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DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL LIVABILITY COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Los Angeles Central Library, Meeting Room A
630 W 5th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90071

Wednesday, January 28th, 2026 - 6:30 PM

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1. Call to Order / Roll Call 6:33PM

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

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

2. General Public Comment

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No General Public Comment

3. Approval of minutes for 11/21/25 special meeting

Motion: To approve minutes

Mover: Reeyan Raynes Seconder: Heera Kapoor

Action: Minutes approved / Committee vote:

Y(5), N(0), Abstention(0), Recusal(0)

4. Emergency Preparedness and Public Works update

Update: Reeyan Raines - Jens and Reeyan met with Metro Central Public Relations to discuss ongoing projects around 2028 Olympics impacting downtown LA - set expectations for communications. Discussed DLANC priorities such as public safety, pedestrianization of 11th st, floated proposal to close down 12th St. between Figueroa and Flower. Some are core projects funded by Olympic grants and others are general projects navigating funding.

Next steps: Round of community outreach regarding these projects in April

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

a. Pico Triangle updates:

Update: Working on getting planters and street furniture, landscaping, trees. The project is still advancing. Next phase get string lights with South Park BID

Committee comment: N/A

Public comment: N/A

b. Spring Street Park

Update: September we were alerted that Spring Street Park will no longer be closed at night. On Sept 26th, Livability wrote a letter approved by the Board. Heera scheduled town hall and city department meeting with the Mayor's office and CD14 representatives present. The city found a solution as it is now locking the park at night.

Committee comment: N/A

Public comment: N/A

a. Virtual LAPD Downtown Public Safety/Community Policing Forum:

Update: General message from the event - connecting residents to city services, civic engagement (residents coming and learning what city agencies are doing to address city issues and understanding resources available to them.

Committee comment: N/A

Public Comment: Theresa Hillary, asked Angela Reddock to join the panel.

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

a. Discussion and possible action to submit a Community Impact Statement on CF [25-1141](#): Bureau of Street Services (BSS) Urban Forestry Division / Climate Emergency Management Office (CEMO) / Citywide Tree Replacement Strategy

Public Comment: N/A

Update: Addressing city tree replacement strategy, problem is, they need to maintain a 20 year backlog of tree trimming and utilize that system as a way to create strategy.

Motion: Chair moves in support of submitting a CIS.

Mover: Heera Kapoor Seconder: Reeyan Raynes

Action: Motion unanimously passed - no objections

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

b. Discussion and possible action to submit a Community Impact Statement on CF [25-0974](#): ShadeLA Campaign / Broader Climate Resilience Strategies / Transit Amenities Program (STAP)

Public Comment: Noreen: Are there ways to get connected? Is the program relying on funding from the city, metro, to procure funds?

Update: ShadeLA is program to help fund community shading efforts

Motion: Chair moves in support of submitting a CIS

Mover: Amy Mack Seconder: Heera Kapoor

Action: Motion unanimously passed - no objections

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

c. Discussion and possible action to submit a Community Impact Statement on CF [25-1538](#): 2025 Citywide Needs Assessment / Park Needs Assessment (PNA) / Public Recreation Plan / New Park Classification

Supplemental Statement: DLANC supports and recommends that the Council adopt and advance the recommendations contained in the Board of Recreation & Parks Commissioners' report regarding the Parks Needs Assessment (PNA). DLANC also acknowledges and commends the Department of Recreation & Parks and the PNA

consultant team for the thoughtful work behind the PNA, as well as for incorporating many of DLANC's recommendations addressing the specific needs of the Downtown community into the report.

Public Comment: N/A

Update: Parks needs assessment - Explaining to CD14 that this is a top priority as several of the items listed are DLANC recommendations that included requests directly from the community.

Motion: Chair moves in support of submitting a CIS
Mover: Heera Kapoor Second: Reeyan Raynes
Action: Motion unanimously passed - no objections
Committee vote: Y(5), N(0), Abstention(0), Recusal(0)

d. Discussion and possible action to submit a Community Impact Statement on CF [25-1457](#): Open and Slow Streets Program / Cycle 6 / Cycle 7 / Grant Application / Los Angeles County Metropolitan Authority

Public Comment: N/A

Update: Department of transportation competing and won funding related to metro grants around streetscape closure programs around the 2028 Olympics.

Motion: Chair moves to submit CIS in support
Mover: Heera Kapoor Second: Reeyan Raynes

Action: Chair moves in support of submitting a CIS
Committee vote: Y(5), N(0), Abstention(0), Recusal(0)

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8. Committee member announcements Heera Kapoor will announce if the next meeting will be in person

9. Next Meeting: Wednesday 18th February 2026 - 6:30pm

10. Adjourn 7:33PM

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