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

**City Hall East - Controller's room
200 N Main St, Los Angeles, CA 90012**

Tuesday, October 17th, 2023 – 6:30 PM - 6:39 PM

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

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1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Melynda Choothesa	P	Alisha Henderson	P	Hakeem Parke-Davis	A
Claudia Oliveira	P	Ana Carril-Grumberg	A	Leonel Aguilar	P
Jens Midthun	P	Brandon Robinson	A	Allen Gross	Alternate
Wendy Celaya	P	"Russian Rick" Young	P	Lori Aliksonian	A

Damion Wagner	P	Tyler Murphy	A	Garrett A South	A
Center City East Resident - Vacant	N/A	Samir Bitar	P	Debby Zhou	A
Wendell Blassingame	A	Luis M. Gonzalez-Salas	P	Lawrence Carroll	A
Scott Miller	P	Christian Dittmer	P	Sara Eastwood	P

2. General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

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3. Declaration of Ex-Parte Communications

President's Report - Tabled

- a. Resources for code of conduct and conflict resolution
- b. Budget Advocate - possible appointment

Speakers - Tabled

- c. City/County/State/Federal elected officials or representatives
- d. Liaisons Reports - Open positions

Board Seats (all items subject to discussion and possible action) - Tabled

- e. Selection of Center City East Resident Director

Approval of Minutes - Tabled

- f. Approval of 09/13/2023 Board of Director meeting minutes.
- g. Approval of 08/15/2023 Special Board of Directors/PLUC meeting minutes

Consent Calendar

- h. Approve Audrey von Ahrens as the Alternate for Tyler Murphy
- i. Approve Felicity Rathbone as the Alternate for Allen Gross

Motion to approve the consent calendar

Motion: Luis M. Gonzales-Salas

Second: Christian Dittmer

Y (13), N (0), A (0), Abstain (0), Recused (0)

The meeting had to recess for a board member to renew her expired code of conduct at 7:05 p.m. The meeting was then back to order at 7:09 p.m.

5. Livability

i. **Moved Up**

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

Livability Vote Count: Y (5), N (0), Abstain (0), Absent (0)

Motion to Discuss:

Motion: Wendy Celaya

Second: Samir Bitar

Samir motioned in support if amended to include ten conditions. The original seven conditions recommended by the Livability Committee and 3 additional ones as follow:

not to exceed 3 years

allocation for cdbg funds for greenspace

Jedi zone HUB ZONE

Russian Ricky motion to amend Samir's motion and submit a CIS against CF 23-0737

Second: Alisha Henderson

Melynda Choothesa	against	Alisha Henderson	yes	Hakeem Parke-Davis	N/A
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Claudia Oliveira	against	Ana Carril-Grumberg	N/A	Leonel Aguilar	Yes
Jens Midthun	against	Brandon Robinson	N/A	Allen Gross	Yes

Wendy Celaya	against	“Russian Rick” Young	yes	Lori Aliksanian	N/A
Damion Wagner	against	Tyler Murphy	N/A	Garrett A South	N/A
Center City East Resident - Vacant	N/A	Samir Bitar	yes	Debby Zhou	N/A
Wendell Blassingame	N/A	Luis M. Gonzalez-Salas	yes	Lawrence Carroll	N/A
Scott Miller	yes	Christian Dittmer	against	Sara Eastwood	against

Motion with the amendment Wendy/Samir to discuss

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

Y(9), N(5), Abstain (0), Recused (0)

Old Business - None

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

b. President’s items:

- i. Discussion and possible action on an expenditure not to exceed \$1000 for a sponsorship package to table the Festival For All Skid Row Artists. Monies to come from the Outreach budget line item event sponsorship.

Motion: Claudia Oliveira
Second: Wendy Celaya

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

- ii. Discussion and possible action to submit a follow-up [letter](#) to the Department of City Planning regarding the Broadway Oil Drill Site located at 155 West 14th Place and 1325 South Broadway.

- iii. Letter LADOT red curb
 Motion to approve President’s Items (a i) and (a ii) together motion: Samir/Damion in support of both items
 Y(13), N(0), Abs (0), A (0)

c. Treasurer’s Items: (All items subject to discussion and possible action)

- i. Approval of [July 2023 MERS](#)
Motion: Christian Dittmer
Second: Alisha Henderson

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

ii. Approval of [August 2023 MERS - Tabled](#)

d. **Rules & Selections**

i. Announcement from Committee Chair

e. **PLUC**

i. **Case number:** ZA-2013-1925-CUB-PA2

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

Project Description: 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.

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.

MOTION: "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 **(a)** storefronts of ground floor retail retain transparency at all times to allow for eyes on the street and pedestrian safety; **(b)** Owner/Operator will come back and present to PLUC should owner/operator change; **(c)** Any amplified or outdoor noise shall be mitigated such that it will remain in compliance with the LA Noise Ordinance."

PLUC Vote Count: Y (6), N (0), Absent (5)

Motion: Samir Bitar

Second: Christian Dittmer

Y (13), N (0), Ab (0), A (0), R (0)

f. **Government Liaison**

- i. Discussion and possible action to submit a CIS **against unless amended** on CF 23-0008-S12: Valley Boulevard / Eastern Avenue / Huntington Drive South / Marianna Avenue / North Lorena Street / South Evergreen Street / East Cesar Chavez Avenue / 1st Street / Boyle Street / Echandia Street / Oversize Vehicle Parking Restrictions - **Tabled**

CIS Supplemental Statement:

Suitable parking spaces within the district are provided for the vehicles being moved, provide relocation of inoperable vehicles, within district limits, and include wrap around services for the unhoused.

- ii. Discussion and possible action to submit a CIS **in support** of CF 20-1575: Inhumane Implements / Electric Prods or Shocking Devices / Flank or Bucking Straps / Wire Tiedowns / Sharpened or Fixed Spurs or Rowels / Prohibition / Rodeo Events

Motion: Leonel Aguillar

Second: Claudia Oliveira

Y (11), N (0), Abs (2), A (0), R (0)

Everything is else was tabled

g. Outreach

- i. DLANC Marketing Toolkit - Tabled

h. Urban Needs & Resources

- i. Discussion to rename San Julian Park to honor Wendell Blassingame.
- Tabled

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Board Members and Committee Announcements.

Next Meeting November 14th, 2023

Adjourn

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