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

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

Tuesday, March 12th, 2024 – 6:30 PM

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

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1. Call to Order/Roll Call 6:38PM

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| Melynda Choothesa | P | Alisha Henderson | A | Hakeem Parke-Davis | P - 7:27P M |
| Claudia Oliveira | P | Ana Carril-Grumberg | P | Leonel Aguilar | P |
| Jens Midthun | P | Topher Horman | P | Allen Gross | P 6:50P M |
| J. Ellis McGinnis | P - ALT | "Russian Rick" Young | P | Lori Aliksanian | P |
| Damion Wagner | P | Tyler Murphy | P 6:50 PM | South Park Business Director Seat - Vacant | |
| Pablo Fontoura | P | Samir Bitar | P | Debby Zhou | P |

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| BellaNaomi Østby | P | Luis M. Gonzalez-Salas | P | Lawrence Carroll | A |
| Scott Miller | A | Christian Dittmer | P | Sara Eastwood | P |

20 present

2. General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

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3. Declaration of Ex-Parte Communications

4. President's Report

Cannabis licensing process - community meeting proceeding permit approval meeting
Applicant's community meeting is 4/4/24, hence we agendaized for today's BOD meeting.

Tree removal - 2 impacted, replaced with 1 tree, 400 W Washington, for sidewalk repair. Same family tree, but not exact same species. UFD only gives us three days for input.

5. Speakers

- a. City/County/State/Federal elected officials or representatives
- b. Liaisons Reports - Open positions
- c. Presenters
 - i. Friends of the L.A. River

Tabled

- ii. DTLA Mobility Investment Plan (MIP) - LADOT

Project update - last came a year ago. Effort to get community input on future transportation projects. Creating a final plan report to go to City Council, which includes a funding strategy. Final feedback by April 1, 2024.

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

- a. Selection of open seats - None
- b. Announcement of Vacant Seats - South Park Business Director Seat
- c. Selection of VP of Administration

Claudia nominated Debby

Y (20), N (0), Abstain (0)

- d. Selection of Secretary

Debby nominated Pablo, he didn't accept

Claudia nominated Leonel, he didn't accept

Russian Rick nominated BellaNaomi, she accepted

Y (20), N (0), Abstain (0)

6. Approval of Minutes

- a. Approval of 02/13/2023 Board of Director Special 24hrs meeting [minutes](#).

Samir motioned, Damion seconded

Y (20), N (0), Abstain (0)

7. Consent Calendar - None

8. Old Business - None

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

a. President's items

i. Case Number: [LA-R-24-100031-ANN](#)

Project Location: 930 S. Alameda St

Applicant: DTPG Collective, Inc

Item Description/Request: A letter of support for the issuance of an Annual Cannabis Retail license.

MOTION: DLANC submit a [letter](#) of support for the Applicant's request in Cannabis case LA-R-24-100031-ANN. Support is conditioned on the following:

1. Storefronts of ground floor retail retain transparency at all times to allow for eyes on the street and pedestrian safety.;
2. Owner/Operator will come back and present to DLANC PLUC should owner/operator change;
3. Any amplified or outdoor noise shall be mitigated such that it will remain in compliance with the LA Noise Ordinance.;
4. Owner/Operator comply with all provisions of LAMC §104 (Ordinance 183,241) and other regulatory requirements of the City of Los Angeles

[Claudia reached out to applicant's attorney, they have not replied.](#)
[Debby motioned to approve, Melynda seconded](#)
[Y \(10\), N \(6\), Abstain \(4\)](#)

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

i. Approval of February 2024 MERS

[Damion motioned to approve, Luis seconded](#)

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

[Y \(13\)](#)

c. Rules & Selections - None

d. PLUC

i. 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).

MOTION: DLANC submit a [letter](#) of support for the Applicant's request in Planning Case No. ZA-2013-3011(CUB)(PA2). Support is conditioned on the following:

1. Applicant works directly with the Historic Core and Fashion District Business Improvement District to address ongoing concerns with safety and security;
2. Applicant ensures all storefront windows remain uncovered and provide unobstructed street visibility, both from the interior view looking outside, as well as from the exterior looking inward, at all times. This includes establishing the default position of all window blinds to be in a retracted position, when operating conditions allow, as well as relocating shelving and inventory away from the windows. Any necessary security grills, shutters, or similar devices should be opaque and kept down during non-operating hours;
3. Together with the property owner, the applicant should install additional security cameras and exterior lighting on the building elevation facing both Spring Street and 7th Street. The applicant will provide detailed exhibits of these security enhancements to the Los Angeles Department of City Planning's Office of Historic Resources (OHR) & Office of Zoning Administration, and to the LAPD before implementation, ensuring all elements comply with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties;
- 4 Applicant and property owner work with the OHR to install an architectural barrier on the building's bulkheads to prevent anyone from sitting, laying, or placing objects on the building façade. Any exterior planters meant to prevent loitering on the public right-of-way should be regularly maintained including the vegetation in the planters. In addition, any graffiti on the planters should be abated within a reasonable amount. The applicant and property owner work with the Bureau of Engineering to ensure that the sidewalk remains ADA accessible and seek an R-permit for all items on the right-of-way;
5. Applicant provides the Department of City Planning and LAPD a new copy of the security plan that shows regular exterior perimeter security checks, and additional security monitoring devices such as PTZ cameras to be installed;
6. Applicant ensures no stock, storage, or products related to store operations be placed within exterior building alcoves.

Committee Vote Count: Yes: 6; No: 0; Abstention: 0; Absent: 4; Recused: 0

Bruce - CVS representative - requests alteration of request #4 to be made to the property owner, CVS has no power to do anything to building exterior. Confirms that concrete barriers were installed this morning.

Debby motioned to approve, Damion seconded

Y (13), N (5), Abstain (2)

BellaNaomi requests DLANC to receive paperwork from item 5. Suggests less hostile furniture, things community members can engage with.

Timeline is determined by the ZA.

Luis motioned to approve letter with amendment to item 4, Damion seconded

Change - remove "applicant" from item 4 and keep "property owner."

Y(9), N (7), Abstain (4)

Ana - against CVS getting liquor license.

Pablo - against language around hostile architecture.

Claudia - explained history of CVS when previous board worked to install gates in alleyway.

Jens - we should keep looking for different ideas to deal with that corner. Bus riders are key stakeholders.

ii. **Case Number:** [ZA-2013-1182-CUB-PA1](#)

Project Location: 1111 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90017

Applicant: 1111 Wilshire Owner, LLC

Item Description/Request: Plan Approval to allow the continued sale of a full line of alcohol for on-site consumption in conjunction with an existing restaurant, situated in the Financial District neighborhood. Plan Approval (PA) to renew a previous CUB grant.

MOTION: DLANC submit a [letter](#) of support for the Applicant's request in Planning Case No. ZA-2013-3011(CUB)(PA2). Support is conditioned on the following:

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Vote Count: Yes: 6; No: 0; Abstention: 0; Absent: 4; Recused: 0

CUB expired, no changes, looking for renewal. Been there for 10 years, originally Plan Check.

Tyler motioned, Allen seconded

Y (19), N (1), Abstain (0)

e. **Livability**

- i. Discussion and possible action to submit a [letter](#) regarding the DTLA [Mobility Investment Plan \(MIP\)](#)

Debby motioned to approve the letter, Samir seconded

Y(20), N(0), Abstain (0)

LADOT - Bulk of MIP work happened before HLA passed. HLA requires that street improvements from 2015 happen when the City does street repaving.

f. **Government Liaison - None**

- i. Discussion and possible action to submit a CIS in support of [CF 24-0185](#): Sworn and Civilian Women / Los Angeles Fire Department / Recruitment / Promotion / Retention

Committee Vote Count: Yes (3) No (0) Absent (2) Abstain (0)

Leonel motioned, Pablo seconded

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

(Samir absent for vote)

g. **Outreach - None**

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

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- j. **Board Members and Committee Announcements.**
- k. **Next Meeting: April 9th, 2024**
- l. **Adjourn 8:58PM**

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