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DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL JOINT PLANNING & LAND USE AND LIVABILITY COMMITTEE VIRTUAL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, April 2, 2026 - 6:30 PM

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IN CONFORMITY WITH THE JANUARY 1, 2026 ENACTMENT OF CALIFORNIA SENATE BILL 707 (DURAZO) AND LA CITY COUNCIL FILE 23-1114, THIS DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED VIRTUALLY.

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provide public comment until that timed public comment period has elapsed.
California Government Code Section 54953.8(b)(6)(A),

A legislative body that does not provide a timed public comment period, but takes public comment separately on each agenda item, shall allow a reasonable amount of time per agenda item to allow public members the opportunity to provide public comment, including time for members of the public to register pursuant to paragraph (5), or otherwise be recognized for the purpose of providing public comment. **California Government Code Section 54953.8(b)(6)(B).**

Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the Committee’s jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period. Please note that under the Brown Act, the Committee 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 Committee meeting. Public comment is limited to 2 minutes per speaker unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Committee.

Instructions on how to sign up for public comment will be given to listeners at the start of the meeting.

1. Call to Order / Roll Call - Call to order: 6:30PM

Planning & Land Use Committee:

7 Present (P), 2 Not Counted for Quorum (*P), 4 Absent (A)

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

Livability Committee:

6 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

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Reeyan Raynes	P	Ubel Perez	P
Debby Zhou	P		

2. Chair’s and President’s Welcome

3. Declarations of Ex Parte communications

Reeyan Raynes and Jens Midthun both disclosed that they spoke to AltaMed team, CD14, Mayor’s Office, and Stakeholders prior to this meeting.

4. Presentation and discussion and possible action, from [AltaMed](#), regarding the proposed *Museum of Chicano and Mexican Art* for the Design and Operation of the *El Corazón Art Park Project*, at the [1st and Broadway Civic Center Park \(FAB Park\)](#): relative to [Board Report 26-030](#) from the Board of Recreation & Parks Commissioners.

Public Comment:

Jens reads letter from community member expressing concerns regarding the proposal and lack of transparency, and suggesting more community outreach. How will this proposal affect the timeline for permanent park?

There seems to be no other community outreach so far, and this plan has not included community input. Also, how did we arrive at the \$175k valuation? Is this serving the local community?

There is a huge concern over the lack of transparency in the process and how this is moving forward with lack of community involvement. This proposal feels rushed.

We need more open green space and are currently opposed to the proposed plan to have a fenced off area that is exclusive to the public and local residents. ideas about programming.

YMCA: Expressing support for the proposal

AltaMed: The \$175k usage fee is what R&P said would be the revenue generated throughout the year from renting the space. Any revenue generated for AltaMed would go into the project expenses.

Committee Comment:

Reeyan: Serious concern over transparency since this process began in August of last year and has not had any community involvement thus far. Can you speak to the foundation work and utilities work?

AltaMed: This is not a medical center and it is not for patients. This is focused on health and wellness for the community. There is a rush because we want a presence during the World Cup and the Olympics. The plan is to take it one year at a time throughout the games. There will be an open space in the middle that came from direction from CD14, and no public restrooms. The project includes flexible structures, landscaping, art gallery, gathering space. AltaMed will be responsible for employing 2-3 security guards 24/7 as well as during hours of operations Thursday through Sunday from 10AM - 5PM.

We would love to hear feedback from the community and we are open to

Heera: Curious as to when the site is closed - will the gate be open for public use?

AltaMed: We would love to be open 24/7 but currently do not have the resources to stay open and employ security. Will look into it.

Reeyan: Suggesting more public outreach in Little Tokyo and Arts District

AltaMed: This is not the only forum for community outreach

Octavio: We have met with the Music Center. We will schedule more sessions for community input.

Ashley: Concerned about the material being used and the presentation doesn't seem adequate for where the project is in the process. Would like to see a more detailed plan. Do not understand why a fence needs to be erected.

Jola: Concern about hours of operation - very limited time for youth to be involved also the fence will isolate the space and make it more exclusive.

AltaMed: City requested mental health programming and there will not be any sports programming. We are open to ideas regarding programming.

Mark: Fencing will be expensive - Music Center is not a major stakeholder in this space.

Ruthie: What is the fence made of and what are the fees associated with the classes?

AltaMed: No details on fence yet. Not all classes will have a charge - some may have a fee. Not entirely defined yet. Programming has not been finalized.

Andrew: The renderings aren't realistic enough to make an impression. I would be happy to review the plan and provide input.

Reeyan: Beyond the fence, it is important to engage Spring St and 1st. Street corner since that is the facade when driving into downtown.

Jens: Any plans regarding encampments?

AltaMed: No plan as of yet.

Heera: Is this a permanent plan? What is the end goal?

AltaMed: The plan is to look into this being a permanent fixture, and taking this year to come up with ideas with the community and assess feasibility long-term. Our biggest takeaway is to do more community outreach.

Action: No action taken

5. General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:

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Public Comment:

Frank Zalez raised concerns about City Hall's handling of the Chavez farmworker issue, stating that the name of Chavez Day was changed to Farmworkers Day without an investigation.

L.A. Ridings suggested that institutions looking to site themselves in downtown Los Angeles have many other suitable locations, such as on Broadway, in historic buildings, or in South Park.

Farah Casis suggested using the money allocated for the fence towards nighttime security instead, allowing residents who work during the day to utilize the space later in the evening.

Mr. Whitman strongly opposed the proposal, arguing that a fenced area only open for 28 hours a week is not resident-friendly. Mr. Whitman urged the council not to vote for the proposal when they eventually take a position on the topic .

6. Adjournment - 8:05PM

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