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

**Los Angeles Central Library, Meeting Room A
630 W 5th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90071**

Thursday, April 13, 2023 - 6:30 PM

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1. Call to Order / Roll Call **6:33PM**

Debby Zhou (Chair) DZ	P		
Melynda Choothesa MC	P	6:59PM	
Victor Robert VR	P		
Wendy Celaya WC	P		
Reeyan Raynes RR	P		

1. 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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2. Chair's Welcome

3. Approval of minutes for [2/22/23](#) special meeting

RR motioned to approve, VR seconded.

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

4. Emergency Preparedness and Public Works update

Public toilets: current situation is that if they're vandalized, no clear responsible party to repair. 311 is not keeping good track.

Fashion District Tree Project: RR reached out to UFD at Street Services, committed to plant 4-5 trees.

We will try to do a tree blitz with FDBID next fiscal year.

VR: What we can do to capped tree wells?

RR: Those are more complicated and require further discussion. There can be potential issues of utilities underneath, or damaged wells.

WC is going to follow up with CD14 regarding their tree planting/gardening event for 3rd/Main.

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

a. Ave 26 Night Market

Background: The event used to be in Lincoln Heights, but the City shut it down. The event is currently unpermitted, involves closure of a street in a heavily trafficked industrial area. CD14 and RR met with the event organizers two years ago.

There have been recent complaints from local businesses that the event is getting out of hand.

Claudia Oliveira, DZ, and RR met with a couple of the business owners and encouraged them to create either a petition or demand letter with signatures from all concerned business owners. We are still waiting to receive this document.

WC: The event has gotten much larger now. There is a vendor charging for parking, issues of public drunkenness, litter, etc. However, it's not necessarily the organizers responsible for the problematic behavior.

RR: The issue is the event is an illegal street closure impacting private property. The organizers need proper permits and agreement from property owners to permit the event. Only one property owner has been consulted.

DZ: We are waiting for the demand letter from the business community in order to move forward with a public hearing. Until then we are not taking any additional actions.

WC: Can we help with relocating the event?

DZ: We already did our part by looping in CD14 two years ago to help them relocate.

6. New Business (All items for discussion and possible action)
 - a. Submission of a CIS on CF [23-0332](#): Fire Status of Standards Analysis / Sworn Resource Deployment / Citywide Fire Suppression / Emergency Medical Needs / Underserved Communities / Fire Station and Services Restoration

RR motioned to submit CIS in support, VR seconded.

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

- b. Submission of a CIS on [17-1125](#): Dockless Bike Share Systems / Pilot Program

DZ motioned to submit CIS in support, RR seconded.

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

- c. Submission of a CIS on CF [20-1536-S4](#): Sidewalk and Transit Amenities Program (STAP) / City Toilet Program / Tranzito-Vector LLC / Status

RR motioned to submit CIS in support, MC seconded.

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

- d. Submission of a CIS on CF [22-1594](#): Hazardous and Illegal RV Parking / Resident Complaints / Oversized Vehicles / Parking Enforcement

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

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

The intent is good in trying to address this segment of the homeless population, however the predictable result will be shuffling RVs to other areas not included in the report, such as DTLA.

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8. Committee member announcements

Next Meeting: May 11, 2023

Adjourn [7:45PM](#)

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