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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, September 14, 2023 - 6:30 PM

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1. Call to Order / Roll Call **6:30PM**

Debby Zhou (Chair) DZ	P		
Melynda Choothesa MC	P - 6:52PM		
Victor Robert VR	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. Committee rules/procedures and appointment of new committee members

5. Approval of minutes for [6/15/23](#) meeting

DZ motioned to approve, RR seconded.

Y (3), N (0), Abstain (0), Absent (1)

6. Emergency Preparedness and Public Works update

Structure fires are becoming a huge issue – buildings are red tagged, have high risk of collapsing. Please notify DLANC if you see anything so that requests for compliance can be made.

311 updates - LADOT has been integrated, so people can report issues with stop signs, traffic signals, etc.

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

a. None

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

a. Discussion and possible action to submit a CIS and [letter](#) on [CF 23-0737](#):
217 West First Street / North Broadway / Temporary Homeless Housing /
Utilities / Future Park

RR motioned to submit in support if amended, LA seconded

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

Discussion/Public Comment:

Pablo: What is the situation with the state vs. City funding?

DZ: We can field the funding question to CD14.

Bryan: As a service provider, who is the lead agency? Typically, exit plans are very minimal. There is also an equity issue with segregating men and women, what about couples and families? There is currently no interim housing placement for families.

RR: The letter is high level for the CIS. It's so early in the project, details can be fleshed out in future discussions.

Bryan: Funds or backup plans should be there in the case that no permanent housing is found.

LA: Not sure if location is ideal, but supportive of a project that provides housing.
Letter amended to include stipulations about couples/families, ensure exit plan, and added security in surrounding areas i.e. park playground.

- b. Discussion and possible action to submit a [letter](#) to the LADOT requesting the designation of a new red-curb on 5th Street between Broadway and Hill Streets

RR motioned to submit a letter in support, LA seconded
Y (5), N (0), Abstain (0), Absent (0)

LA: Red curb will help alleviate conditions on 5th St, as cars provide cover for vending activity.
LADOT has asked for a council motion. DLANC seeks to submit a support letter to get ahead and show support with CD14's letter and LAPD.

Discussion/Public Comment:

Christopher: Lives in the building in front of the block. Was physically assaulted, unprovoked. Residents are fearful of walking down the sidewalk. There are no parking meters, and vendors park to block view of vending. The two lamp posts don't work. LAPD has put up temporary parking signs.

Pablo: Concern for comprehensive solution e.g. where are the vendors being moved to? It's clearly an enforcement issue between LAPD and LADOT. He wants holistic solutions to deal with the source of the problems – homelessness, drug addiction, etc.

RR: To Pablo's point, 5th St is a well known gang territory. Per the SLOs, it's clear it's gang territory, so why is there no gang injunction? LAPD's response is that they're limited by the courts, hands are tied.

The letter is a low lift impact, but it can happen quickly. To get more lighting, Prop 218 requires that property owners need to agree to be taxed to fund more lighting.

The red curb is a band-aid, but something we can do immediately.

VR: Can we designate an emergency zone from Hill to Main?

RR: We can address existing street lamps that are out via 311.

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10. Committee member announcements

Next Meeting: October 12, 2023

Adjourn 8:00PM

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