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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, October 10, 2024 - 6:30 PM

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Si requiere servicios de traducción, favor de avisar al Concejo Vecinal 3 días de trabajo (72 horas) antes del evento. Por favor contacte Secretaria BellaNaomi Ostby por correo electrónico bellanaomi.ostby@dlanc.com para avisar al Concejo Vecinal.

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1. Call to Order / Roll Call **6:37PM**

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

2. General Public Comment - The public is requested to dial *9, when prompted by the presiding officer, to address the Board on any agenda item before the Board

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3. Chair's Welcome

4. Approval of minutes for [9/17/24](#) meeting

[DZ motioned to approve, RR seconded](#)
[Y\(4\), N\(0\), Abstain\(0\)](#)

5. Emergency Preparedness and Public Works update

[We have resources on the DLANC website for emergencies, city resources](#)
[RE: DLANC magnets – the phone number for Historic Core BID is wrong](#)

6. Old Business (All items for discussion and possible action)

a. Spring Street Park working group

[Community meeting had a great turnout.](#)

[VR collected survey responses for top concerns regarding the park.](#)

[The questionnaire was originally for El Dorado and Rowan buildings, would be good to open it up to the rest of the immediate community. The survey already has ~100 responses.](#)

[Top concerns are 1\) security 2\) expansion of green areas 3\) more trees](#)

[UCLA was present at the community meeting – they want to integrate with the community. Seems like there are big picture conversations happening, potential partnership with the two condo buildings.](#)

[Who should own the survey? NC vs. SPARK. SPARK can own it and work directly with CD14, as NC has more limitations regarding managing the survey.](#)

[Would be good to have a follow up meeting for the working group – SPARK, NC, DTLARA, as well as a touch base meeting with CD14.](#)

7. New Business (All items for discussion and possible action)

a. Discussion and possible action to send a letter to the Los Angeles Fire Department regarding fire prevention issues in Downtown

[Letter is focused on the issues around warehouse industrial fires. There's been an increase in arson and the fires are now major emergencies, causing damage to multiple buildings and firefighter injuries.](#)

They have become severe nuisances and public safety risks.
Letter is requesting for preventative measures and more resources allocated for inspections, staffing.

RR motioned to approve, LA seconded.
Amendments to address previous burns and secure properties to prevent secondary fires from occurring.
VR - what % of fires are secondary?

Y(4), N(0), Abstain(0)

- b. Submission of a CIS on CF [24-1143](#): 1051 South Grand Avenue / Public Park Development / South Park Community / Downtown Los Angeles / Purchase and Sale Agreement

DZ - It's premature to submit anything.

RR - concern that the City wants to continue using the lot as a parking lot until they figure out what to do with it.

RR motioned to create a working group (with SPNA, DTLARA, SPBID) to investigate feasibility, DZ seconded
Y(4), N(0), Abstain(0)

- c. Submission of a CIS on CF 24-1151: Bus Lane Violation Enforcement Pilot Program / City Revenue / Spending Plan Proposal / Core Services and Programs

RR motioned to submit CIS in support if amended with supplemental statement: Any funds generated go back to DTLA for LADOT streetscape improvements.
DZ seconded

Y(4), N(0), Abstain(0)

- d. Submission of a CIS on CF [20-1074-S6](#): L.A. Al Fresco Program / Permanent Sidewalk Dining Permits / Enrollment Barriers

DZ motioned to submit CIS in support, RR seconded

Y(4), N(0), Abstain(0)

- e. Submission of a CIS on CF [24-1178](#): Illegal Dumping Investigations / Watershed Protection Division / Bureau of Sanitation / Position Authorities

RR motioned to submit CIS in support, LA seconded

Y(4), N(0), Abstain(0)

8. General Public Comment

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9. Committee member announcements

Next Meeting: November 14, 2024

Adjourn **7:51PM**

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