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DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL PLANNING & LAND USE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, October 21, 2025 - 6:30 PM

Contact: PLUC@dlanc.com for more information

Si requiere servicios de traducción, favor de avisar al Concejo Vecinal 3 días de trabajo (72 horas) antes del evento. Por favor, contacte a la Secretaría Terin Ngo por correo electrónico terin.ngo@dlanc.com para avisar al Concejo Vecinal.

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.

Please note that we are asking presenters to limit their presentations to 10 minutes for a development project, CUB or other items.

1. Call to Order / Roll Call - 6:33pm

11 Present (P), 1 Absent (A), Not Counted for Quorum (*P)

Andrew Wong, AIA (Chair)	P	Oliver Alpuche	P @ 6:50 pm
Jens Midthun (Ex Officio)	*P	Reeyan Raynes	P
Amy Mack	P	Robert Pallmann	P
Denis Cruz	P	Ashley Craig	P
Ruthie Gould	P	Mark Oberholzer	P
Paul Kaufman	P	Justin Weiss	P

2. General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:

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Public Comment: Two public comments about meeting access

3. Chair's Welcome

4. Approval of the April 2025 meeting [minutes](#)

Motion: To approve the minutes

Mover: Reeyan Raynes **Seconder:** Andrew Wong

Public Comment: No Public Comment

Action: Minutes approved

Committee Vote: Y (10), N (0), Abstention (0), Recusal (0)

5. Declarations of Ex Parte communications

Reeyan declared an ex parte communication

6. Discussion and possible action on appointing a committee secretary and/or authorizing committee members to assist with administrative items

Action: No action taken, discussion only

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

- a. None

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

- a. **Case Number:** [ZA-2025-3795-CUB](#)

Project Name / Location: Bar Franca, 438 S. Main St., Los Angeles, CA 90013

Project Contact: Emily Kiwa Tanaka

Neighborhood: Historic Core

Project Description: A Conditional Use Beverage (CUB) permit to allow the sale and dispensing of a full line of alcoholic beverages (Type 48 license) for both on-site and off-site consumption at an existing lounge/tavern.

Project Requests: Letter of Support. Type 48 Full Line of Alcoholic beverages both on and off site MPA - Main Plan Approval

Motion: Approve the applicant's request and send a letter of support with standard conditions

Mover: Reeyan Raynes **Seconder:** Marks Oberholzer

Public Comment: Frank commented that beer is more relevant to wine as alcohol level is higher.

Action: Motion Passes

Committee Vote: Y 10), N (0), Abstention (0), Recusal (0)

- b. **Case Number:** [ZA-2025-541-CUB](#)

Project Name / Location: Petra Market, 655 S. Flower St., Los Angeles, CA

Project Contact: Liliger Damaso, Rob De La Torre, Loay Lazghoul

Neighborhood: Civic Center/Financial District

Project Description: A Conditional Use Permit (CUB) to allow the sale of a full line of alcoholic beverages (Type 21 ABC license) for off-site consumption at a 2,182 sq ft market. The requested hours for alcohol sales are 10:00 AM to 2:00 AM daily.

Motion: Approve the applicant's request and send a letter of support with 10 additional conditions

Mover: Reeyan Raynes **Second:** Justin Weiss

Public Comment: Three public comments concerning public safety in front of and near the applicant's establishment. Security issues are not the responsibility of the business owner.

Board Comment: Concerns about loitering, security plans and LAPD Vice complaints. Amy Mack concerns around the area. Denis reiterated that the late hours of 2pm is a concern. Justin Weiss concerned with area security and stated that it is on a high risk block. Andrew Wong suggested that the client speak with LAPD Sen Lead Officer SGT Al Flores. Reeyan Raynes suggest additional conditions. Andrew Wong suggests that the committee will rely on LAPD for direction. Andrew Wong explained his phone conversation with Sgt. Al Flores cited that there were multiple complaints and the client was uncooperative with the LAPD. Mark Oberholzer concerned that there was not a complete presentation. Reeyan Raynes offered to Applicants that they reach out to LAPD and reapproach the issues at the DLANC Board Meeting.

Action: Motion Passes

Committee Vote: Y (7), N (2), Abstention (2), Recusal (0)

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Public Comment: One public comment about local and state politics.

9. Committee Announcements

10. Next Meeting: November 18, 2025

11. Adjournment - 8:00 pm

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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.*

NOTICE TO PAID REPRESENTATIVES: *If you are compensated to monitor, attend, or speak at this meeting, City law may require you to register as a lobbyist and report your activity. See Los Angeles Municipal Code §§ 48.01 et seq. More information is available at ethics@lacity.org/lobbying. For assistance, please contact the Ethics Commission at (213) 978-1960 or ethics.commission@lacity.org.*

PUBLIC ACCESS OF RECORDS: *In compliance with Government Code section 54957.5, non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority or all of the board members in advance of a meeting may be viewed on our website by clicking on the following link: www.dlanc.com, or at the scheduled meeting. In addition, if you would like a copy of any record related to an item on the agenda, please contact the secretary, terin.ngo@dlanc.com*

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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*

