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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, June 15, 2023 - 6:30 PM

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1. Call to Order / Roll Call **6:32PM**

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

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 5/11/23 meeting

DZ motioned to approve, LA seconded.  
Y (3), N (0), Abstain (1), Absent (2)

5. Emergency Preparedness and Public Works update

7th St improvements – work has moved west, currently working on bike lane extensions on Spring and Main Streets. Will start on Hill and Spring in August. The neighborhood council's role in this project is to help mitigate disruptions to businesses.

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

a. None

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

a. Discussion and possible action on CF [20-1004](#): 2028 Olympic Legacy Street Improvements Plan / Fiscal Year 2020-21 Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program / California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) / Agreement

This CIS is a report, no motion included. The issue is that no outreach has been done to DLANC, our goal is to bring awareness to the community about this study. Next steps are to ask for a presentation of the report to the committee.

b. Discussion and possible action on CF [23-0363](#): Public Education Campaign / AB2147 / AB1909 / Motorist Obligations / Pedestrian and Bicyclist Safety

DZ motioned to approve, LA seconded.  
Y (3), N (0), Abstain (1), Absent (2)

c. Discussion and possible action on landscape maintenance deficiencies along 11th Street Corridor

The SP BID never took over the contract for landscape maintenance. LADOT hired a contractor to maintain, but the job has been unsatisfactory. SP BID has made a list of desired repairs and remedies, but LADOT hasn't gotten back to us on contracts.

d. Discussion and possible action on Automated Public Toilet (ATP) issues  
Urban Alchemy vacated their contract, left the City to manage ATP. Three units have reduced staffing from 24 hours to 12 hours, so these units are getting vandalized and take longer to get back to operational in the mornings. Street Services needs

documentation to justify 24 hour staffing – photos, documentation, descriptions – send to DLANC Livability so that we can compile and provide to BSS.

VR asked if we can put something together to have the City look at 5th St as a whole.

RR – ATP is not the avenue for this since this is pertaining specifically to Street Services.

LAPD hearing via a formal request would be appropriate for 5th St.

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## 9. Committee member announcements

Next Meeting: TBD

Adjourn 7:08PM

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