).**

Debby reviewed the four options. **(Bitar/Fontoura) moved to designate the Central Library as the primary location and the City Controller's Office at the secondary location."** The motion carried with one abstention **(Berman)**.

(Vote Count: Yes: 16; No: 0; Abstention: 1; Absent: 4; Recused: 0)

CIS Motions: (Berman/Reagan) moved to approve items F. ii and iii. together:
Discussion and Possible Action to Submit a CIS in Favor of Council File [23-0002-S16](#)

- ii. Discussion and Possible Action to Submit a CIS in Favor of Council File [23-0002-S17](#).

The motion carried with one abstention (Bitar).

(Vote Count: Yes: 16; No: 0; Abstention: 1; Absent: 4; Recused: 0)

- iii. Approve a [letter](#) instructing the appropriate city agencies to do a feasibility study on the implementation of a procurement oversight committee.

(Oliviera/Sarratori) moved to table this item. The motion carried unanimously.

(Vote Count: Yes: 17; No: 0; Abstention: 0; Absent: 4; Recused: 0)

11. Treasurer's Items: (Berman and Choothesa left the meeting prior to this vote)

- a. **(Hoover/Sarratori) moved approval of the January 2023 MERS.**

(Vote Count: Yes: 16; No: 0; Abstention: 0; Absent: 6; Recused: 0)

- b. **(Hoover/Sarratori) moved approval of the December 2022 MERS.**

(Vote Count: Yes: 16; No: 0; Abstention: 0; Absent: 6; Recused: 0)

- c. **(Hoover/Sarratori) moved approval of the February 2023 MERS.**

(Vote Count: Yes: 16; No: 0; Abstention: 0; Absent: 6; Recused: 0)

- d. **(Hoover/Sarratori) moved approval of an amendment to the administration packet for the election budget line item from \$7,000 to \$11,000. \$4,000 to be moved from the office line item in the budget.**

(Vote Count: Yes: 16; No: 0; Abstention: 0; Absent: 6; Recused: 0)

- e. **(Hoover/Bitar) moved approval for an expenditure not to exceed \$650 per month for a General Board Meeting space for facility rental fees, AV/IT equipment, and bottled water monies to come from the office budget line item.**

(Vote Count: Yes: 16; No: 0; Abstention: 0; Absent: 6; Recused: 0)

- f. **(Hoover/Celaya) moved approval of an expenditure not to exceed \$95 for a digital advertisement to graphic designer Carlos Sosa. Monies to come from the election budget line item.**

(Vote Count: Yes: 16; No: 0; Abstention: 0; Absent: 6; Recused: 0)

- g. **(Hoover/Celaya) moved approval of an expenditure not to exceed \$3,500 for the printing of marketing collaterals (voter guide, banners, flyers, posters, or other similar materials). Vendors like Nextday flyers, vista print, and banners.com.**

Monies to come from the election budget line item.

(Vote Count: Yes: 16; No: 0; Abstention: 0; Absent: 6; Recused: 0)

- h. **(Hoover/Sarratori moved approval of an expenditure not to exceed \$1,000 for a candidate forum for the election. Monies to come from the election budget line item.**

(Vote Count: Yes: 16; No: 0; Abstention: 0; Absent: 6; Recused: 0)

- i. **(Hoover/Celaya) moved approval of an expenditure not to exceed \$800 for the cleanup and staff for wellness day. Monies to come from the Outreach Budget. Vendors like The Bloc, FIDM, Figat7.**

(Vote Count: Yes: 16; No: 0; Abstention: 0; Absent: 6; Recused: 0)

12. General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

Teresa Y. Hillary said she wants to feature candidates for the board in the South Park Neighborhood Association website and newsletter.

13. Board Members and Committee Announcements:

- Debby Zhou suggested candidates activate their Gmail accounts.
- Claudia is holding a Chamber Party at a local wine bar this Thursday, 6 p.m.

14. Next Meeting April 11th, 2023

15. Adjourn: 8:49 p.m.

Minutes by Pat Kramer, Apple One.