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DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL PLANNING & LAND USE COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

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Los Angeles, CA 90071

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Instructions on how to sign up for public comment will be given to listeners at the start of the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER at 6:38 AND COMMITTEE ROLL CALL

Samir Bitar – Chair	Yes
Patti Berman	No
Tyler Murphy	No*
Christian Dittmer	No
Michael Robleto	No
Reeyan Raynes	Yes
John Swartz	Yes
Justin Weiss	No
Tonja Boykin	No
Audrey von Ahrens	Yes
Allen Gross	No*

*Tyler Murphy and Allen Gross arrived at 6:40pm

1. Committee Member Introductions
2. Approve Minutes from 05/2023, 08/2023
Postponed to next meeting.
3. Report on SEP 12 DLANC Board Meeting concerning items presented by PLUC.
4. Declarations of Ex Parte communications
5. **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT** - Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Committee’s subject matter jurisdiction. 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 Committee’s jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period. Please note that under the Brown Act, the Committee 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 Committee meeting. Public comments are limited to two minutes per speaker with a total time of ten minutes. (The chair, depending on number of speakers and time considerations, may change these parameters.)
6. **COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS** - Committee members are asked to keep their comments brief and relevant to the topic or project being discussed. Committee member comments will be limited to two minutes and all committee members will be given the opportunity to make a comment before additional comments are provided by committee members.

- 7. **OLD BUSINESS** – Update on Mills Act: City Planning’s AECOM report and agency recommendations. On May 23, 2023, the City Council adopted a [Motion](#) directing City Planning to prepare a report with recommendations, ordinance amendments, and administrative changes to the Mills Act program based on the assessment report and community input for review and consideration by the Cultural Heritage Commission. The Motion further directs the Cultural Heritage Commission to submit its recommendations for consideration by the Council.

There will be additional meetings and opportunities to participate as City Planning moves forward with policy recommendations and ordinance amendments to the City Council.

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. **Presentation by:** Matthew Mello and John Foscarte

Case Number: ZA-2013-1925-CUB-PA2

Project Location: 626 S. Spring St., Unit B

Project Description: Bar

Project Requests: A Plan Approval to permit the continued sale and dispensing of a full line of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption and live entertainment in conjunction with an existing 1,304 square foot bar with 50 interior patron seats with hours of operation from 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. daily and 12 exterior patron seats on a patio located in a public way with hours of operation from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. daily.

Recommended action: The Planning and Land Use Committee recommends that DLANC submit a letter of support for the Applicant’s request in Planning Case No. ZA-2013-1925-CUB-PA2. Support is conditioned on the following: Owner/Operator will come back and present to PLUC should owner/operator change.

Presented by: Audrey von Ahrens

Seconded by: Reeyan Raynes

Samir Bitar – Chair	Yes
Patti Berman	Absent
Tyler Murphy	Yes
Christian Dittmer	Absent
Michael Robleto	Absent
Reeyan Raynes	Yes
John Swartz	Yes
Justin Weiss	Absent

Tonja Boykin	Absent
Audrey von Ahrens	Yes
Allen Gross	Yes

Vote Count: Yes: 6; No: 0; Abstention: 0; Absent: 5 Recused: 0

OUTCOME: Motion Passes

- b. **Discussion on [CF 23-0854](#)** 670 Mesquit Project / *Flexible Creative Space / Pedestrian Connection / Los Angeles River / 6th Street Ribbon of Light Bridge / 6th Street PARC / Economic Development Incentives*
 On August 16, 2023 Council took up a motion that requested, “City Council authorize and instruct the Chief Legislative Analyst to hire consultant(s) necessary to evaluate the proposed 670 Mesquit Project and make recommendations on economic development incentives that could help the project move forward,..” Council referred the motion to the Trade, Travel and Tourism Committee. The developer is Plus Development, the lead architect is the Bjarke Ingles Group.

- c. **Discussion: Notice of City Planning’s plans to update the City’s General Plan**
 On August 22, City Planning publicly announced plans to update the City’s General Plan. The [General Plan Framework Element](#) (aka, “The General Plan), is a strategy for long-term growth that sets a citywide context to guide the subsequent amendments of the City’s Community Plans, zoning ordinances, and other pertinent programs. A comprehensive, long-range document containing purposes, policies, and programs for the development of the City of Los Angeles, the Framework Element responds to State and Federal mandates to plan for the City’s future.

[Environmental Justice Survey](#) now live.

Adjourn at 7:18pm.

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10. Committee Member Comments and Announcements
11. Proposed delivery dates – Motions, Letters and Minutes 10/1/2023.
12. Next Meeting(s): October 17, 2023, November 21, 2023
13. Adjournment

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Meeting Minutes - Tuesday, September 19, 2023

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