



Board Meeting Minutes

*Tuesday April 09, 2013 7:00PM
Los Angeles Theater
615 South Broadway*

1. Meeting called to order by Jay Handel at 7:05 pm
2. Roll call by Jay Handel

April 09,2013	Present	Absent	Alternate
Bastian Hal	<i>P</i>		
Cee, Max	<i>P</i>		
Russell Brown	<i>P</i>		
Joe Moller	<i>P</i>		
Anastasia Johnson	<i>P</i>		
Nancy Lee	<i>P</i>		
Simonian, Tati	<i>P</i>		
Patti Berman	<i>P</i>		
Hansen, Judith Markoff	<i>P</i>		
Page Jeff "General Jeff"	<i>P</i>		
Tina Pellegrino	<i>P</i>		
Hurtado David		<i>AB</i>	<i>AL</i>
Rasool Ali	<i>P</i>		
Theodore Nathanson	<i>P</i>		
Myers Lynn	<i>P</i>		
Delijani Michael		<i>AB</i>	<i>AL</i>
Reiff Barrett		<i>AB</i>	<i>AL</i>
Gretchen Siemers	<i>P</i>		
Robert Newman		<i>AB</i>	<i>AL</i>
Blassingame, Wendell	<i>P</i>		
Kevin Michael Key	<i>P</i>		
Travis Kasper	<i>P</i>		
Bytof Scott	<i>P</i>		

3.

Approval of minutes from February 12, 2013

Motion to approve minutes for February 12, 2013 first to motion Blassingame, Wendell, second to motion Anastasia Johnson.
Motion remanded to next month.

Minutes submitted by: Tina Pellegrino
Minutes approved on: [Date]

New business

- Reports City or elected officials, none.
- Public comments on items not on the agenda, one minute granted.
Speakers Shonda White, Kue utzami, Giza Blue Guideon, Mellow Desire.
Melanie White, Ruby Woo.
- President's Report
- Treasurer's Report;
Motion 8.1: Approve 3rd quarter expenditures
Motion Bytof Scott, second the motion Patricia Berman
Vote result 23 in favor unanimous (23, 0, 0) motion passes.
Motion 8.2: Renew lease for 2013-2014
Motion Bytof, Scott, second to motion Blassingame, Wendell.
Vote result 23 in favor unanimous (23, 0, 0) motion passes.

Motion 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) re-iterates 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.

Motion: Sustainability, second the motion General Jeff.

Vote results 14 in favor, 5 abstain (14, 0, 5) motion passes



Motion 9.2: 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.”

Motion: Executive committee, second to motion Russell Brown.

Amendment 9.2: Add the line at the beginning “in the spirit of an inclusive Community.”

Motion Cee, Max, second to motion Kevin Michael Key

Vote result of amendment of 9.2; 14 in favor, 1 opposed, 2 abstain (14, 1, 2) amendment passes.

Vote results for motion as amended 9.2, 13 in favor, 1 opposed, 2 abstain (13, 1, 2) motion passes.

Items 15.1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7:

15.12 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.

15.5 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

Motion: Patricia Berman, second to motion Bastain, Hal vote result 18 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstain (18, 0, 1) motions passes.

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

Motion Patricia Berman, second to motion Russell Brown. Vote result 16 in favor, 1 opposed, 2 abstain (16, 1, 2) motion passes.



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.

Motion: Executive Committee, second to motion Russell Brown.

Motion to amend 9.1 adding after the president a designee for continuing hearing.

Motion: Travis Kasper, second to motion Anastasia Jonson.

Vote result for original amendment 9.1; 8 in favor, 7 opposed, 3 abstain (8, 7, 3) amendment fails.

Vote results for the unamended motion 9.1; 3 in favor, 6 opposed, 7 abstain (3, 6, 7) motion fails.

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.

Motion General Jeff, second to motion Anastasia Jonson. Vote results for motion 9.3 19 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain unanimous (19, 0, 0) motion passes.

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

Motion Kevin Michael Key, second to motion General Jeff. Vote result for motion 9.4; 17 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstain. (17, 0, 1) motion passes.

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.

Motion Anastasia Johnson, second to motion Patti Berman.

Motion to amend "Change \$75 to \$150"

Motion Kevin Michael Key, second to motion Blassingame, Wendell. Vote result for amendment 17 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstain one recusal Blassingame, Wendell. (7, 0, 2) amendment passes.

Vote result for motion 11.1; 10 in favor, 0 opposed, 6 abstain (10, 0, 6) one recusal, motion passes.

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.

Motion Cee, Max, second to motion Russell Brown.

Motion to amend, add "to approve a letter to City Hall officials and LAPD requesting written policy of requirements to enter City Hall"

Motion: Cee, Max second to motion ----- vote result for amendment of motion 11.2 18 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain, (18, 0, 0) amendment passes.

Vote result for amended motion 11.2 18 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain, (18, 0, 0) motion passes.



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.

- Motion: Russell Brown, second to motion Anastasia Jonson. Vote results for motion 11.3 19 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain, (19, 0, 0) motion passes.

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.

Motion: Patricia Berman, second to motion Blassingame, Wendell. Vote result for motions 12.2,3,4; 19 in favor,0 opposed, 0 abstain, (19, 0, 0) motions pass

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.

Motion: Hansen, Judith Markoff, second the motion Cee, Max. Vote result on motion12.1; 3 in favor, 2 opposed, 14 abstain, (3, 2, 14) motion fails.

- Item 13 pros Committee remanded.

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.

Motion Blassingame, Wendell, second to motion Russell Brown. Vote result for motion 10.1 14 in favor, 1 opposed, 4 abstain, (14, 3, 2) motion fails.

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.

Motion: Anastasia Jonson, second to motion Patricia Berman. Vote result for motion 10.2 13 in favor, 3 opposed, 2 abstain, (13, 3, 2) motion fails

MOTION: To approve Outreach Expenditures of \$2000 for Pershing Square Post card, \$2000 for collateral materials and \$8000 for video.

Motion Bytof, Scott, second to motion General Jeff. Vote result for motion 14.1; 19 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain, (19, 0, 0) motion passes

- **Motion to adjourn:** Patricia Berman second to motion General Jeff. Vote (19, 0, 0) unanimous motion passes.
- Meeting adjourned at 21:50.