



BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING AGENDA

Meeting Date: [February 11, 2020]
Meeting Time: [6:30 PM]
Meeting Location: [Palace Theatre, 630 S. Broadway]
Contact: patti.berman@dlanc.com for more information

1. Call to Order / Roll Call

Patti Berman		
		EMPTY
Ryan Afari		Alex LiMandri
Pat Barrett		Patricia Louis
Wendell Blassingame		Marcus Lovingood
Ian Young		Mac McCarthy
Beverly Christiansen		Robert Newman
Dan Curnow		Claudia Oliveira
Michael Delijani		Michael Olivera
Naira Harootunian		Betsy Starman
Colleen Hilderman Clayton		John Swartz
Tony Hoover		Michael Burbank
Mindy Kordash-Shim		Shawn Smith

2. Announcement of vacant seat
3. Swearing in of vetted alternates
4. Speakers
 - a. City, State, County or Elected Officials or representatives
 - b. Cheyanne Sauter from Art Share concerning a new mural on S. San Pedro
5. Declarations of Ex Parte communications
6. General Public Comment - Public comment on Non-Agenda Items within the board's subject matter. Speakers are asked to fill out a public comment card. Public comments are limited to two minutes per speaker with a total time of ten minutes. (The chair, depending on number of speakers and time considerations, may change these parameters.)
7. **MOTION: The Board shall approve the Minutes from 01-2020**
8. President's Report
 - a. Website update
 - b. Co-chairs
 - c. Agenda deadlines
 - d. Other messages of import
9. Liaison Reports

10. Financial:

- a. **MOTION: The DLANC Board shall approve the January 2020 Monthly Expenditure Report**
- b. **MOTION: The DLANC Board shall approve the research of a possible move of the DLANC meeting room to a co-working space. Cost not to exceed \$2000/month. Facilities to contain meeting rooms with AV, printers and copiers, coffee and other amenities. Locked storage would also be provided.**
- c. Urban Needs
 - i. **MOTION: The DLANC Board shall approve the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$100 to create a recognition certificate from DLANC to SRO Corporation for “motivating and stimulating the community by providing services beyond the scope of just housing”.**

11. Consent Calendar: **

- a. The DLANC Board approve Naira Harootunian to the Budget and Finance Committee
- b. The DLANC Board approve Patti Berman to the Budget and Finance Committee
- c. The DLANC Board approve Colleen Clayton to the Budget and Finance Committee

12. Old Business

- a. RE: Homelessness Impact / Public Parks
Council File: (CF) 19-1119

The City Charter specifies that the Department of Recreation and Parks is provided the power and duty to establish, construct, maintain, operate and control all parks and recreational facilities in the City, which includes 444 City parks and 16,000 acres of parkland. The Department states that it is focused on restoring and enhancing the safety and enjoyment of park patrons; increasing recreational programming; supporting greater park access and equity; supporting the Los Angeles River Revitalization; implementing increased sustainability practices and projects: maximizing private-public partnerships; and improving customer service. In addition, the General Manager advises it is one his goals to help build healthy communities that will make Los Angeles one of the most livable cities in the country.

The 2019 Point-In-Time Count of homeless individuals identified over 36,000 homeless individuals in the City, of which more than 27,000 are unsheltered. These 27,000 unsheltered people are forced to live exposed on City streets, in tents, in their vehicles, or in temporary shelters. In addition to these locations some unsheltered residents have sought refuge in City parks in order to access the open space and use the facilities.

Given that homelessness impacts most areas of the City, including City parks, and given that some public parks continue to be significantly impacted by the presence of people experiencing homelessness, the City can be better informed by all park users and City staff on how to address the challenges of homelessness in and adjacent to our public parks.

City Council Motion moves that the Department of Recreation and Parks be instructed to conduct community stakeholder meetings in each Council District with all park users in order to solicit feedback relative to ensuring that City parks are safe, clean, manageable, and accessible to everyone, and that the Department report to Council with the results of these public meetings and offer recommendations on how to manage the impacts of homelessness at all City parks.

MOTION: The DLANC Board shall submit a CIS of in support of council file 19-1119

GLC Vote Count: Yes: 3, No: 0, Abstention: 0; Absent: 1, Recused: 0

b. RE: State of Emergency / Homelessness

Council File: (CF) 19-0002-S172

WHEREAS, the annual point-in-time homeless count conducted by the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) revealed that homelessness in the City of Los Angeles has increased an estimated 16% since 2018 with over* 36,000 people living on the streets or in vehicles, and;

- WHEREAS, the drastic increase in homelessness in 2019 strongly impacted the City's most vulnerable populations, with a 24% rise in youth, 8% rise in families, 13% rise in women and 17% rise in the chronically homeless, and;
- WHEREAS, in 2018, there was a 68% increase in Rart I crimes involving a homeless victim in the City, and;
- WHEREAS, in 2018, there were nearly 130,000 people on the streets on any given night throughout the State of California - the most of any state in the nation, and
- WHEREAS, numerous cities in California are struggling to adequately respond to the homelessness crisis, and;
- WHEREAS, deplorable conditions in and surrounding, areas 'with a high density of homeless encampments has led to multiple cases of individuals, both housed and unhoused, contracting diseases borne by fleas and feces, including typhus, typhoid fever, hepatitis A, tuberculosis, and staph infection, and;
- WHEREAS, the public health and safety of the residents of California, both unhoused and housed, will be in great danger unless drastic, immediate measures are taken, and;
- WHEREAS, despite new funding sources and other resources to aid the City's homeless population, a crisis persists. All tools made available to address the homelessness crisis plaguing all major cities throughout the state must be leveraged, and;
- WHEREAS, California Government Code §8625 grants the Governor the authority to declare a regional or statewide emergency and coordinate emergency response activities, and;
- WHEREAS, a state of emergency is defined in subdivision (b) of California Government Code §8558 as "any occurrence which by reason of its magnitude is or is likely to become beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of any single county, city and county, or city and require the combined forces of a mutual aid region or regions...", and; SEP 2 5 2013
- WHEREAS, the declaration of at state of emergency enables state and local agencies to act quickly and without normal constraints to address an emergency situation, request mutual aid from other governmental organizations and Seek emergency funding, and;
- WHEREAS, when a state of emergency is declared, public employees and governing bodies are afforded certain legal immunities for emergency actions taken, and;
- WHEREAS, a declaration of a State of Emergency allows agencies and departments to more efficiently procure materials and services necessary to address the situation, and;

Be it resolved that the Los Angeles City Council does hereby find that homelessness has ballooned into a crisis of seismic proportions outside of the control of the City of Los Angeles and the cities of the State of California alone to address with existing resources, and that the plight of individuals living on the streets jeopardizes the public health and safety of those individuals and imperils the broader citizenry of the State of California.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2019 - 2020 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for action by Governor Gavin Newsom to declare a State of Emergency on Homelessness in the State of California.

MOTION: The DLANC Board shall submit a CIS of in support of council file 19-0002-S172

GLC Vote Count: Yes: 3, No: 0, Abstention: 0; Absent: 0, Recused: 0

c. RE: Pilot Program CFs 18-0786 (CERT Supply Cache Pilot)

CFs 18-0786: Natural and man-made disasters pose a serious risk to the City and its residents, and serious disasters, such as a major earthquake or fire, could place significant strains on the City's first responders. In an effort to mitigate these risks, programs have been created to prepare for emergencies, and to provide emergency response training to residents. These programs include the Fire Department's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program and the Emergency Management Department's Ready Your LA Neighborhood (RYLAN) program.

Neighborhood Councils also play a significant role in emergency preparedness. A number have hosted emergency preparedness forums, emergency training sessions and other events. In addition, some Neighborhood Councils have expressed a desire to fund emergency preparedness supply caches. However, due to concerns about the ownership and placement of the caches, Neighborhood Councils have been unable to directly purchase and distribute similar units in their communities.

Cities such as Portland, Seattle and Berkeley have established programs to create resilience hubs where volunteers can partner with public safety agencies to respond and coordinate disaster recovery.

The Fire Department has recently implemented a pilot program where they store emergency supply caches at fire stations in order to provide CERT members with tools and supplies to complete assigned missions during an emergency. However, more can be done to provide essential supplies to residents following a major disaster, including the creation of supply caches that can be accessed for neighborhood responders during an emergency.

It is moved that the Fire Department report on their CERT supply cache pilot and the necessary maintenance and replenishment of supplies within 60 days.

It is further moved that the Fire Department, Emergency Management Department and the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, with the assistance of the General Services Department and Recreation and Parks, report within 60 days on the creation of a pilot program to place cache units at City facilities within the boundaries of each Neighborhood Council in Council District 3. This report should provide options for Neighborhood Councils to purchase the caches, and possible metrics on determining the success of a pilot.

MOTION: The DLANC Board shall submit a CIS of in support of council file 18-0786
(GLC Vote Count: Yes: 3, No: 0, Abstention: 0; Absent: 1, Recused: 0)

d. RE: Anti - Displacement Zones

DETAILS: Luxury apartment development projects are designed to strengthen the economy of the neighborhood and rental market, many times attracting what might be different socio-economic groups to a long-established community. However, too many of these developments are being built in neighborhoods that have suffered decades of disinvestment as a result of discrimination and racism in the banking and real estate industry with the help of restrictive covenants and other repealed and unconstitutional government laws that reinforced redlining and reverse redlining in non-white communities. After decades, these neighborhoods continue to be plagued by higher unemployment, substandard education, high crime rates, and predatory lending. Development projects should help to build up an area in need of economic investment so that members in the community can make use of these local amenities and improve their everyday lives.

A moratorium or (a wide zone prohibiting any type of residential construction has not been proven to help the low-income housing shortage but will cause a decline in the overall housing in Los Angeles; ultimately negatively affecting housing prices and the overall economy.

It is moved to instruct the Housing and Community Investment Department (HCID), with assistance from the City Attorney, to prepare and present a draft ordinance that applies to both existing and new tenancies, establishes anti-displacement zones around market-rate or luxury housing developments that contain zero affordable units, and caps rent increases within a two-mile radius for three years.

MOTION: The DLANC Board shall submit a CIS of in opposition of council file 19-1129
(GLC Vote Count: Yes: 3, No: 0, Abstention: 0; Absent: 1, Recused: 0)

13. New Business [All items possible for discussion and possible action]

- a. **MOTION: The DLANC Board shall approve co-sponsoring a Public Safety Outreach event in March at Gladys Park with the City Attorney's Office and The Los Angeles Police Department. The purpose is to engage the Skid Row community and provide constituents with information to help keep them safe. DLANC will have a table presence and logo on the poster.**

b. **Urban Needs and Resources**

- i. **MOTION: The DLANC board shall approve a letter to Captain Harrelson in regard to foot patrol in the Skid Row area in Central City East.**

c. **Government Liaison**

- i. RE: Motels / Transit Occupancy Tax (TOT) Exemption / Housing of Homeless Individuals / Government and Homeless Service Provider Partnership / Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) / Ordinance

DETAILS: Introduced on August 16, 2019 and referred to Budget and Finance Committee. Motion is requesting the Office of the City Attorney with the assistance of the Office of Finance, to prepare and ordinance to exempt motels leasing their units for the purpose of housing homeless individuals in partnership with government and homeless service providers from being required to collect and remit Transit Occupancy Tax.

It is moved that the City Attorney be requested, with the assistance of the Office of Finance, to prepare and present an ordinance to exempt motels leasing their units for the purpose of housing homeless individuals in partnership with government and homeless service providers from being required to collect and remit Transit Occupancy Tax.

MOTION: The DLANC Board shall submit a CIS of in support of council file 13-1493-S8
(GLC Vote Count: Yes: 3, No: 0, Abstention: 0; Absent: 1, Recused: 0)

ii. RE: E-Cigarettes / Vape Pens / Cannabis Product Safety / Testing Laboratories

DETAILS: Introduced on September 24, 2019 and referred to Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee. Motion is instructing the Department of Cannabis Regulation to report on the activities of testing laboratories within Los Angeles and elsewhere in California as they relate to cannabis product safety and public health, and make recommendations for steps that the Council should take to compel the cannabis industry to remove all known threats to public health from cannabis vaping products.

It is moved that the Council INSTRUCT the Department of Cannabis Regulation to report on the activities of testing laboratories within Los Angeles and elsewhere in California as they relate to cannabis product safety and public health, and make recommendations for steps that the Council should take to compel the cannabis industry to remove all known threats to public health from cannabis vaping products.

It is further moved that the City Attorney draft an ordinance that will prohibit the sale of all cannabis products and associated accessories used for vaping within the City of Los Angeles for one year, and to require renewal of that prohibition each year unless and until the Council affirmatively finds that particular cannabis vaping products have been determined safe for consumer use.

MOTION: The DLANC Board shall submit a CIS of in opposition of council file 19-1120
(GLC Vote Count: Yes: 2, No: 0, Abstention: 1; Absent: 1, Recused: 0)

- d. Planning and Land Use Committee (all letters are in the packet) CUB letters of support will be sent to the Los Angeles City Department of Planning, Office of Zoning Administration, unless otherwise noted in item. Meeting held 12/17/2019

i. **Case Number:** ZA-2019-7012-SPP-CUB-CUX

Project Location: 333 Boylston - Telegram

Project Description: Conditional use for the on-site sale and dispensing of a full line of alcohol, live entertainment, and patron dancing in conjunction with the remodel of an existing nightclub/restaurant, and a Specific Plan Project Permit Compliance for a facade remodel and new signs in the Central City West Specific Plan.

Project Request: (1) A Conditional Use to permit the sale and dispensing of a full line of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption in conjunction with the remodel of an existing nightclub/restaurant, (2) A Conditional Use to permit live entertainment and patron dancing in conjunction with the remodel of an existing nightclub/restaurant, and (3) Project Permit Compliance for a facade remodel and new signs at an existing nightclub/restaurant in the Central City West Specific Plan.

MOTION: The DLANC Board shall submit a letter of support for the Applicant's request in Planning Case No. ZA-2019-7012-SPP-CUB-CUX. Support is conditioned on request that a) Applicant will maintain pedestrian access if the sidewalk is temporarily closed during construction; b) Applicant will ensure any temporary walkways covered due to construction (e.g., scaffolding) are well-lit at all hours; c) design of ground floor of all street-facing elevations maximizes transparency through the use of increased glazing and pedestrian access doors to allow for eyes on the street and pedestrian safety, (d) Owner/Operator will come back and present to PLUC should owner/operator change

(Vote Count: Yes: 7, No: 0, Abstention: 0; Absent: 4, Recused: 0)

ii. **Case Number:** ZA-2019-7295-CUB & ZA-2019-7296-CE

Project Location: 821 S Mateo St.

Project Description: The creation of a new 6,258 sq. ft. bar/restaurant/lounge/event space with 163 seats, with on-site, full-alcohol service, and live entertainment.

Project Request: Pursuant to LAMC Section 12.24-W.1, the Applicant requests a Conditional Use Permit to allow the sale, dispensing, consumption of a full line of alcoholic beverages in conjunction with a 6,258 square foot bar/restaurant/lounge/event space with indoor seating for 163 patrons, with live entertainment. Proposed Hours of Operation are 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 a.m. daily.

MOTION: The DLANC Board shall submit a letter of support for the Applicant's request in Planning Case No. ZA-2019-7295-CUB & ZA-2019-7296-CE. Support is conditioned on request that a) no off-site sale of alcohol is permitted; b) Owner/Operator will come back and present to PLUC should owner/operator change.

(Vote Count: Yes: 7, No: 0, Abstention: 0; Absent: 4, Recused: 0)

iii. **Case Number:** ZA-2019-7157-CUB

Project Location: 501 W. Olympic, Unit 101

Project Description: Conditional Use - Beverage to allow the sale & dispensing of a full-line of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption in conjunction with 2,630 sf restaurant with 75 seats, with hours of operation 6:00am to 2:00am daily, in the [Q]R5-4D Zone

Project Request: CUB, full line alcohol (Type 47)- This is for a future restaurant tenant (the owner is currently searching for a tenant).

MOTION: The DLANC Board shall submit a letter of support for the Applicant's request in Planning Case No. ZA-2019-7157-CUB. Support is conditioned on request that a) storefronts of ground floor retail retain transparency at all times to allow for eyes on the street and pedestrian safety; b) Owner/Operator will come back and present to PLUC when operator is identified; c) Owner/Operator will come back and present to PLUC should owner/operator change.

(Vote Count: Yes: 6, No: 0, Abstention: 0; Absent: 4, Recused: 1)

iv. **Case Number:** ZA-2019-6242-ZV-MCUP-CUX

Project Location: 433 S Spring Street

Project Description: Master Conditional Use Permit for the sale and dispensing of a full line of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption in conjunction with 4 existing restaurant venues and open-air outdoor rooftop bar.

Project Request: Authorizing Section: LAMC 12.24-W,1: A Master Conditional Use to allow the sale and dispensing of a full line of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption in conjunction with 4 in the [Q]C4-2D Zone. Authorizing Section: LAMC 12.24.W, 18: A Conditional use permit for public and patron dancing and live entertainment with a restaurant. Authorizing Section: LAMC 12.27: A Variance to permit an open air, outdoor rooftop bar in conjunction with the operation of a restaurant and ancillary uses in the [Q]C4-2D Zone.

MOTION: The DLANC Board shall submit a letter of support for the Applicant's request in Planning Case No. ZA-2019-6242-ZV-MCUP-CUX. Support is conditioned on request that a) Owner/Operator will come back and present to PLUC should owner/operator change; b) windows shall be closed at 10:00pm on weekdays and 12:00am on weekends to mitigated noise and outdoor amplified music shall be in compliance with the LA Noise Ordinance.

(Vote Count: Yes: 6, No: 0, Abstention: 0; Absent: 4, Recused: 1)

v. **Case Number:** ZA-2019-6287-CUB

Project Location: 518 W. 7th – H&H Brazilian Steakhouse

Project Description: An existing restaurant with 190 seats wishes to sell and serve a full line of alcoholic beverages, have live entertainment, and extend the daily hours from 11pm to 2am.

Project Request: The applicant requests a Conditional Use Permit to serve beer, wine, and liquor, and have live entertainment.

MOTION: The DLANC Board shall submit a letter of support for the Applicant's request in Planning Case No. ZA-2019-6287-CUB. Support is conditioned on request that Owner/Operator come back and present to PLUC should owner/operator change.

(Vote Count: Yes: 7, No: 0, Abstention: 0; Absent: 4, Recused: 0)

14. Board member Pat Barrett to speak on suggestion for a change in process as to how to amend a motion on the agenda. (See example in packet).

15. Committee Reports
16. Officer Reports

17. General Public Comment - Public comment on Non-Agenda Items within the board's subject matter.
Speakers are asked to 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.)

18. Other Board Member Comments
19. Next Meeting [Tuesday March 10, 2020]
20. Adjourn

PUBLIC INPUT AT NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETINGS: *The public is requested to fill out a "Speaker Card" to address the [committee] on any agenda item before the committee takes an action on an item. 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 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.*

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****There will be no separate discussion of Consent items as they are considered routine and will be adopted by one motion. If a member of the Board or a stakeholder requests discussion on a particular item, that item will be removed from Consent and considered separately. Such items will be moved to the end of the agenda.**