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

**Little Tokyo Library, Meeting Room
203 S Los Angeles St, Los Angeles, CA 90012**

Tuesday, March 17, 2026 - 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.

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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 6:35pm

8 Present (P), 3 Not Counted for Quorum (*P), 3 Absent (A)

Andrew Wong, AIA (Chair)	P	Oliver Alpuche	P
Jens Midthun (Ex Officio)	*P	Reeyan Raynes	P
Amy Mack	A	Robert Pallmann	A
Denis Cruz	P	Ashley Craig	P
Ruthie Gould	P	Mark Oberholzer	P
Paul Kaufman	A	Justin Weiss	P
Min Tri Vu (A)	*P	Jola Idowu (A)	*P

2. General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:

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Public Comment: No Public Comment

3. Chair's Welcome

4. Approval of the March 2026 meeting [minutes](#)

Motion: To approve the minutes

Mover: AW **Seconder:** RR

Public Comment: No Public Comment

Action: Minutes approved

Committee Vote: Y (8), N (0), Abstention (0),

5. Declarations of Ex Parte communications

RR declared that he spoke to LAPD regarding item 8d

6. Work Group Reports

- a. **Civic Center Master Plan** (Ashley C., Mark O., and Jola I.)
- b. **Broadway Entertainment Zone** (Paul K., Amy M., and Oliver A)
- c. **South Park Oceanwide Towers** (Mihn V., Justin W., Ruthie G., and Robert P.)

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

- a. Discussion and possible action regarding external messaging and coalition building regarding DLANC's [Civic Center Masterplan Reactivation Process Letter](#)

Action: Item continued to the April meeting

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

- a. **Case Number:** [ZA-2026-835-MPA](#)

Staff Assigned: Phillip Bazan

Project Name / Location: Ballers DTLA, [750 W 7th St](#),

Project Contact: Wil Nieves [Company: Nieves and Associates]

Applicant: Daniel Briones [Company: Ballers DTLA, LLC]

Neighborhood: Civic Center/Financial District

Project Description: Master Plan Approval (MPA) to allow the on-site sale and consumption of a full line of alcoholic beverages (Type 47), along with live entertainment and patron dancing, in a new 101,617 sq. ft. Social Sports Club/restaurant facility (3rd level and rooftop). Requested hours of operation are from 6:00 am to 2:00 am Daily. The request is in conjunction with Master CUP ZA-2014-1149-MCUP-CUX.

JW recused due to being a broker of several units on this site.

Motion: To approve the applicant's request and send a letter of support with 2 standard conditions

Mover: RR **Seconder:** AW

Public Comment: No Public Comment

Action: Motion approved

Committee Vote: Y (7), N (0), Abstention (0), Recusal (1)

b. **Case Number:** [ZA-2026-740-CUB-CUX](#)

Staff Assigned: Phillip Bazan

Project Name / Location: Prospect Park, [818 Wilshire Blvd](#) (1st Floor/Mezzanine Level)

Project Contact: Wil Nieves [Company: Alcoholic Beverage Licensing Company]

Applicant: Rodney Valentine [Company: Big City Entertainment Group, LLC]

Neighborhood: Civic Center/Financial District

Project Description: Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to allow the sale and dispensing of a full line of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption with live entertainment, DJ, karaoke, piano bar/singer, live bands and public dancing, as accessory uses, in conjunction with the operation of a proposed 5,134 sq. ft. restaurant/bar/lounge (3,915 sq. ft. first floor and 1,219 sq. ft. mezzanine) accommodating 122 seats. Hours of operation are from 6 am-4 am daily, with alcohol service until 2 am daily.

[DC recused due to having previously worked with the client](#)

[Motion: To modify the applicant's request for hours of operations and send a letter of support with 7 conditions](#)

Mover: RR **Seconder:** AW

Public Comment: No Public Comment

Action: Motion approved

Committee Vote: Y (7), N (0), Abstention (0), Recusal (1)

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9. Committee Announcements

10. Next Meeting: April 19, 2026

11. Adjournment 8:00pm

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