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**DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
VIRTUAL MEETING AGENDA**

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**Tuesday, April 9th, 2024 – 6:30 PM**

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IN CONFORMITY WITH THE OCTOBER 6, 2023 ENACTMENT OF CALIFORNIA SENATE BILL 411 (PORTANTINO) AND LA CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL ON NOVEMBER 1, 2023, this NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED VIRTUALLY.

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

**1. Call to Order/Roll Call**

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| <b>Melynda Choothesa</b> |  | <b>Alisha Henderson</b> |  | <b>Hakeem Parke-Davis</b> |  |
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| Claudia Oliveira  |  | Ana Carril-Grumberg    |  | Leonel Aguilar                             |  |
| Jens Midthun      |  | Topher Horman          |  | Allen Gross                                |  |
| J. Ellis McGinnis |  | “Russian Rick” Young   |  | Lori Aliksanian                            |  |
| Damion Wagner     |  | Tyler Murphy           |  | South Park Business Director Seat - Vacant |  |
| Pablo Fontoura    |  | Samir Bitar            |  | Debby Zhou                                 |  |
| BellaNaomi Ostby  |  | Luis M. Gonzalez-Salas |  | Lawrence Carroll                           |  |
| Scott Miller      |  | Christian Dittmer      |  | Sara Eastwood                              |  |

**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
- c. Presenters - none

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

- a. Selection of open seats - South Park Business Director Seat

**7. Approval of Minutes**

- a. Approval of 03/12/2023 Board of Director [Minutes](#)

**8. Consent Calendar - None**

**9. Old Business - None**

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

- a. **President’s items**
- b. **Treasurer’s Items: (All items subject to discussion and possible action)**
  - i. Approval of March 2024 MERS

The following items: ii, iii, iv are regarding changes in event dates for BAC

- ii. Discussion and possible action to do a Future of Education in DTLA Symposium in FY 2024 with an expenditure not to exceed \$1,000. Monies to come from the Outreach Budget - Tabling/Events line item. Vendors like YMCA, Central Library, U Print, Nextday Flyers, Smart and Final.

Committee Vote Count: Y(4), N (0), Abstain (0)

- iii. Discussion and possible action to do a New Resident Outreach Event in FY 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.

Committee Vote Count: Y(4), N (0), Abstain (0)

- iv. Discussion and possible action to do a Coffee the Fire Department/City Agencies event in FY 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.

Committee Vote Count: Y(4), N (0), Abstain (0)

- v. Discussion and possible action to approve an expenditure not to exceed \$200 to pay for tablets for email signups at tabling events. Monies to come from the Outreach Budget Tabling/Events line item.

Committee Vote Count: Y(4), N (0), Abstain (0)

- vi. Immersive Art NPG (request \$2k) PRESENTER

- a. Motion: To fund the Immersive Art NPG with \$3k from the NPG funding category with the following conditions
- b. Submit a narrative outlining the impact to DTLA communities
- c. Submit a narrative quantifying the number of DTLA kids impacted by the field trips
- d. Submit a list of the field trip location(s).

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

- vii. Electric Moon Foundation NPG (request \$5k) PRESENTER

- a. Motion: To fund the Electric Moon Foundation NPG with \$3k from the NPG funding category with the following conditions
  - i. Increase grant funding allocated to program services (6b) by reducing the funding of administrative costs (6a).
  - ii. Submit for review the organizations 2022 Budget
  - iii. Reconcile Line 8 funding items

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

- viii. NPG Funding

- a. Motion: To increase the NPG funding category by \$3k for a final round of FY23/34 NPG funding, and reopen requests for NPG submissions. Money to come from the Beautification line item within the Community Improvement budget category.

Committee vote Y(5) N(0) Abstention (0) Absent (0)

c. **Rules & Selections - None**

- i. Discussion and possible action on approval of draft [Bylaw amendments](#).

Committee Vote Count: Y (3), N (0), Abstain (0), Absent (1)

d. **PLUC**

i. **Case Number:** [ZA-2023-8378-CUB](#)

**Project Location:** 1415 S. Los Angeles St. STE #C, Los Angeles, CA 90015

**Project Description:** A CUB for the sale and dispensing of full-line of alcoholic drinks in conjunction with a proposed comedy club sitting up to 225 seats operating from 11am-2am, situated in the South Park neighborhood.

**Project Requests:** Letter in Support of CUB - Conditional Use Beverage – alcohol - Type **48 90** (full liquor without food service)

**Presentation by:** Liliger Damaso - Liquor License Brokers (Sam Sleiman /424-310-4511 / [mrsamsleiman@gmail.com](mailto:mrsamsleiman@gmail.com))

**Recommended action: Submit a CIS in support with the following seven conditions:**

CONDITION 1: Storefronts of ground floor retail retain transparency at all times to allow for eyes on the street and pedestrian safety.

CONDITION 2: Owner/Operator will come back and present to DLANC PLUC should owner/operator change.

CONDITION 3: Any amplified or outdoor noise shall be mitigated such that it will remain in compliance with the LA Noise Ordinance.

CONDITION 4: Owner/Operator works with LADOT to seek an off-peak hour passenger loading zone in front of the business to facilitate valet, passenger, or ride-share pick-up and drop-off.

CONDITION 5: Owner/Operator shall develop a queuing/crowd management plan for the public right of way and will ensure any barricades, stanchions, or crowd management devices provide adequate ADA path of travel on the sidewalk and the rear alley.

CONDITION 6: Owner/Operator shall provide adequate exterior security lighting at the building frontage along Los Angeles Street and the rear alley.

CONDITION 7: Owner/Operator contacts and work with the Fashion District Business Improvement District and addresses any questions or concerns related to their operations.

CONDITION 8: Owner/Operator considers additional security at both the downstairs main entrance and upstairs main venue.

Committee Vote: Yea (7), Nay (0), Abstention (0), Recusal (0)

ii. **Discussion and Possible Action to draft a letter in support of applicant's petition under the City's new Restaurant Beverage Program (RBP) ([Ordinance Number 187402](#)) for an [ABC 41 License](#).**

**Case Number:** N/A

**Project Location:**

- a. **Project Location:** 311 W 6th St. Los Angeles (The Sultan Chicken)
- b. **Project Description:** For the sale of beer and wine for consumption on or off the premises where sold. Distilled spirits will not be on the premises (except brandy, rum, or liqueurs for use solely for cooking purposes). Will continue to operate and maintain the restaurant-licensed premises as a bona fide eating place, which includes maintaining current kitchen facilities.
- c. **Project Requests:** Letter in Support of ABC 41

**Recommended action: Submit a Letter in Support**

Committee Vote: Yea (6), Nay (0), Abstention (0), Recusal (1)

iii. **Discussion and possible action on Cannabis-related [Public Convenience or Necessity \(PCN\)](#) requests:**

a. **[CF24-0420-S2](#)**

**Business Premises Location:** 2043 Imperial St. LA 90021

**Community Plan Area:** Central North CD : 14

**Applicant Entity Name:** TBM Management Group Inc.

**Contact Name:** Alexia Valencia / Anahi Tellez

**Applicant Email:** [TBM.mgmt.group@gmail.com](mailto:TBM.mgmt.group@gmail.com)

**Phone Number:** 626-641-5107

**Project Description:** Square footage: 14,449

Proposed hours of operation 10a – 10p, 7 days a week

**Explain how this request meets one or more of the City Council's public convenience or necessity standards pursuant to City Council's adopted Resolution (attach and number additional pages if necessary):** *There are no retail storefronts surrounding our proposed retail storefront. Many are clustered together throughout the community plan. As the number of residents has increased, there is a need for more retail storefronts. Homelessness and crime have transformed Central North Community plan into a disheartening state. The security provided by a cannabis storefront will combat crime and homelessness. Exterior lighting and cameras will assist LAPD by reducing crime in the surrounding area. There are many new restaurants, bars and nightlife in Central North community plan. The revenue from cannabis tax would boost the local economy.*

**Recommended action: Submit a CIS Not in Support**

Committee Vote: Yea (7), Nay (0), Abstention (0)

b. **[CF24-0420-S4](#)**

**Business Premises Location:** 202 East Pico Boulevard, LA 90015

**Community Plan Area:** Central North CD: 14

Applicant Entity Name: Arsen Martirosyan  
Contact Name Alexia Valencia / Anahi Tellez  
Applicant Email: [martirosyan.arsen@gmail.com](mailto:martirosyan.arsen@gmail.com)  
Phone Number: 424-330-4703  
Square Feet: 2800  
Proposed Hours: 9a - 10p 7 days a week

**Explain how this request meets one or more of the City Council's public convenience or necessity standards pursuant to City Council's adopted Resolution (attach and number additional pages if necessary):** *Social equity individual applicant Arsen ("Art") Martirosyan has an extensive background in the medical cannabis industry. Art moved to America with his family from Armenia when he was two years old. Art Martirosyan began working with nonprofit medical cannabis collectives in 2007 after he graduated from high school and developed skills working with the nonprofit patient collectives both as a medical cannabis cultivator and running a nonprofit medical cannabis dispensary where patients could lawfully obtain medical marijuana before the state and local cannabis licensing systems existed. [CONTINUED in APPENDIX S4]*

**Recommended action: Submit a CIS Not in Support**  
Committee Vote: Yea (7), Nay (0), Abstention (0)

c. **CF24-0420-S7**

**Business Premises Location:** 1316 B South Los Angeles Street LA 90015  
**Community Plan Area:** Central North CD: 14  
**Applicant Entity Name:** LACC, LLC  
**Contact Name:** Alfred Abramian  
**Applicant Email:** [alfredthegood@gmail.com](mailto:alfredthegood@gmail.com)  
**Phone Number:** (818)625-7854  
**Square Feet:** 2,700  
**Proposed Hours:** M-F6a – 10p Sat8a – 10p Sun10a – 10p

**Explain how this request meets one or more of the City Council's public convenience or necessity standards pursuant to City Council's adopted Resolution (attach and number additional pages if necessary):** *First, LACC, LLC will promote public safety. The CENTRAL CITY Community Plan Area is an integral part of the City of Los Angeles' community that is home to thousands of residents, hundreds of businesses and an attraction to hundreds of thousands of visitors, shoppers and diners throughout the year. It is also home to several dozen illegal cannabis businesses who operate without any regulation and in flagrant disregard of the law. In sharp contrast, LACC, LLC will strictly enforce all public safety requirements and will only market and sell safe and legal cannabis that has been tested to persons who can legally purchase such cannabis. [CONTINUED in APPENDIX S7]*

**Recommended action: Submit a CIS Not in Support**  
Committee Vote: Yea (7), Nay (0), Abstention (0)

d. DCR Record No.: LA-R-24-101775-ANN

**Applicant Name:** Advanced Patients' Collective

**Business Premises Address:** 735 S BROADWAY AVE LOS ANGELES, CA 90014

**Activities Requested:** Retailer Storefront (Type 10)

**Recommended action: Submit a CIS in Support**

Committee Vote: Yea (7), Nay (0), Abstention (0)

e. **Livability**

- i. Discussion and possible action to submit a CIS **in support** of CF [24-0206](#):  
Burnt-Frame RVs / Public Right-of-Way / Remediation Prioritization Protocol

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

- ii. Discussion and possible action to submit a CIS **in support** of CF [23-0792-S3](#):  
1256  
West 7th Street / Mayfair Hotel / Clean Team

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

f. **Government Liaison - None**

g. **Outreach**

- i. Discussion and possible action to allow the Outreach Committee to begin working on DLANC.com in-house.

Phase 1: WordPress update, install a new theme, correct email addresses, and contact forms.

Phase 2: Includes restructuring website menu and pages.

Phase 3: Creating individual pages for each committee. This will require the committee chairs to be involved with defining the goals of each committee.

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

h. **Urban Needs & Resources - None**

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j. **Board Members and Committee Announcements.**



- k. **Next Meeting: May 15th, 2024**
- l. **Adjourn**

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*item to allow public members the opportunity to provide public comment, including time for members of the public to register pursuant to subparagraph (D), or otherwise be recognized for the purpose of providing public comment. (iii) An eligible legislative body that provides a timed general public comment period that does not correspond to a specific agenda item shall not close the public comment period or the opportunity to register, pursuant to subparagraph (D), until the timed general public comment period has elapsed.*