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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 13, 2024 - 6:30 PM

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

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| Debby Zhou (Chair) | P | | |
| Melynda Choothesa | A | | |
| Victor Robert | P | | |
| Leonel Aguilar | P | | |
| Reeyan Raynes | P | | |
| Bryan Paz | A | | |

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3. Chair's Welcome
4. Approval of minutes for [04/11/24](#) meeting
DZ motioned to approve, LA seconded
Y (4), N (0), Abstain (0), Absent (2)
5. Emergency Preparedness and Public Works update
Fire Dept has a new resilience liaison for DTLA
 - Our area is unique due to concerns related to industrial uses – risk of chemical fires and their ramifications versus wildfires, earthquakes. We require different strategies to tackle our specific issues.
 - RR asked for some data/trends to share with the broader city departments and council office.Hope/Pico – where the actor/bartender was murdered.
 - RR got street lighting request expedited for that block.
 - The state of street lights in DTLA – most are vandalized, and have a correlation with unsafe conditions.
 - Important to educate the community to report the issues when they complain on social media/at meetings.
 - Tree pruning is handled by the City. BID won't prune trees.Copper wire task force - CD14 claims they've made traction towards arrests
Street lighting - 5th St is a good prospect for repairs.
6. Old Business (All items for discussion and possible action)
 - a. Spring Street Park working group
Upcoming meeting with CD14 on 6/17
Conversation should focus on the mound. VR submitted letter from the Rowan HOA, but is aware that the meeting is just an intro to get foot in the door.
Need to get a line of communication open with RAC before we can broaden the focus.
VR will show a broad map of the park with problem areas circled.
Security issues – would be good to pull logs in which HOA security had to intervene.
7. New Business (All items for discussion and possible action)
 - a. Logistics and implementation of beautification projects in the 2024-25 fiscal year
Discussion focused on how to get a project done.

Complications we've experienced – permits, contracts, payments
Biggest thing is DLANC needs to avoid the permit process.
Easier projects would include utility boxes, tree plantings
Funding is not the issue, implementation is. Prime example is Pico Triangle.
Potentially the most optimal route could be NPG – find nonprofit that can deal
with the implementation, permits, etc.

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9. Committee member announcements

Next Meeting: July 11, 2024

Adjourn 8:00PM

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