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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, May 14th, 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.

Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the Board's jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period. Please note that under the Brown Act, the Board is prevented from acting on a matter that you bring to its attention during the General Public Comment period; however, the issue raised by a member of the public may become the subject of a future Board meeting. Public comment is limited to 2 minutes per speaker unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Board.

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**

<b>Melynda Choothesa</b>		<b>Alisha Henderson</b>		<b>Hakeem Parke-Davis</b>	
<b>Claudia Oliveira</b>		<b>Ana Carril-Grumberg</b>		<b>Leonel Aguilar</b>	
<b>Jens Midthun</b>		<b>Topher Horman</b>		<b>Allen Gross</b>	

Center City East Business - Vacant		"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.
- b. Announcement of Central City East Business Director Seat.
- c. Discussion and Possible Action to Remove Christian Dittmer (Historic Core Resident) due to absences protocol.
- d. Discussion and Possible Action to Announce Historic Core Resident Seat Opening.

**7. Approval of Minutes**

- a. Approval of 04/12/2023 Board of Director [Minutes](#)

**8. Consent Calendar**

- a. Approve J. Ellis McGinnis as an additional Homeless Liaison.
- b. Approve Kristen Gaer as the Alternate to Christian Dittmer.
- c. Approve Silvia Perez as the Alternate to Scott Miller.

**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 April MERS
  - ii. Discussion and possible action to approve an NPG for DTLA Pride for an amount of \$4000. Monies to come from the NPG budget.

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

- iii. Discussion and possible action to approve a revised NPG for Electric Moon for an amount of \$4000. Monies to come from the NPG budget.

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

- iv. Discussion and possible action to approve an expenditure of \$2500 for the sponsorship of DTLA Alliance Dog Days event. Monies to come from the Outreach budget.

Committee Vote Count: Y(4), N(0), Abstention (0), Absent (1)

- v. Discussion and possible action to approve an expenditure not to exceed \$5000 for the beautification of planters on Hope Street in the Financial District. Monies to come from the Community Improvement Project - Pico Triangle Line Item.

Committee Vote Count: Y(4), N(0), Abstention (0), Absent (1)

- vi. Discussion and possible action to approve an updated Admin. Packet for Fiscal Year 23/24.

Committee Vote Count: Y(4), N(0), Abstention (0), Absent (1)

- vii. Discussion and possible action to approve the Admin. Packet for Fiscal Year 24/25.

Committee Vote Count: Y(4), N(0), Abstention (0), Absent (1)

c. **Rules & Selections**

d. **PLUC**

- i. Discussion and possible action to submit a [CIS](#) in **support if amended** on [CF-22-0617-S5](#): Downtown Los Angeles Community Plan / Fashion District IX3 Zone / Housing

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

- ii. **Case Number:** [ZA-2020-3071-CUB](#)

**Project Location:** 700 West 5th Street; 524 S Flower Street

**Applicant:** PETER JOHNSTON [Company: BERGINA CENTRAL LLC]. Representative: STEVE RAWLINGS [Company: RAWLING CONSULTING]

**Project Description:** The restaurant is conveniently located on the street level adjacent to the LA Public Library. Patrons are typically people that work in many of the Class A office buildings nearby or business people that are visiting from out of town. The ability to enjoy an alcoholic beverage along with your meal is highly desired by customers. Also, the availability of alcoholic beverages is vital for the economic viability of the a sit down

restaurant located in a business district. Therefore, approval of the CUP for alcoholic beverage sales is beneficial to the community and provides a public convenience.

**Project Requests:** Applicant requests a Conditional Use Permit to allow the on-site sale & consumption of a full-line of alcoholic beverages and live entertainment (small band + DJ) in conjunction with a 4,838 SF bona-fide restaurant with 40 interior seats and 1,768 SF of patio area with 109 total seats from 7a-11p (Mon-Wed)/7a-2a (Th-Fr)/11a-2a (Sat)/11a-11p (Sun).

**Recommended action:** DLANC submit a [letter of support](#) for the Applicant's request in Planning Case No.: ZA-2020-3071-CUB. Support is conditioned on the following:

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: Applicant provides a security plan to the Department of City Planning regarding security around the perimeter restaurant.

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

iii. **Case Number:** [LA-R-24-101809-ANN](#)

**Project Location:** 2222 Olympic BLVD

**Applicant:** California Organic Treatment Center

**Project Description:** Renewal of a retail cannabis storefront license (Type 10) operation within the Industrial District area of the Fashion District.

**Recommended action:** DLANC to submit a [letter of support](#) for the Applicant's request in Cannabis renewal case No.: LA-R-24-10189-ANN. Support is conditioned on the following:

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 complies with all provisions of LAMC §104 (Ordinance No. 183,241) and other regulatory requirements of the City of Los Angeles.

Committee Vote: Yea (3), Nay (2), Abstention (1), Recusal (0)

e. **Livability**

- i. Discussion and possible action to submit a **CIS in support of** CF [24-0326](#): New Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) Stations / Downtown Los Angeles / Equitable Hazard Emergency Services

Committee Vote Count: Y (4), N (0), Abstain (0), Absent (2)

- ii. Discussion and possible action to submit a **CIS in support of** CF [24-0292](#): Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) / Geographic Areas / Waste Collection and Disposal / Street Sweeping / City Service Levels

Committee Vote Count: Y (4), N (0), Abstain (0), Absent (2)

- iii. Discussion and possible action to submit a **CIS in support of** CF [14-1635-S10](#): Short-Term Rentals / Unpermitted / Non-Compliant Properties / Enforcement

Committee Vote Count: Y (4), N (0), Abstain (0), Absent (2)

f. **Government Liaison**

- i. Discussion and possible action to submit a **CIS in Support of** CF [23-0446](#): La Plaza De Cinco De Mayo / 3rd Street / Indiana Street / Permanent Ceremonial Signs

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

g. **Outreach**

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: June 11th, 2024**

l. **Adjourn**

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**CONSENT ITEMS:** *There will be no separate discussion of Consent items as they are considered routine and will be adopted by one*

*motion. If a member of the Board, Committee, or a stakeholder requests discussion on a particular item, that item will be removed from Consent and considered separately. Such items will be moved to the end of the agenda.*

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**STATE OF CALIFORNIA PENAL CODE SECTION 403** (Amended by Stats, 1994, Ch. 923, Sec. 159. Effective January 1, 1995.) – *Every person who, without authority of law willfully disturbs or breaks up any assembly or meeting that is not unlawful in its character, other than an assembly or meeting referred to in Section 302 of the Penal Code or Section 18340 of the Elections Code, is guilty of a misdemeanor.*

**SB411 UPDATES:** *If a Neighborhood Council has a quorum of board members in a physical location, board members who wish to join the meeting via teleconferencing must adhere to AB 2449 rules and regulations. If a Neighborhood Council does not have a quorum of board members in a physical location, they must adhere to SB 411 rules and regulations. In the event of a disruption that prevents the eligible legislative body from broadcasting the meeting to members of the public using the call-in option or internet-based service option, or in the event of a disruption within the eligible legislative body's control that prevents members of the public from offering public comments using the call-in option or internet-based service option, the eligible legislative body shall take no further action on items appearing on the meeting agenda until public access to the meeting via the call-in option or internet-based service option is restored. Actions taken on agenda items during a disruption that prevents the eligible legislative body from broadcasting the meeting may be challenged pursuant to Section 54960.1. The eligible legislative body shall not require public comments to be submitted in advance of the meeting and shall provide an opportunity for the public to address the legislative body and offer comments in real time. Notwithstanding Section 54953.3, an individual desiring to provide public comment through the use of an internet website, or other online platform, not under the control of the eligible legislative body, that requires registration to log in to a teleconference may be required to register as required by the third-party internet website or online platform to participate. (i) An eligible legislative body that provides a timed public comment period for each agenda item shall not close the public comment period for the agenda item, or the opportunity to register, pursuant to subparagraph , to provide public comment until that timed public comment period has elapsed. (ii) An eligible legislative body that does not provide a timed public comment period, but takes public comment separately on each agenda item, shall allow a reasonable amount of time per agenda 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.*