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**DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL  
LIVABILITY COMMITTEE  
VIRTUAL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**  
Wednesday, March 22, 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 6:32PM

Debby Zhou (Chair) <a href="#">DZ</a>	P		
Melynda Choothesa <a href="#">MC</a>	P	6:40PM	
Victor Robert <a href="#">VR</a>	P		
Wendy Celaya <a href="#">WC</a>	P		
Reeyan Raynes <a href="#">RR</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

that you bring to its attention during the General Public Comment period; however, the issue raised by a member of the public may become the subject of a future Board meeting. Public comments are limited to two minutes per speaker with a total time of ten minutes. (The chair, depending on the number of speakers and time considerations, may change these parameters.) (20 min. cap).

3. Chair's Welcome

4. Approval of [minutes](#) for 2/16/23 meeting

DZ motioned to approve, VR seconded.

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

5. Emergency Preparedness and Public Works update

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

a. E-Scooter SOZ Updates and [Tentative Map](#)

CD14 and LADOT had a meeting for community feedback. LADOT's map did not take into account DLANC's feedback from previously submitted letters, so we pushed for them to include those. The current plan is to only have digital drop zones. These can be changed in real time if needed. The downside is that with no physical barriers/indicators, we will still face the same issues of scooters falling over. LADOT did not provide timing on SOZ implementation.

b. Fashion District Tree Planting Project

Background: The NC has \$7k for beautification projects. The Pico Triangle project will most likely not start until the next fiscal year, so we have funds available. The tree planting project is in line with past BeautifyLA projects. The BID has provided potential locations, we are in communication with private vendors and BSS for cost projections and supply chain/ staffing logistics.

VR asked who is responsible for watering trees after planting?

RR: the FD bid would take on the maintenance and get support from business owners.

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

a. Submission of a CIS on [CF 23-0248](#): Vacant Building Abatement (VBA) / Public Nuisance / Demolition / Building Inspections / Expedited Process

RR motioned to submit in support of amended, WC seconded.

The motion in its current form focuses too much on demolition, not taking historic structures into account.

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

b. Submission of a CIS on [CF 22-1465](#): Peak Hour Travel Lanes / Non-Transit Priority Streets / Bike and Scooter Lanes / High-Injury Network

WC motioned to submit in support of amended, RR seconded.

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

- c. Submission of a CIS on [CF 23-0167](#): Bureau of Street Services / Urban Forestry Division / City Forest Officer / Sidewalk Repairs / Preserve Mature Street Trees

RR motioned to submit in support of amended, WC seconded.

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

- d. Submission of a [letter](#) in support of designating a JEDI Zone for Broadway Theater District

RR motioned to submit letter as amended to reflect 2nd St instead of 3rd St as the boundary, DZ seconded.

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

Samir Bitar presented on JEDI zones, which identify areas of economic distress. The federal government offers tax credits, grants and the state has its own set of offerings as well. Council Districts can apply for area designations, and this enables resources to become available e.g. funding for graffiti abatement, low interest loan programs, etc. The JEDI zone defined for the Broadway Theater District would be from 2nd St to Olympic. CD 14 hasn't submitted a JEDI zone application yet, so this warrants an opportunity to bring focus into DTLA.

Public comment by LLC requests to amend the letter to include 2nd St rather than ending the boundary at 3rd St.

- e. Submission of a letter regarding the beautification and street safety enhancements for the Downtown Women's Center Affordable Housing Project (442 San Pedro Street)

Item tabled. LADOT presented at the last BOD meeting, but hasn't shared their list of proposed locations yet.

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## 9. Committee member announcements

Next Meeting: April 13, 2023

Adjourn 7:10PM

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