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**DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
IN-PERSON MEETING AGENDA**

**City Hall East - Controller's room
200 N Main St, Los Angeles, CA 90012
Tuesday, August 8th, 2023 – 6:30 PM**

Contact: claudia.oliveira@dlanc.com for more information

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1. Call to Order/Roll Call 6:45PM

Melynda Choothesa	P	Alisha Henderson	A	Hakeem Parke-Davis	A
Claudia Oliveira	P	Ana Carril-Grumberg	P	Leonel Aguilar	P
Jens Midthun	P	Brandon Robinson	A	Allen Gross	A
Wendy Celaya	P	"Russian Rick" Young	P	Lori Aliksanian	P
Damion Wagner	A	Tyler Murphy	P	Garrett A South	P
Center City East Resident - Vacant		Samir Bitar	P	Debby Zhou	P
Wendell Blassingame	A	Luis M. Gonzalez-Salas	P	Lawrence Carroll	P
Scott Miller	A	Christian Dittmer	P	Sara Eastwood	P

2. General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

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Tom Grode: Come on Sing festival update - locations will be staggered in south park, skid row, little tokyo, arts district, historic core, terasaki budokan (main performance)

3. Declaration of Ex-Parte Communications

4. President’s Report

5. Speakers

a. City/County/State/Federal elected officials or representatives

LAFD battalion 1: NotifyLA (emergency management dept la city), LAFD.org, LAFD is hiring (joinlafd.org), July is heat preparedness month, new faster vehicle pilot for fire station 9.

b. Liaisons Reports - Open positions

6. Board Seats (all items subject to discussion and possible action)

a. Announce Center City East Resident Seat Vacancy

7. Minutes

a. Approval of 07/11/2023 Board of Directors minutes.

WC motioned to approve, LC seconded.

Melynda Choothesa	A	Alisha Henderson	A	Hakeem Parke-Davis	A
Claudia Oliveira	Y	Ana Carril-Grumberg	Y	Leonel Aguilar	Y
Jens Midthun	Y	Brandon Robinson	A	Allen Gross	A
Wendy Celaya	Y	“Russian Rick” Young	Y	Lori Aliksanian	Y
Damion Wagner	A	Tyler Murphy	Y	Garrett A South	Y
Center City East Resident - Vacant		Samir Bitar	Y	Debby Zhou	Y
Wendell Blassingame	A	Luis M. Gonzalez-Salas	Y	Lawrence Carroll	Y
Scott Miller	A	Christian Dittmer	Y	Sara Eastwood	Y

8. Consent Calendar

a. Appointment of Committee Chairs

i. Livability

Executive Recommendation: Debby Zhou

ii. PLUC

Executive Recommendation: Samir Bitar

iii. Government Liaison

Executive Recommendation: Leonel Aguilar, Lawrence Carroll

iv. Urban Needs

Executive Recommendation: Damion Wagner

LC motioned to approve, GS seconded

Melynda Choothesa	P 7:30PM	Alisha Henderson	A	Hakeem Parke-Davis	A
Claudia Oliveira	Y	Ana Carril-Grumberg	Y	Leonel Aguilar	Y
Jens Midthun	Y	Brandon Robinson	A	Allen Gross	A
Wendy Celaya	Y	“Russian Rick” Young	Y	Lori Aliksanian	Y
Damion Wagner	A	Tyler Murphy	Y	Garrett A South	Y
Center City East Resident - Vacant		Samir Bitar	Y	Debby Zhou	Y
Wendell Blassingame	A	Luis M. Gonzalez-Salas	Y	Lawrence Carroll	Y
Scott Miller	A	Christian Dittmer	Y	Sara Eastwood	Y

b. Approval of PLUC Committee Members

- i. Reeyan Raynes (stakeholder)
- ii. Audrey von Ahrens (stakeholder)
- iii. Tonja Boykin (stakeholder)
- iv. John Swartz (stakeholder)
- v. Patti Berman (stakeholder)
- vi. Michael Robleto (stakeholder)
- vii. Justin Weiss (stakeholder)
- viii. Christian Dittmer (board director)
- ix. Tyler Murphy (board director)
- x. Allen Gross (board director)

SB motioned to approve, ACG seconded

Public comment: why does PLUC require board approval? per our bylaws.

Melynda Choothesa	Abstain	Alisha Henderson	A	Hakeem Parke-Davis	A
Claudia Oliveira	Y	Ana Carril-Grumberg	Y	Leonel Aguilar	Y

Jens Midthun	Y	Brandon Robinson	A	Allen Gross	A
Wendy Celaya	Y	“Russian Rick” Young	Y	Lori Aliksanian	Abstain
Damion Wagner	A	Tyler Murphy	Y	Garrett A South	Y
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9. Old Business - None

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

a. Treasurer’s Items:

- \$42k budget (\$10k rollover)
- \$13.5 for office
- \$14.3 for outreach
- \$14.2 for community improvement

- i. Motion to do a Senior Citizen Town Hall in October, 2023. Motion to approve an expenditure not to exceed \$1,000. Monies to come from the Outreach budget line item. Vendors like YMCA, Central Library, U Print, Nextday Flyers, Smart and Final.

LC motioned to approve, MC seconded

LB motioned to amend to add example of Uber, Lyft as rideshare vendors, MC seconded.

Public comment:

Will transportation be included for the event?

Board comment:

RY: Why can’t we provide more money?

ACG: This is a pilot event, can allocate more to successive events.

Melynda Choothesa	Y	Alisha Henderson	A	Hakeem Parke-Davis	A
Claudia Oliveira	Y	Ana Carril-Grumberg	Y	Leonel Aguilar	Y
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Damion Wagner	A	Tyler Murphy	Y	Garrett A South	Y
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ii. Approve July MERS - [tabled](#)

b. **Rules & Selections** - None

c. **PLUC**

i. Case number: ZA-2023-4673-MCUP

Project Location: 348 and 358 S. Spring Street, Los Angeles 90013 and 111, 113, 115, 117, 119 and 125 W. 4th Street, Los Angeles 90013

Project Description: A conditional use to permit sale and dispensing on-site, full-line of alcoholic beverages in conjunction with 3 restaurants and a bar/lounge with live entertainment

Project Requests: Per the 12,24-W,1 of the L.A.M.C., a Conditional Use:

1) to permit sale and dispensing of a full-line of alcoholic beverages (Type 48) in conjunction with the proposed 5,207 sq. ft. bar/lounge, in the unit #104, with live entertainment, and with 164 indoor-seats and operating from 11 am to 2 am, daily in C4-4D Zone.

2) to permit sale and dispensing of a full-line of alcoholic beverages (Type 47) for on-site consumption in a proposed 3,441 sq. ft. restaurant - located in the unit #103, w/ 162 seats; and w/ the proposed hours of operation from 11 am to 2 am, daily.

3) to permit sale and dispensing of a full-line of alcoholic beverages (Type 47) for on-site consumption in a proposed 1,301 sq. ft. restaurant – located in the unit #102, w/ 61 seats; and w/ the proposed hours of operation from 11 am to 2 am, daily.

4) to permit sale and dispensing of a full-line of alcoholic beverages (Type 47) for on-site consumption in a proposed 2,275 sq. ft. restaurant – located in the unit #101, w/ 112 seats; and w/ the proposed hours of 11 am to 2 am, daily.

[Motion to submit letter in support.](#)

[ACG motioned, SB seconded.](#)

Melynda Choothesa	Y	Alisha Henderson	A	Hakeem Parke-Davis	A
Claudia Oliveira	Y	Ana Carril-Grumberg	Y	Leonel Aguilar	Y
Jens Midthun	Y	Brandon Robinson	A	Allen Gross	A
Wendy Celaya	Y	“Russian Rick” Young	Y	Lori Aliksonian	Y
Damion Wagner	A	Tyler Murphy	Abstain	Garrett A South	Y

Center City East Resident - Vacant		Samir Bitar	Y	Debby Zhou	Y
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- d. **Livability** - None
- e. **Government Liaison** - None
- f. **Outreach** - See treasure items

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12. Board Members and Committee Announcements.

13. Next Meeting September 12th, 2023

14. Adjourn 8:20PM

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