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**DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**  
**MONTHLY BOARD MEETING**  
**Tuesday March 12, 2013, 6:30 P.M.**  
**Los Angeles Theatre 615 S. Broadway**  
**MINUTES**

**Call to Order**

	Present	Absent	Alternate
Bastian Hal			x
Cee, Max	x		
Russell Brown	x		
Joe Moller	x		
Anastasia Johnson	x		
Nancy Lee	x		
Simonian, Tati	x		
Patti Berman	x		
Hansen, Judith Markoff		x	
Page Jeff "General Jeff"	x		
Tina Pellegrino	x		
Hurtado David	x		
Rasool Ali		x	
Theodore Nathanson		x	
Myers Lynn	x		
Delijani Michael			x
Reiff Barrett		x	
Gretchen Siemers	x		
Robert Newman	x		
Blassingame, Wendell	x		
Kevin Michael Key	x		
Travis Kasper	x		
Bytof Scott	x		

**Motion: To approve the minutes from February 12, 2013**  
**POSTONED**

**Treasurer's Report**

**8.1 Motion: To re-allocate \$40 for our election refreshments from Community Improvement.**

**Motion Scott Bytof**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Wendell Blassingame**

**Yes 16 No 0 Abstain 3 MOTION PASSED**

**8.2 Motion: To approve the P-card reconciliation presented by the treasurer**

**Motion Scott Bytof**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Wendell Blassingame**

**Yes 17 No 0 Abstain 1 MOTION PASSED**

**9.1 Approval of committees as presented by the Executive Committee**

**Motion: To approve the Outreach committee:**

**Anastasia Johnson, chair**

**Jason Morris, co-chair**

**Patti Berman**

**Casey Dady**

**Tati Simonan**

**Max Cee**

**Nancy Lee**

**Motion: Travis Kaspar**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Joseph Moller**

**Yes 15 No 0 Abstain 3**

**MOTION PASSED**

**9.2 Motion: To approve the Planning and Land Use committee:**

**Simon Ha, chair**

**James Doizaki, co-chair**

**General Jeff**

**Patti Berman**

**Russell Brown**

**Phillip Estes**

**Brady Westwater**

**Celine Larkin**

**Jason Claypool**

**Scott Bytof**

**Robert Newman**

**Motion: Russell Brown**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: General Jeff**

**Motion to amend to add Max Cee name to list.**

**Motion: Max Cee**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Rasool Ali**

**Yes 0 No 12 Abstain 6 FAILED**

**Yes 16 No 0 Abstain 1 PASSED**

**9.3 Motion: To approve the PROS committee:**

Judith Hansen, chair  
Jason Morris, co-chair

**Motion: Mac Cee**  
**2<sup>nd</sup>: Russell Brown**

**Motion to amend to add Max Cee name to list.**  
**Motion: Max Cee**  
**2<sup>nd</sup>: Judith Hansen**  
**Yes 1 No 13 Abstain 3 FAILED**

**Yes 14 No 0 Abstain 3 PASSED**

**9.4 Motion: To approve the Arts committee:**

Tati Simonian, chair  
Nancy Lee, co-chair  
Joe Moller  
Dorsay Dujon  
Marie Kellier  
Britt Dixon  
Casey Jay Dady  
Anastasia Palmer-Johnson

**Motion : Russell Brown**  
**2<sup>nd</sup>: Wendell Blassingame**  
**Yes 17 No 0 Abstain 1 PASSED**

**9.5 Motion: To approve the Affordable Housing committee:**

Wendell Blassingame,  
chair  
Robert Newman, co-chair  
Max Cee  
Patti Berman

**Motion: Russell Brown**  
**2<sup>nd</sup>: Wendell Blassingame**  
**Yes 17 No 1 Abstain 0 PASSED**

**9.6 Motion: To approve the Sustainability committee:**

Gretchen Siemers, chair  
Jennifer Lee, co-chair  
Phillip Estes  
Patti Berman  
Will Wright

**Motion: Tina Pellegrino**  
**2<sup>nd</sup>: Wendell Blassingame**  
**Yes 17 No 1 Abstain 0 PASSED**

**9.7 Motion: To approve the Public Health and Safety committee:**

**Russell Brown, chair  
Gary Jacoby, co-chair  
Kathleen McMullin  
Max Cee  
Laura Abrams**

**Motion: Joe Moller**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Rusell Brown**

**Motion to amend to add Don Garza name to list.**

**Motion: Joe Moller**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Judith Hansen**

**Yes 17 No 1 Abstain 0 PASSED**

**Yes 16 No 1 Abstain 1 PASSED**

**9.8 Motion: To approve the By-Laws committee:**

**Russell Brown, chair  
Patti Berman  
Wendell Blassingame  
Robert Newman  
Travis Kaspar  
Max Cee**

**Motion: Russell Brown**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Robert Newman**

**Motion to amend to add Don Garza name to list.**

**Motion: Russell Brown**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Ari Simon (for Michael Delijani)**

**Yes 14 No 0 Abstain 2 PASSED**

**Yes 15 No 0 Abstain 1 PASSED**

**Approval of Standing Rules changes as presented by the By-laws Committee**

**10.1 Use of the DLANC Office**

**Motion: To accept the following change to the standing rules:**

The office is leased by the city of Los Angeles for the sole purpose of downtown neighborhood council use. The executive board, the committee chairs shall be authorized to use the office for their meetings. Any use by others must be by authorization from the chair or vice chair in writing with 48 hours' notice. Any unauthorized use of the office or equipment shall be subject to the applicable laws.

**Motion: Robert Newman**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Wendell Blassingame**

**Motion to amend to change language. [Need language change]**

**Motion: Russell Brown**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Ari Simon (for Michael Delijani)**

**Yes 14 No 0 Abstain 2 PASSED**

**Yes 13 No 2 Abstain 1 PASSED**

**Procedure for board discussion at a meeting**

**10.2 Motion: To accept the following change to the standing rules:**

The following procedure shall be administered by the chair or whomever is running the meeting: On any item, a motion shall be made and seconded. Public comment shall follow. Chair shall declare public comment closed and shall call on the board, starting from their far left, giving each board member 2 minutes each. At the conclusion of a full round of board members, the chair shall ask if there are any follow up questions or comments and begin again at their far left, allowing 1 minute each. Chair shall then close board members comments and shall take the vote.

**Civility at Meetings**

**10.3 Motion: To accept the following change to the standing rules:**

Chair shall warn anyone who is out of line 3 times. A preliminary warning, a second advising they could be asked to leave. The final warning shall ask them to leave. Should they refuse to leave, the chair shall declare a recess and call for removal.

**10.4 Ethics Training**

**Motion: To accept the following change to the standing rules:**

All members of the board shall be required to take the city ethics training within 60 days of taking chair. Failure to do so shall result in suspension of all voting rights. Failure to complete the ethics training within 120 days of being sat shall result in removal.

### **10.5 Board Filled Vacancies**

**Motion: To accept the following change to the standing rules:**

- a. At a regularly scheduled meeting, a vacant seat will be announced.
- b. Any Stakeholder interested in filling a vacancy on the Board shall submit a written application to the Board 1 week prior to the selection meeting.
- c. The Board shall cause the matter to be placed on the agenda for the next regular meeting of the Board.
- d. 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.
- e. The candidate who wins shall fill the remaining term of the Board seat unless an election or selection occurs sooner.
- f. 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.

### **Censure**

**10.6 Motion: To accept the following change to the standing rules:**

The Council can take action to publically reprimand a Board member for actions conducted in the course of Council business by censuring the Board member at a Council Board meeting. Censures shall be placed on the agenda for discussion and action.

### **Clarification of committee agenda postings**

**10.7 Motion: To accept the following change to the standing rules:**

The board member chair of each standing or ad hoc or other appointed committee is the ONLY person authorized to post and authorize distribution of and official agenda for the committee.

### **MOTION TO APPROVE 10.2-10.7**

**Motion: Joseph Moller**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Russell Brown**

**Yes 18 No 0 Abstain 0**

### **Public Safety and Health**

**11.1 Motion: To approve the appointment by the President of an ad hoc committee to investigate and make recommendations regarding the potential closing of the streets and potential return of food trucks for art walk. [Note: Please see comments by Joe Moller, Executive Director of Art Walk at end of this document.]\***

**Motion: Russell Brown**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Wendell Blassingame**

**Yes 5 No 9 Abstain 4 FAILED**

**11.2 Motion: to approve the writing of a letter by the President to all L.A. appropriate agencies to investigate and implement the placement of additional toilets and trash cans in skid row, and to ask the President to appoint an ad hoc committee to work on and follow the progress of this motion.**

**Motion: Russell Brown**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Max Cee**

**Motion to amend language from “skid row” to all of downtown”**

**Motion: Wendell Blasingame**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Max Cee**

**Yes 9 No 0 Abstain 6 PASSED**

**Yes 13 No 0 Abstain 2 PASSED**

**Adjournment 9:45 PM**

**Motion: Wendell Blasingame**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Russell Brown**

**Unanimous**

Comments from Joe Moller regarding:

**Motion: To approve the appointment by the President of an ad hoc committee to investigate and make recommendations regarding the potential closing of the streets and potential return of food trucks for art walk.**

Members of the council,

I am here to present my position regarding the motion to potentially close the streets during Art Walk. After doing a bit of research, and reflecting on what the Art Walk means for downtown Los Angeles community, I do not believe this to be a necessary nor even beneficial change to Art Walk, and encourage you all to veto the motion before us as the harmful and dangerous results of such a conversation clearly outweigh any non-existent benefits.

Reason No 1: The foot print of art walk is primarily in the historic core, which as we all know is primarily a residential neighborhood. With 10s of thousands of residents in such a small footprint, even discussing the idea of road closures compromises the ability of emergency response, LAPD, & ambulance vehicles to respond to residents or business owner call for help during Art Walk. Please remember the part about delayed response times for the LAPD, as we will come back to that shortly.

Reason No 2: Residential & business customer parking. Many residents have parking located within the historic core area of art walk. In addition to the already burdensome street & lane closures related to filming, they should have the right to come & go from their parking spaces 24/7. For the business customers imagine if your customs knew on Thursday they couldn't park near your location, that would certainly discourage them from patronizing you business that day.

Reason No 3: There are no studies that show that closing off street access produces a safer environment. In fact, looking at recent events such as the Santa Monica Farmers Market where 60 deaths were caused as a result of street closures, or this years barricade failure at AT&T Park in SF that also resulted in tragedy.

Reason No 4: Every City Department responsible for public safety & assemblage has already discussed this issue with many experts and concluded such an option is not only not necessary, but also not viable from a cost center standpoint either. In fact that brings me to reason 4b. If Max is interested in being part of a already on-going discussion regarding Art Walk Safety, he can join the City Task Force that includes: LAPD, LAFD, Street Services, Vice, DOT, HCBID, Art Walk & other community stake holders. Those meetings are held multiple times & open to the public.

In conclusion I ask you to veto this motion as presented today for the reasons I have listed above. If Max is sincere in his motivation then I ask you to ask him to reintroduce the motion in such a way as to be clear about his goals and not misuse the DLANC Board's reputation to accomplish something that seemingly has no positive purpose or good to the community.