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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, May 11, 2023 - 6:30 PM

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

Debby Zhou (Chair) DZ	P		
Melynda Choothesa MC	A		
Victor Robert VR	A		
Wendy Celaya WC	P		
Reeyan Raynes RR	P		
Leonel Aguilar LA	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

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3. Chair's Welcome

4. Approval of minutes for [4/13/23](#) meeting

DZ motioned to approve, RR seconded.

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

5. Emergency Preparedness and Public Works update

Automated public toilets are not being staffed properly– vandalism and misuse are a concern. RR will be reaching out to Street Services to remedy.

Sidewalk improvements - keep sending 311 requests for ADA curb cuts.

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

a. Approval of the Adopt-A-Median (AAM) application for Pico Triangle Project

RR motioned to submit application for BOD approval, WC seconded.

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

WC - How can the committee help in the project?

RR - We still need ground mural art, that deadline would be after July, by November.

LA - Are going to be traffic safety barriers?

RR - The materials should be able to withstand vehicular impacts, and because the median has raised curbs, there's no need to comply with traditional rules around barriers.

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

a. Submission of a CIS on CF [23-0256](#): Vision Zero / Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety / Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) Communities / Mobility / Justice and Equity / Traffic Fatalities Restoration

RR motioned to submit CIS in support, LA seconded

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

b. DTLA MIP [letter](#)

DZ motioned to submit, RR seconded.

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

This letter tries to bridge the gap between the current MIP project list and what has been requested in other NC letters, e.g. EIFD, Broadway, scramble crosswalks.

DZ - we should reorder projects by priority.

Committee gave permission to submit with changes made during discussion.

Public Comment - Tom Grode - DTLA 2040 involvement - wanted to make a recommendation on transportation/land use issue regarding speed bumps in Skid Row.

RR - there is a division between 2040 and MIP - the former is a land use plan for development while the latter is for ad hoc projects.

DZ - For speed bumps, we need to specify which intersections in order to submit recommendations to LADOT.

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9. Committee member announcements

Next Meeting: June 15, 2023

Adjourn 7:14PM

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