



**DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**  
**MONTHLY BOARD MEETING**

Tuesday April 09, 2013, 7:00 P.M. or after Special Meeting

Los Angeles Theatre 615 S. Broadway

**SPECIAL AMMENDED AGENDA**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Installation of board members or alternates
4. Motion: To approve the minutes from February 12, 2013 and March 12, 2013
5. Reports from City or Elected Officials and representatives
6. Public comment on Non-Agenda Items within the board's subject matter. Speakers must fill out a public comment card. Public comments are limited to two minutes per speaker with a total time of ten minutes. (These parameters may be changed by the chair, depending on number of speakers and time considerations.)
7. President's Report
8. Treasurer's Report
  - 8.1. MOTION: Approve 3rd Quarter Expenditures
  - 8.2. MOTION: Renew lease for 2013-14.
9. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:
  - 9.1 MOTION: The NC authorizes its President to attend and to seek permission of the court to speak for the NC and its stakeholders, at the April 17 hearing and any continuation of the hearing. The NC supports clean, unobstructed sidewalks, free of shopping carts and mounds of tarped items. To that end, the NC supports all efforts to clarify the court's injunction to enable the City to remove and store for 90-days all uncontaminated personal property from the sidewalks of the NC.
  - 9.2 MOTION: Sections of the City's Administrative Code which touch upon neighborhood council stakeholders be amended as follows:
    - (1) remove the requirement that neighborhood councils provide governing board positions for factual basis stakeholders;
    - (2) allow each neighborhood council to determine the number, if any, of governing board seats that be allocated to factual basis stakeholders;
    - (3) remove the current definition of factual basis stakeholder; and
    - (4) allow each neighborhood council to adopt its own definition of factual basis stakeholder."

**9.3 MOTION:** Whereas the City is asking the Neighborhood Councils to postpone their elections due to budget issues,

and Whereas the City is asking each neighborhood council to pay for their next elections, approximately \$7300.00 per council, and

Whereas the City continues to violate Charter Section 911 by cutting neighborhood council funds, sweeping annual excess funds, and failing to fund Neighborhood Councils in a secure account one year in advance,

Therefore, the Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council moves:

(1)That the City issues NO DELAYS in the 2014 neighborhood council elections

(2)That The City fully fund the Neighborhood Councils' 2014 elections

(3)That the City imposes no further cuts to the Neighborhood Councils annual budgets and increases the funding to \$50,000

(4)That the City cease and desist from any further sweeping of Neighborhood Council funds, in violation of Charter Section 911

(5)That the Downtown Neighborhood Council files an immediate letter of complaint against the City for its violations of Charter Section 911.

**9.4 Motion:** To confirm voting members for PROS, per Chair's request:

Judith Hansen, chair

Jason Morris, co-chair

Gail Zone

Katherine McNenny

Alisa Rivera

Laura Rossi

Patti Berman

Tina Pellegrino

Kevin Michael Key

## **10. BY-LAWS COMMITTEE:**

**10.1 MOTION:** To adopt bylaws changes to comply with City required selection guidelines for board vacancies as follows:

Deletion of existing bylaws Section 7.01 d. Existing language: Special elections shall be held by the relevant town hall meeting to fill any vacancy. To be replaced with:

- At a regularly scheduled meeting, a vacant seat will be announced.
- Any Stakeholder interested in filling a vacancy on the Board shall submit a written application to the Board one week prior to the selection meeting. Eligible candidates must qualify as stakeholder with appropriate candidate qualification requirements.
- The Board shall cause the matter to be placed on the agenda for the next regular meeting of the Board.
- The Board shall vote on the application at the next regularly scheduled meeting. If multiple applications for one seat have been submitted, the candidate with the most votes wins.
- The candidate who wins shall fill the remaining term of the Board seat unless an election or selection occurs sooner.
- In no event shall a vacant seat be filled where a general election is scheduled to occur within 60 days of the date that a written application is presented to the Board.

**10.2 MOTION:** To change the language defining Business seat stakeholders as follows:

- Delete the current language
- Replace with: Person who owns a business or is employed by a business which is located within the district boundaries and who is at least 16 years of age.

**11. PHS COMMITTEE:**

**11.1 MOTION:** To appropriate \$75 for program at James Woods Center for DVD rentals and Outreach materials. Program will support movies shown at the Center during bad weather.

**11.2 MOTION:** To approve letter to City officials & LAPD requesting written policy of requirement for photo ID to enter City Hall. Some individuals, such as homeless, do not have state or federally issued photo ID's. Front desk policy seems to be undefined and variable depending on staff.

**11.3 MOTION:** To approve letter for a meeting with City officials, council office CD14 and adjacent property owners, residents and others involved to create an ongoing maintenance, security and supervision plan for the public pedway from Bunker Hill Towers Plaza to World Trade Center. This area has seen a drastic increase in vandalism, graffiti, maintenance issues and decrease in public safety since the dissolution of the CRA on this City owned property.

**12. SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE:**

**21.1 MOTION:** WHEREAS, the Bay-Delta Conservation Plan to build a new tunnel or conveyance facility to divert the Sacramento River is estimated to cost between \$20 and \$50 billion, affecting ratepayers in Los Angeles;

WHEREAS, LADWP's 2010 Urban Water Management Water Plan calls for purchasing *less* imported water and prioritizing local water sources;

WHEREAS, an earthquake could compromise pipelines that deliver imported water; and

WHEREAS, the same project was defeated by California voters in 1982.

WHEREAS, this issue was discussed at the February 27 and at the March 27, 2013 meetings of the Sustainability Committee, and unanimously approved.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that DLANC urges the City Council to pass legislation prohibiting the use of any ratepayer funds towards financing a new tunnel or any conveyance facility to divert the Sacramento River. We also urge the Council to pass legislation to support investment in local water projects that would improve the reliability of our water supply.

**12.2 WHEREAS, known and suspected carcinogens have been consistently used in fracking fluid; WHEREAS, fracking results in millions of gallons of toxic wastewater and thousands of tons of solid waste for each new well; WHEREAS, increased air pollution from fracking is of particular concern in California, with many areas having some of the worst air quality in our nation; and WHEREAS, fracking causes serious air pollution problems, and creates serious short- and long-term risks to drinking water resources. Furthermore, it compounds the already alarming threats that global climate change poses to the California economy. WHEREAS, this issue was discussed at the February 27, and at the March 27, 2013, meetings of the Sustainability Committee, and unanimously approved. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council urges the State of California to take swift action and issue an immediate ban on all fracking operations in California.**

**12.3 WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Human Health & Services listed the Styrene within Styrofoam as a “reasonably anticipated human carcinogen”; WHEREAS, studies have shown that Styrene in food containers leaches into the food when heated, or in contact with acids, or grease and oil; WHEREAS, lower income communities have a higher share of fast food restaurants, those who can least afford to pay for the ill-effects of Styrene are the most at-risk of needing to; WHEREAS, polystyrene is the second most abundant form of beach debris littering urban California beaches; and WHEREAS, this issue was discussed at the February 27 and at the March 27, 2013, meetings of the Sustainability Committee, and unanimously approved. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council (DLANC) supports a city-wide phase out of EPS polystyrene foam (e.g. “Styrofoam”) takeout food containers in all public and private establishments, because of both the human health threats associated with these products and the environmental blight they cause.**

**12.4 WHEREAS, the Downtown Vision plan does not have a website wherein interested persons can find information and participate; WHEREAS, the approved and funded contract between the Southern California Association of Governments and the consultant, AECOM specifically omitted funding for web-development and hosting; WHEREAS, current DLANC web developer submitted a competitive proposal for development of the site; WHEREAS, this issue was discussed at the March 27, 2013 meeting of the Sustainability Committee, and unanimously approved. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council (DLANC) allocates \$1,700 to fund the development of the Vision Plan Website.**

**12.5 WHEREAS**, the installation of the green bike lane on Spring Street was a community effort led by DLANC, who engaged multiple City departments, local residents, business owners, and the cycling community;

**WHEREAS**, the film industry has been lobbying to remove the green lanes, ostensibly because Spring Street is a “stand-in” for cities all over the world;

**WHEREAS**, a growing number of major cities in the US and internationally have adopted green lanes, including Austin, TX, Chicago, Memphis, Portland, Pittsburgh, San Francisco, Washington, DC, Long Beach, Palm Springs, Atlanta, New York, Indianapolis, San Jose, Boulder, CO, and Fairbanks, AK;

**WHEREAS**, the green lane has paved the way for a “streets renaissance” on Spring Street, with parklets and continental crosswalks to be implemented in 2013;

**WHEREAS**, according to a recent report by LA County Bike Coalition, the green lanes have increased cycling safety and women’s cycling on Spring Street;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council (DLANC) reiterates its support for retaining the Green Bike Lane on Spring Street, and urges the City work with DLANC, FilmLA, and the cycling community to find a solution to any complaints whilst retaining the integrity of the Green Lane program.

**13. PROS COMMITTEE:**

**13.1 MOTION:** To approve letter concerning the importance of keeping San Julian open space and Gladys Park open to the public in perpetuity.

**13.2 MOTION:** To approve letter requesting that San Julian open space be moved from SRO oversight to the LA Department of Recreation and Parks.

**14. OUTREACH:**

**MOTION:** To approve the expenditures for collateral material as requested by the committee. See schedule.

**15. PLANNING COMMITTEE:**

**15.1 MOTION:** To ratify a letter approving renewal of a CUB for a full line of alcohol for an existing restaurant space located at 800 W. Wilshire Blvd.

**15.2 MOTION:** To ratify letter approving modification of hours for an existing CUB for the Kawada Hotel located at 200 S. Hill Street.

**15.3 MOTION:** To ratify a letter approving the upgrade of the CUB for an existing bar/lounge to include expanded foodservice located at 600 S. Spring Street.

**15.4 MOTION:** To ratify a letter approving the modification of the CUB to include basement expansion for an existing bar/lounge located at 131 E. 5th Street

**15.5 MOTION:** To ratify letter of support for proposed 58 unit mixed-use, adaptive re-use project located at 430 S. Broadway.

**15.6 MOTION:** To ratify letter of support for proposed multi structure, mixed-use project located at the former City Market produce site.

**15.7 MOTION:** To approve no position items

- 735 S. Figueroa - installation of digital signage - categorical exemption
- 717 W. Olympic - installation of signage - categorical exemption

**16. AFFORDABLE HOUSING: No Motions**

**17. ARTS COMMITTEE: No motions**

- 18. Officer Reports**
  - 18.1. V.P. Outreach**
  - 18.2. V.P. Administration**
  - 18.3. Secretary**
- 19. Other Board Member comments**
- 20. Adjournment**

**Order of items may be changed depending on scheduling issues and quorum needs.)**

**Comments from the public on agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda that is within the Committee's subject matter jurisdiction will be heard during the public comment period. Public comment is limited to 2 minutes per speaker, unless waived by the presiding officer of the Committee. As a covered entity under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Los Angeles does not discriminate on the basis of disability and upon request, will provide reasonable accommodation to ensure equal access to its programs, services, and activities. Sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices, or other auxiliary aids and/or services may be provided upon request. To ensure availability of services, please make your request at least 3 business days (72 hours) prior to the meeting you wish to attend by contacting President Patti Berman: [patti.berman@dlanc.com](mailto:patti.berman@dlanc.com)**

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