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DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL LIVABILITY COMMITTEE SPECIAL VIRTUAL MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, November 19th, 2025 - 6:00 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.

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1. Call to Order / Roll Call **6:01PM**

5 Present (P), 1 Not Counted for Quorum (*P) 0 Absent (A)

Heera Kapoor (Chair)	P	Amy Mack	P
Jens Midthun (ex-officio)	P	Payas Parab	P
Reeyan Raynes	P		
Debby Zhou	P		

2. **General Public Comment**

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Public Comment: Frank Zalez - Went to in-person meeting, but got there too late.

Kim Nakushima, Director of Policy and Research for the city tourism department, announced that construction for the convention center's expansion and modernization is moving quickly. A new detail is the planned, temporary closure of Pico Boulevard, which will be quite long and will affect the portion that runs under the convention center. The closure is currently planned for between L.A. Live Way on the west end and Figueroa on the east end. The street closure is planned to begin on December 4th and last until March 31, 2028, pending approval. Pico will likely remain closed to vehicular traffic during the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games. They will include DLANC in communications.

3. **Approval of minutes for 09/25/25 special meeting**

Motion: To approve the minutes

Mover: Reeyan Raynes **Second:** Payas Parab

Action: Minutes approved

Committee Vote: Y (5), N (0), Abstention (0), Recusal (0)

4. **Emergency Preparedness and Public Works update**

UPDATE: Reeyan Raynes

Reeyan mentioned efforts to address nuisance issues, including those at the Santa Fe Arts Colony and the Fashion District with vacant properties and fires and safety concerns. The committee is also still awaiting a response regarding the 110 freeway and the Third Street pedestrian tunnel, which involves coordination between the state and the city.

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

a. Pico Triangle updates

UPDATE REEYAN: a placemaking initiative spearheaded by DLANC and the South Park Business Improvement District (Social District), which is now seeing new elements on site where Pico and Olive meet. The current status includes ordering more planters, and an opening celebration is tentatively planned for January or February.

Committee Member Comments: N/A

Public Comment: N/A

b. Spring Street Park

UPDATE Jens/Heera/Reeyan : The committee discussed efforts to get Spring Street Park gates closed at night, a topic for which the community and organizations have been vocal. The Mayor's office, City Council District 14 (CD14), and Recreation and Parks representatives attended a community meeting, which the committee believed was productive. The need to get the park added to the official "park closed list" was identified.

c. Virtual LAPD Downtown Public Safety/Community Policing Forum

■ **Possible Topics:**

- **Current state of Policing/Public Safety**
- **Safety around transit**
- **What's being done around Affirmative Policing/Unarmed Policing around vulnerable communities**

■ **Create a Possible agenda for the Forum**

■ **Brainstorming possible Candidate questions**

■ **Have the Outreach Committee assist with creating a possible question survey.**

UPDATE Heera: The committee is moving forward with a virtual LAPD public safety community policing forum, with interest from LAPD and the Mayor's office. The tentative date is the week of January 17th. The Arts District Neighborhood Council has agreed to co-host. The search for a moderator is a priority, as the person needs to be credible and neutral. Lawrence Carroll was suggested as a potential moderator.

Public Comment: Teresa Hilery - Great idea and great work,
Frank Zalez - wants promotion of the closing of Pico on radio

and news. Paul Gamberg - Wants to help, Noreen Ahmed - Happy to help

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

- a. Discussion and possible action to regarding the stalled Streetscape Improvement Projects such as along Broadway, San Pedro, and 7th Streets

Committee Member Comments: Rian explained that streetscape projects, including those along Broadway, San Pedro, and 7th Street, have stalled. The Broadway project, for example, is complicated by the old streetcar plan and Metro's new bus rapid transit line plan. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to create a nimble, advisory work group to investigate and organize a coalition effort, initially focusing on Broadway, to figure out how to get the projects up and running again.

Public Comment: Frank Zalez - Doesn't think the city will approve because the city doesn't have money.

Motion: Chair moved on consent to support creating a work group to restart the stalled Streetscape Improvement Projects.

Mover: Heera Kapoor

Seconders: N/A

Action: Motion unanimously passed - no objections

Committee Vote: Y (6) , N (0), Abstention (0), Recusal (0)

- b. Discussion and possible action to submit a Community Impact Statement on CF [25-0752](#): Capital Improvement Plan / Capital Planning Steering Committee / Public Right-of-Way Projects:

Committee Member Comments: The discussion on submitting a Community Impact Statement (CIS) regarding the Capital Improvement Plan and public right-of-way projects was postponed. Rian explained that the mayor issued Executive Directive 9 plan to coordinate city departments regarding a Capital Infrastructure Plan (CIP) because the city's infrastructure is fragmented and failing. The council file seeks to bring this policy into public view and codify some elements into law. The item was postponed to allow for collaboration with the Urban Issues committee.

Public Comment: N/A

Motion: To Postpone the agenda item

Mover: Heera Kapoor

Seconders:

Action: Chair moved on consent to postpone until our next meeting.

Committee Vote: Y (6), N (0), Abstention (0), Recusal (0)

- c. Discussion and possible action to send a [letter](#) regarding street racing mitigation on Lower Grand Avenue in Bunker Hill

Committee Member Comments: Recommends writing a letter to incorporate speed bumps or another solution to slow cars down. Payas - can we collect evidence to submit. Reeyan - its on social media

Public Comment: Frank - Thinks the police should give tickets for street racing

Motion: Moves to send a letter regarding street racing mitigation on the lower level of Grand Avenue in Bunker Hill.

Mover: Reeyan Raynes

Seconders: Heera Kapoor

Action: Motion unanimously passed - no objections

Committee Vote: Y (6), N (0), Abstention (0), Recusal (0)

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Public Comment: Frank Zalez - Doesn't think the police will handle the situation.

8. **Committee member announcements - Debby wants the next meeting to be in person. Reeyan - are we having a December meeting?**
9. **Next Meeting: January at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday - Heera will let us know.**
10. **Adjourn 7:26pm**

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