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**DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

24HR SPECIAL IN-PERSON MEETING AGENDA

City Hall East - Controller's room

200 N Main St, Los Angeles, CA 90012

Tuesday, February 13th, 2024 – 7:00 PM

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

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1. Call to Order/Roll Call 7:02PM

Melynda Choothesa	A	Alisha Henderson	P	Hakeem Parke-Davis	A
Claudia Oliveira	P	Ana Carril-Grumberg	A	Leonel Aguilar	P
Jens Midthun	P	Topher Horman	P	Allen Gross	ALT
J. Ellis McGinnis	P 8:25P M	"Russian Rick" Young	P	Lori Aliksonian	P
Damion Wagner	P	Tyler Murphy	A	Garrett A South	P
Pablo Fontoura	P	Samir Bitar	P	Debby Zhou	P
BellaNaomi Østby	P	Luis M. Gonzalez-Salas	P	Lawrence Carroll	P
Scott Miller	A	Christian Dittmer	P	Sara Eastwood	P

18 Present, 6 Absent

19 Present, 5 absent after approval of J Ellis Alternate 7:42PM

2. General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

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3. Declaration of Ex-Parte Communications

4. President’s Report

5. Speakers

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

b. Liaisons Reports - Open positions

Public works update:

Oceanwide - SP reps, Claudia, and Reeyan participated in CD14 press conference addressing concerns.

Damage from rains - report to My311

5th Street red curb initiative, also have addressed lighting and transit issues in the area.

Several trees were planted today by UFD

c. Presenters

i. Friends of the L.A. River

Tabled

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

a. Selection of open seats - None

6. Approval of Minutes

a. Approval of 12/12/2023 Board of Director meeting minutes.

Damion motioned to approve, Leo seconded

Y(16), N(0), Abstain(2)

b. Approval of 01/09/2024 Board of Director meeting minutes.

Pablo motioned to approve, Damion seconded

Y(16), N(0), Abstain(2)

7. Consent Calendar

a. Tobi Oyeniji as J. Ellis McGinnis Alternate for the Center City East Business Seat.

b. Christopher Gonzalez as BellaNaomi Ostby Alternate for Center City East Resident Seat.

Lawrence, Allen ALT motioned and seconded to bundle

Y(18), N (0), Abstain (0)

8. Old Business - None

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

a. President’s items - None

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

i. Approval of December 2023 MERS

Damion motioned, Christian seconded to approved

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

Jens Midthun	Y	Topher Horman	Ineligible	Allen Gross	Alt Ineligible
J. Ellis McGinnis	Alt Ineligible	“Russian Rick” Young	Y	Lori Aliksanian	Y
Damion Wagner	Y	Tyler Murphy	A	Garrett A South	Y
Pablo Fontoura	Y	Samir Bitar	Y	Debby Zhou	Y
BellaNaomi Østby	Abstain	Luis M. Gonzalez-Salas	Y	Lawrence Carroll	Y
Scott Miller	A	Christian Dittmer	Y	Sara Eastwood	Y

Y(15), N (0), Abstain (1), Ineligible (3)

ii. Approval of January 2024 MERS

Luis motioned, Garrett seconded to approved

Melynda Choothesa	A	Alisha Henderson	Y	Hakeem Parke-Davis	A
Claudia Oliveira	Y	Ana Carril-Grumberg	A	Leonel Aguilar	Y
Jens Midthun	Y	Topher Horman	Ineligible	Allen Gross	Alt Ineligible
J. Ellis McGinnis	Alt Ineligible	“Russian Rick” Young	Y	Lori Aliksanian	Y
Damion Wagner	Y	Tyler Murphy	A	Garrett A South	Y
Pablo Fontoura	Y	Samir Bitar	Y	Debby Zhou	Y
BellaNaomi Østby	Abstain	Luis M. Gonzalez-Salas	Y	Lawrence Carroll	Y
Scott Miller	A	Christian Dittmer	Y	Sara Eastwood	Y

Y(15), N (0), Abstain (1), Ineligible (3)

iii. Discussion and possible action to approve an expenditure not to exceed \$200 to renew Zoom license. Minutes to come from the Office budget.

Pablo motioned, Lori seconded to approved

Melynda Choothesa	A	Alisha Henderson	Y	Hakeem Parke-Davis	A
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Claudia Oliveira	Y	Ana Carril-Grumberg	A	Leonel Aguilar	Y
Jens Midthun	Y	Topher Horman	Ineligible	Allen Gross	Alt Ineligible
J. Ellis McGinnis	Alt Ineligible	“Russian Rick” Young	Y	Lori Aliksanian	Y
Damion Wagner	Y	Tyler Murphy	A	Garrett A South	Y
Pablo Fontoura	Y	Samir Bitar	Y	Debby Zhou	Y
BellaNaomi Østby	Y	Luis M. Gonzalez-Salas	Y	Lawrence Carroll	Y
Scott Miller	A	Christian Dittmer	Y	Sara Eastwood	Y

Y(16), N (0), Abstain (0), Ineligible (3)

- iv. Discussion and possible action to **reappropriate funds to meet community demand for Neighborhood Purposes Grants (NPG) Expenditures Category of the 2023 – 2024 budget in the amount of \$6,000**; funds to come from the following budget offset reductions:

- Outreach Category Promotional Items line item of \$2,000
- Outreach Category Sponsorships of \$3,000
- Office Category Meeting Space line item of \$1,000

Luis motioned, Lawrence seconded to approved

Melynda Choothesa	A	Alisha Henderson	Y	Hakeem Parke-Davis	A
Claudia Oliveira	Y	Ana Carril-Grumberg	A	Leonel Aguilar	Y
Jens Midthun	Y	Topher Horman	Ineligible	Allen Gross	Alt Ineligible
J. Ellis McGinnis	Alt Ineligible	“Russian Rick” Young	Y	Lori Aliksanian	Y
Damion Wagner	Y	Tyler Murphy	A	Garrett A South	Y
Pablo Fontoura	Y	Samir Bitar	Y	Debby Zhou	Y
BellaNaomi Østby	Y	Luis M. Gonzalez-Salas	Y	Lawrence Carroll	Y
Scott Miller	A	Christian Dittmer	Y	Sara Eastwood	Y

Y(16), N (0), Abstain (0), Ineligible (3)

- v. Discussion and possible action to approve an **expenditure not to exceed \$700 to update the dlanc.com website**. Monies to come from the Office budget. Vendor is Halucion.

BellaNaomi motioned, Garrett seconded to approved

Damion motioned and Debby seconded amendment with itemized statement of work

Amendment motion

Melynda Choothesa	A	Alisha Henderson	Y	Hakeem Parke-Davis	A
Claudia Oliveira	Y	Ana Carril-Grumberg	A	Leonel Aguilar	A
Jens Midthun	Y	Topher Horman	Ineligible	Allen Gross	Alt Ineligible
J. Ellis McGinnis	Alt Ineligible	“Russian Rick” Young	Y	Lori Aliksanian	Y
Damion Wagner	Y	Tyler Murphy	A	Garrett A South	Y
Pablo Fontoura	Y	Samir Bitar	Y	Debby Zhou	Y
BellaNaomi Østby	Abstain	Luis M. Gonzalez-Salas	Y	Lawrence Carroll	Y
Scott Miller	A	Christian Dittmer	Y	Sara Eastwood	Y

Y(15), N (0), Abstain (1), Ineligible (3)

Original Motion

Melynda Choothesa	A	Alisha Henderson	Y	Hakeem Parke-Davis	A
Claudia Oliveira	Y	Ana Carril-Grumberg	A	Leonel Aguilar	A
Jens Midthun	Y	Topher Horman	Ineligible	Allen Gross	Alt Ineligible
J. Ellis McGinnis	Alt Ineligible	“Russian Rick” Young	Y	Lori Aliksanian	Y
Damion Wagner	Y	Tyler Murphy	A	Garrett A South	Y
Pablo Fontoura	Y	Samir Bitar	Y	Debby Zhou	Y
BellaNaomi Østby	Abstain	Luis M. Gonzalez-Salas	Y	Lawrence Carroll	Y
Scott Miller	A	Christian Dittmer	Y	Sara Eastwood	Y

Y(15), N (0), Abstain (1), Ineligible (3)

- vi. Discussion and possible action to **put DLANC advertising on 5 local bus benches. Motion to approve an expenditure not to exceed \$600** to pay for the advertising. Monies to come from the Outreach Budget - Advertising line item.

BellaNaomi motioned, Luis seconded

Melynda Choothesa	A	Alisha Henderson	Y	Hakeem Parke-Davis	A
Claudia Oliveira	Y	Ana Carril-Grumberg	A	Leonel Aguilar	A
Jens Midthun	Y	Topher Horman	Ineligible	Allen Gross	Alt Ineligible
J. Ellis McGinnis	A	“Russian Rick” Young	Y	Lori Aliksanian	Y
Damion Wagner	Y	Tyler Murphy	A	Garrett A South	Y
Pablo Fontoura	Y	Samir Bitar	Y	Debby Zhou	Y
BellaNaomi Østby	Y	Luis M. Gonzalez-Salas	Y	Lawrence Carroll	Y
Scott Miller	A	Christian Dittmer	Y	Sara Eastwood	Y

Y(15), N (0), Abstain (0), Ineligible (2)

- vii. Discussion and possible action to approve an **expenditure not to exceed \$1000 to purchase additional DLANC T-Shirts**. Monies to come from the Outreach Budget - Promotional Items line item.

Claudia motioned, Pablo seconded

Melynda Choothesa	A	Alisha Henderson	Y	Hakeem Parke-Davis	A
Claudia Oliveira	Y	Ana Carril-Grumberg	A	Leonel Aguilar	Y
Jens Midthun	Y	Topher Horman	Ineligible	Allen Gross	Alt Ineligible
J. Ellis McGinnis	A	“Russian Rick” Young	Y	Lori Aliksanian	Y
Damion Wagner	Y	Tyler Murphy	A	Garrett A South	Y
Pablo Fontoura	Y	Samir Bitar	Y	Debby Zhou	Y
BellaNaomi Østby	Abstain	Luis M. Gonzalez-Salas	Y	Lawrence Carroll	A

Scott Miller	A	Christian Dittmer	Y	Sara Eastwood	Y
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Y(14), N (0), Abstain (1), Ineligible (2) (Lawrence was absent for vote)

- viii. Discussion and possible action to do a **New Resident Outreach Event in March, 2024. Motion to approve an expenditure not to exceed \$1,000.** Monies to come from the Outreach Budget - Tabling/Events line item. Vendors like U Print, Nextday Flyers, Smart and Final.

Claudia motioned, Pablo seconded, motion amended to April 2024

Melynda Choothesa	A	Alisha Henderson	Y	Hakeem Parke-Davis	A
Claudia Oliveira	Y	Ana Carril-Grumberg	A	Leonel Aguilar	Y
Jens Midthun	Y	Topher Horman	Ineligible	Allen Gross	Alt Ineligible
J. Ellis McGinnis	A	“Russian Rick” Young	Y	Lori Aliksanian	Y
Damion Wagner	Y	Tyler Murphy	A	Garrett A South	Y
Pablo Fontoura	Y	Samir Bitar	Y	Debby Zhou	Y
BellaNaomi Østby	Abstain	Luis M. Gonzalez-Salas	Y	Lawrence Carroll	Y
Scott Miller	A	Christian Dittmer	Y	Sara Eastwood	Y

Y(15), N (0), Abstain (1), Ineligible (2)

- ix. Discussion and possible action to approve an **expenditure not to exceed \$500 to purchase DLANC promotional buttons/stickers.** Monies to come from the Outreach Budget - Artwork/Printing line item. Vendors like U Print, Nextday Flyers, Smart and Final.

Claudia motioned, Damion seconded

Melynda Choothesa	A	Alisha Henderson	Y	Hakeem Parke-Davis	A
Claudia Oliveira	Y	Ana Carril-Grumberg	A	Leonel Aguilar	Y
Jens Midthun	Y	Topher Horman	Ineligible	Allen Gross	Alt Ineligible
J. Ellis McGinnis	A	“Russian Rick” Young	Y	Lori Aliksanian	Y
Damion Wagner	Y	Tyler Murphy	A	Garrett A South	Y
Pablo Fontoura	Y	Samir Bitar	Y	Debby Zhou	Y
BellaNaomi Østby	Y	Luis M. Gonzalez-Salas	Y	Lawrence Carroll	Y

Scott Miller	A	Christian Dittmer	Y	Sara Eastwood	Y
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Y(16, N (0), Abstain (0), Ineligible (2)

- x. Discussion and possible action to **do a Coffee the Fire Department/City Agencies event in April, 2024. Motion to approve an expenditure not to exceed \$500.** Monies to come from the Outreach Budget - Tabling/Events line item. Vendors like U Print, Nextday Flyers, Smart and Final.

Claudia motioned, Christian seconded

Melynda Choothesa	A	Alisha Henderson	Y	Hakeem Parke-Davis	A
Claudia Oliveira	Y	Ana Carril-Grumberg	A	Leonel Aguilar	Y
Jens Midthun	Y	Topher Horman	Ineligible	Allen Gross	Alt Ineligible
J. Ellis McGinnis	A	“Russian Rick” Young	Y	Lori Aliksanian	Y
Damion Wagner	Y	Tyler Murphy	A	Garrett A South	Y
Pablo Fontoura	Y	Samir Bitar	Y	Debby Zhou	Y
BellaNaomi Østby	Y	Luis M. Gonzalez-Salas	Y	Lawrence Carroll	Y
Scott Miller	A	Christian Dittmer	Y	Sara Eastwood	Y

Y(16, N (0), Abstain (0), Ineligible (2)

c. **Rules & Selections**

- i. Announcement from Committee Chair

Google form will be sent out for rules change suggestions

- ii. Discussion and possible action to update [DLANC Standing Rules](#) to add Section 7: Teleconferencing.

Committee Vote: Yes (4), No (0), Abstain (0)

Samir motioned, Luis seconded.

Y (19), N (0), Abstain (0)

d. **PLUC**

- i. Discussion and Possible Action

Case Number: ZA-2013-3011(CUB)(PA2)

Project Location: CVS, 210 W 7th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90014

Applicant: Garfield Beach CVS, LLC c/o Linda M. Cimbron

Item Description/Request: A Plan Approval Application for the continued sale of a full line of alcoholic beverages for off-site consumption at the pharmacy located on the corner of W 7th and S Spring St. (Fashion District/Historic Core Border).

Applicant presented responses to PLUC letter, item will be sent back to committee
Removal of retractable window blinds – CVS wants to keep them for when store is closed for security. Some merchandise height adjustment will be redone instead.
Security camera, interactive monitoring system - landlord has already added.
Landlord is working on trying to hire additional security guard to deal with loitering along Spring St. pending insurance issues.
Landlord is working with landscape architect to install custom concrete planters in front of bulkheads.

e. Livability - None

- i. Discussion and possible action to **submit a CIS in support** of CF [23-1285](#): Scripted Film and Television Productions / Permitting Process / Expedite / Streamline / FilmLA / Writers Guild of America (WGA) Strike / Screen Actors Guild-American Federation of Television and Radio Artists (SAG-AFTRA) Strike Improvements

Committee Vote Count: Y (5), N (0), Abstain (0), Absent (1)

Debby motioned to approve, Topher seconded
Y (17), N (0), Abstain (1)

18 total, Lawrence left 8:59PM

- ii. Discussion and possible action to **submit a CIS in support of amended** of CF [15-1207-S1](#): Los Angeles Convention Expansion Project and CF [15-1207-S2](#): Los Angeles Convention Center / Expansion and Modernization Project / Exclusive Negotiating Agreement (ENA) / AEG and The Plenary Group (APCLA)

Committee Vote Count: Y (5), N (0), Abstain (0), Absent (1)

Debby motioned, Lori seconded
Y (13), N (1), Abstain (2), Russian Rick absent

17 total, Lori left 9:04PM

f. Government Liaison - None

g. Outreach

- i. Discussion and possible action to approve website changes/updates as presented by Damion.

Committee Vote Count: Y (5) N (0) A (0)

No action taken, Outreach Committee will revive Website working group.

h. Urban Needs & Resources - None

i. General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

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- j. **Board Members and Committee Announcements.**
- k. **Next Meeting: March 12th, 2024**
- l. **Adjourn 9:33PM**

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