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**DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL  
MONTHLY BOARDMEETING  
Tuesday January 11, 2011 6:45 PM  
Los Angeles Theatre 615 S. Broadway  
Public Encouraged and Welcomed**

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

1.) Call to Order- 6:38

Roll Call:

Seat	Name		Alternate
Alameda East Business Director	Seth Pollen	Yes	
Area-Wide Business Director	Hal Bastian	Yes	
Area-Wide Homeless Resident Director	Rick Young	Yes	
Area-Wide Resident Director	Patricia "Patti" Berman	Yes	
Arts, Cultural, and Education Interests Director(Resident)	Edgar Varela	Yes	
Arts, Cultural, and Education Interests Directors	Shira Blatt	Yes	
Arts, Cultural, and Education Interests Directors	Leslie Colwell	Yes	
Arts, Cultural, and Education Interests Directors	Jay Lopez	Yes	
At-Large Director	Valerie Watson	Yes	
Bunker Hill Resident Director	Russell Chan	Yes	
Central City East/Skid Row Resident Director	Jeff "General Jeff" Page	Yes	
Central City East/Toy District Business Director	Celina Mancla	Yes	
City West Business Director	David Hurtado	Yes	Vivian Matito
City West Resident Director	Mamta Patel	Yes	
Civic Center Resident Director	Stanley Michaels		
Downtown Center Business Director	Hyunchul "Jay" Kim	Yes	
Fashion District Business Director	Lynn Myers	Yes	
Fashion District Resident Director	Andrew Ruiz		
Historic Downtown Business Director	Michael Delijani		
Historic Downtown Resident Director	Barrett Morse	Yes	
Private Sector Workforce Director	Niv Davidovich	Yes	Chrissa Farian
Public Sector Workforce Director	Tanner Blackman	Yes	
Social Services Provider Director	Wendell Blassingame	Yes	
Social Services Provider Director	La'Shaun Jones Foster	Yes	
Social Services Provider Director	Michael Kevin Key	Yes	
South Park Business Director	Allen Gross		Tyler Murphy
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2.) Acceptance of minutes

Motioned by Barrett Morse and Seconded by Wendell Blassingame.

Votes are as follows:

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Social Services Provider Director	Michael Kevin Key	abstained	
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3.) Swearing in of new board members or alternates

4.) Reports from City officials and Elected representatives

A. Zainah Alfi who works for My Figueroa is working on the CRA/LA's Figueroa Streetscape Improvement Project Consensus Inc. They are looking at Figueroa Coordinator to first determine what it is used for and then decide what changes need to be made to accommodate what it is being used for. The next meeting will take place on February 8<sup>th</sup> and then again on February 10<sup>th</sup>.

5.) Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items (limit 2 minutes)

A. Russ Brown from DLANC spoke of his upcoming meeting to discuss the transportation meetings that will take place on February 1<sup>st</sup> with Metro and Westside Connector starting at 6:00. From 6:00-6:45 will be an open house with pictures of the specific projects. At 6:45 will have presentations on the projects. This will take place at the Exchange.

6.) Executive Committee Report

A. Approved that Chris

B. Barrett was voted to the chair of the economic development committee.

C. Authorize \$300 for purchase of electronic chart

7.) Events and Happenings

A. General Jeff Page brought up the upcoming election this spring and suggested we hosted those running for elective official so we stay informed.

B. Edgar Varela shared that this month is art month in Los Angeles. The kickoff for the month took place earlier this month. Downtown stuff will be taking place with Disney Hall and of course Art Walk. Additionally, Art Weekend LA will be taking place to give exclusive tours to galleries downtown. To learn more check out LA Art Month online. Additionally, the LA Art show will be taking place and it is the premier art show and will take place the 19<sup>th</sup>- 23<sup>rd</sup>. There will be a shuttle to and from different art throughout the city.

8.) Treasurer's Report (Scott Bytof)

A. Autumn Lights has paid and that is the change in the budget. We are halfway through the year \$23,000 and we have spent about \$4,000. Given that it is halfway through the year it is time to work with you committees to get projects going.

B. Scott Bytof went to a proposal about P3. Lease the city parking garages to private developers. This is something the major is promoting.

C. Mayor's Budget Survey is coming up on January 27<sup>th</sup> and you can do it on budget.lacity.org. Goal is to have 75,000- 100,000 people respond. Most recently only 5,000 people responded. This is our opportunity to give our opinions over the Mayor.

9.) Planning and Land Use Committee Report

a) Consent Calendar:

8.) Other committee reports

a) Arts: Monday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 and will take place at 727 South Spring Street.

b) Education: Thursday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> 6:30 at and will take place at 606 S. Olive. Arts will be drafting a letter to thank the libraries for books for homeless connect.

c) Economic Development: Barrett Morse introduced himself as new to this committee. He excited to focus on the technology and culinary. Work with small business that will grow over time. Barrett Morse has not confirmed meeting time but is considering the last Tuesday of the month for his meetings.

d) Transportation

e.) PROS (including report on Police Building Garden clean up): Did not meet in January but have been busy with the LAPD building grounds. Numerous volunteers showed up and tackled the South Edge. Volunteers did trimming and weeded and tackled some other things that were wrapped around the corners. This was a huge undertaking and Valerie Watson thanked everyone for participated. PROS is gathering a great group of volunteers. Next cleanup with be February 5<sup>th</sup> which is a Saturday from 10:00-2:00. In addition to cleanup there will be a presentation on caring for these plants. Pizza will be provided afterwards. Next meeting will be the first Monday of the month as usual. Question asked as to the landscaping that was put in and if these should be held accountable for what has happened. Valerie Watson states that if regular maintance occurred this problem would not exist.

f.) Sustainability: Patti Berman noted that this committee has not been active and suggests that we make it a subcommittee of PROS. Valerie Watson contributes that if Sustainability cannot find board leadership we should find public leadership. Patti Berman states that there is overlap between PROS and sustainability and if we make it a subcommittee we do not have worry about it. Tanner Blackman proposes that do make it a subcommittee. Valerie Watson says that given the things that have started last time and the topics that this committee deals with spans above what PROS is currently doing. Patti Berman asserts that she is not certain that any meetings have occurred. She is putting out there that if anyone is interested in heading this committee to consider.

g) Health and Safety: Patti Berman explains that we wrote a letter in support of General Jeff. Received a response from DONE and from the city attorney that said that DLANC is not allowed to distribute. Hal Bastian said the letter is in violation of the Brown Law because it was not on the agenda. Patti Berman asked Rick Young to remove the letter, sit down and let the meeting continue.

Motion: Table the discussion until next month pending the outcome if upon review we can legally discuss.

Barrett More made the motion and Rick Young seconded the motion.

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Motion: Barrett Morse motioned that the board return the copies of the letter to either Patti Berman or Rick Young until we have time to properly investigate. Leslie Colwell seconded the motion.

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Gary Jacoby gives the Health and Safety update. Discussed the letter of support for General Jeff and next month will have a presentation from a Sergeant Areano to discuss safety in the entertainment district. The committee also discussed the training that focused on the anti-pirated merchandize as well as Section 8. Want to change the lease agreement that is currently in effect and next month will have motion for a letter of support of the DLANC to re-update the Section 8 lease. Discussed writing a letter the show police officers financial records in order to investigate if something is going on that give reason for them not to want to give access to their financials. Next committee will discuss National Children's Study. Stillwell Hotel on February 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30.

G) Affordable Housing: Next meeting will be next Wednesday at the Exchange at 5:30.

10.) Officer reports

a) President

b) VP Outreach: Jay Kim has one more month to get more feedback and wants to get additional input for how to further engage the community.

c) VP Administration: Meet in greet after the election.

d) Treasurer

e) Secretary

11.) Other Board Member comments

Wendell Blessingame asks that we take the dictionaries and donate them because there is a need.

12.) Adjournment: 8:11pm