



DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

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Discussion and Possible Action for all items on which the board feels it might take action.

Tuesday November 12, 2013, 6:30 P.M.
Palace Theatre 615 S. Broadway

- 1. Call to Order and request to turn off phones. [Time started: 6:39 am]**
- 2. Explanation of public comment card.**

3. Roll Call

July 9, 2013	Present	Absent	Alternate
Bastian Hal	X left early		
Matt Pryke	x		
Russell Brown	x		
Joe Moller	X left early		
Anastasia Johnson	x		
Nancy Lee	X		
Dylan O'Donoghue		x	
Patti Berman	x		
Judith Markoff Hansen	x		
Page Jeff "General Jeff"	X		
Tina Pellegrino	X		
David Hurtado		x	
Rasool Ali	x		
Theodore Nathanson	x		
Lynn Myers	x		
Michael Delijani		x	
Barrett Reiff	x		
Gretchen Siemers	x		
Robert Newman	x		
Wendell Blassingame	x		
Kevin Michael Key			x
Travis Kasper	x		
Scott Bytof	x		
Geza Gedeon,	x		
Simon Ha	x		
Alan Gross	x		

4. MOTION: To approve the minutes from October 2013.

Made Motion	Anastasia Johnson
2nd Motion	Robert Newman
Yes	20
No	0
Abstain	1

5. Reports and presentations 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.

7. President’s Report

8. Treasurer’s Report:

8.1. MOTION: To approve October reconciliation.

Made Motion	Wendell Blassingame
2nd Motion	Russell Brown
Yes	22
No	0
Abstain	0

8.2. MOTION: To approve the purchase of folding table and chairs for outreach. Cost not to exceed \$400.00

8.3. MOTION: To approve the purchase of case for the projector screen. Cost not to exceed \$150

	8.2 and 8.3
Made Motion	Scott Byoff
2nd Motion	Anastasia Johnson
Yes	22
No	0
Abstain	0

9. **MOTION to approve letter of support: CUB* permit for the proposed “Great Balls restaurant located at 452 S. Main Street. Presented by Elizabeth Peterson on behalf of the building owner, Skid Row Housing Trust. Project consists of the proposed Great Balls restaurant located on the ground floor of the New Genesis SRO building. This item was approved by the Committee at a prior meeting, but the DLANC Board sent it back to Committee for further discussion. Previously, the applicant asked for a CUB permit for a full line of alcohol. After some additional public outreach, the applicant is now asking for a CUB permit for beer & wine only for onsite consumption in conjunction with the proposed restaurant. The project now has the support of New Genesis residents, as well as the local Business Improvement District, LAPD and City Council office.” [Note: Robert Newman recused himself]**

Made Motion	Simon Ha
2nd Motion	Hal Bastian
Yes	17 (see Vote sheet)
No	3
Abstain	1

- 9.1. **Note: The Board has received clarification from the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment and the Office of the City Attorney that the board failed to approve any motion regarding the item shown above at its October 8, 2013, meeting. The Board heard this item last month as 11.5 and "the result of the board's vote on October 8, 2013, means that the board has neither approved nor disapproved the granting of the CUB*. There was neither a motion to support or oppose the CUB at the October 8, 2013, meeting that was adopted and approved by a majority of the board members in attendance. Quite simply, the board failed to act."**

10. **Budget Day Report (Scott Bytof and Travis Casper)**

11. **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

- 11.1. **MOTION: To approve a modified roster for the PROS committee: Add Kathleen McMullen, Brandon Guzman, John Swartz**

- 11.2. **MOTION: To approve a modified roster for the Outreach Committee: Add Travis Casper**

Made Motion	Simon Ha
2nd Motion	Russell Brown
Yes	19
No	0
Abstain	0

- 11.3. **MOTION: To approve letter to the Army Core of Engineers and City Elected Officials supporting Option #20 for the L.A. River Plan as the best choice to meet the goals of Los Angeles River restoration, economic development, park creation and social justice issues. (Letter and Core of Engineers Report are in packet).**

Made Motion	Simon Ha
2nd Motion	Russell Brown
Yes	19
No	0
Abstain	1 (Matt Pryke)

11.3.1. NOTE: In 2006, LA City Council approved an agreement with the US Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) for the LA River Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Study. This fall, the Corps has developed a final array of four alternatives for the Study. Last week, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers selected Alternative 13, the second cheapest of four options detailed in the much-anticipated Los Angeles River Ecosystem Restoration Study. Alternative 13 is good, but we can do better. Alternative 20 presents a much more comprehensive and dynamic approach to LA River Revitalization.

>Only Alternative 20 includes both significant restoration at the Los Angeles River's confluence with the Verdugo Wash near the City's border with the City of Glendale and the only substantial western bank connection-providing a profound hydrological link between the Los Angeles State Historic Park and the river.

>Alternative 20 is the only option that will meet the stated goals of LA City Council. It is the most expansive LA River ecosystem restoration plan, one that includes 6 key sites: Arroyo Seco Confluence, Cornfield-LA State Historic Park, Piggyback Yard, Taylor Yard/Bowtie, Taylor Yard/G-2 and the Verdugo Wash Confluence.

>Alternative 20 is the preferred option by a unanimous City Council, Friends of LA River, Los Angeles Times editorial board, environmental groups, the California state legislature and neighborhood groups including many neighborhood councils.

11.4. MOTIONS: To approve Eight BONC motions based on Neighborhood Council Plan Review Committees’ Recommendations (Please read the full document in the packet for notes and additional information.) Each approval or disapproval to be accompanied by a note of explanation.

11.4.1. “The Department of Neighborhood Empowerment is to be permanently placed in charge of administering elections.”

11.4.2. “Neighborhood Council board members be required to complete Ethics, Financial Policy, Sexual Harassment, and ADA Compliance training, and that the Department offer classes including, but not limited to leadership, City government basics, parliamentary procedures, land use, and candidate training.”

“There be a citywide standard period of time from date of seating, not to exceed 90 days, that a Board member will have to pass the required training, and that this be enforced by the Neighborhood Council bylaws, which shall prohibit voting on any matter coming before the Neighborhood Council board. Inability of any board member(s) to vote for failure to timely complete training will not affect quorum.”

	Pulled by Barrett Reiff
Made Motion	Russell Brown
2nd Motion	Anastasia Johnson
Yes	17
No	2
Abstain	0

11.4.3. “An Early Notification System be established by each city department, commission, and the City Council, and its committees to provide Neighborhood Councils with a minimum of 60 days notice of any proposed action. For any proposed ballot measure or ordinance Neighborhood Councils must receive at least 60 days notice.”

11.4.4. “Neighborhood Councils should have the right to open Council files. No Neighborhood Council board member shall be required to file a financial disclosure form for a Neighborhood Council to open a Council file. There shall be no limit on the number of Council files that a Neighborhood Council may open each year.”

11.4.5. “The Board of Neighborhood Commissioners, with the aid and advice of citywide Neighborhood Councils, will adopt policies establishing best practices for monitoring the delivery of City services.”

11.4.6. “City agendas should once again include the full text of the brief Community Impact Statement (CIS) from each NC submitting one, with links to any background materials that were provided as support. Any time a CIS is, for whatever reason removed from a subsequent agenda, the City Clerk will send a notice to the Neighborhood Council.”

- 11.4.7. “Official Neighborhood Council or Neighborhood Council Alliance representatives addressing the City Council, its committees, City commissions, and boards be granted up to 5 minutes of presentation time separate from general public comment, to present the official view of the Neighborhood Council Board or Alliance. Neighborhood Councils should receive priority as city entities and be called for comment before general public comment.”
- 11.4.8. “Unexpended Neighborhood Council funds should be kept in the Neighborhood Council system, received and administered by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.”

“Neighborhood Councils should be allowed to provide funds to City departments provided that the equipment benefits stakeholders, that in addition to the initial requestor there is documentation of the need from a higher level of the department, and that the transfer is accompanied by an MOU, agreement, or a form similar to a neighborhood purposes grant.”

11.4.1	11.4.3	11.4.4	11.4.5	11.4.6	11.4.7	11.4.8
Russell Brown						
Wendell Blassingame						
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12. PLANNING 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.

12.1. MOTION: To approve a letter of support. regarding an update to the Master CUP for the Broadway Civic Center project located at 201 S. Broadway (ZA-2011-3166-MCUP). Presented by Andrew Montallegre on behalf of the owner. The project had been presented 2.5 years ago (02/2011), and a letter of support was issued. No action since, and no hearing was completed. The owner has since taken over the project, and would like a Master CUP as an incentive for future tenants. Nine (9) spaces were presented, all asking for alcohol service from 6 am to 2 am. Two spaces were proposed for 24 hour alcohol sales. Hearing is scheduled for December. The Committee decided to re-assess its previous position given the change of project ownership and DLANC PLU Committee members since the original application. Discussion revolved around the lack of specificity of use, and the number of venues serving alcohol in one location without a commitment to food service or other types of sales. A motion was proposed by Brady Westwater to support giving maximum flexibility to each of the spaces with the caveat that the Committee wants to ensure that there will not be an oversaturation of alcohol sales in this area of Downtown Los Angeles. Each use and tenant will be individually reviewed for approval in future meetings of the Committee and presented for individual vote by the Board.

12.2. MOTION: To approve a letter of support concerning proposed City Council Internal Control Ordinance restricting future low-rise development projects in certain areas of downtown. Jessica Wethington-McLean from CD14 returned to update the Committee on the Internal Control Ordinance (ICO) introduced by Councilman Huizar to limit the development of future low rise projects within a designated area around the Convention Center/LA Live complex. The ICO is intended to incentivize future high rise projects in the area to support the

local infrastructure to entice more conventions to consider Downtown LA as a destination. The ICO describes two zones: Zone 1 for high rise development alone, and Zone 2 as a step-down zone to re-integrate development with the scale of the Historic Core. Simon Ha presented an analysis of the properties available for development in Zones 1 and 2, and reported that general feedback he had heard from the development community was positive for Zone 1. Tom Warner of Holland Partners Group spoke as a developer who has developed low rise in Los Angeles. He testified that, in South Park, high rise would be viable and attractive given the potential market and incentives, and that the goal for the ICO is reasonable. The incentives are important, as is timing; but these strategies do work, and would be viable in Zone 1. The Committee generally agreed that the key to success for the ICO is in the detail of the implementation plan, especially as to the definition of guidelines, incentives and timing for the area. The Committee also generally agreed that Zone 2 is a more complicated proposition, and warrants further consideration. After discussion, the Committee voted to support the proposed ICO for Zone 1.

- 12.3. MOTION: To approve a letter of support regarding the proposed Vibiana Lofts mixed-use project located at 200 S. Main Street (ZA-2013-650-CU-SPR). The motion was to support the plan with the condition that the design evolve beyond the schematic design presented, that the elevations show articulation on Main Street to equal that planned for the Los Angeles Street façade, that the articulation turns the corners towards the alley, and the streetscape improvements are presented for review.
- 12.4. MOTION: To approve a letter of support regarding a CUB permit for the Dart Hotel located at 820 S. Spring Street (ZA-2013-2765-CUB). The Dart Hotel presented an application for support for a Conditional Use Permit for a Full Line of Alcoholic beverages to be served in conjunction with the operation of a 14-unit hotel with a restaurant, bar, 2 outdoor dining patios, room service and in room access cabinets. The restaurant includes seating for 75 in the dining area, 11 at the counter, 10 seats at the bar, and 18 in the outdoor area, for a total of 114 seats. The sales in the restaurant & bar would take place between the hours of 6 am - 2am, 7 days/week.
- 12.5. MOTION: To approve a letter of support) regarding a CUB permit renewal for the Cana Rum Bar located at 714 W. Olympic Blvd (ZA-2013-2836-CUB). Per LAMC 12.24-W, 1, the applicant presented a request for a Conditional Use Permit to allow the sale of beer and wine for on-site consumption in conjunction with the operation of a new 1,900 sq. ft. full-service restaurant with 57 seats. The hours of operation and alcohol sales will be 10 am to 2 am, Sunday through Saturday.

12.6. MOTION to approve a proposed CUB permit for the Savor restaurant located at 523 W. 7th Street (ZA-2013-2682-CUB). Per LAMC 12.24-W, 1, the applicant presented a request for a Conditional Use Permit to allow the sale of beer and wine for on-site consumption in conjunction with the operation of a new 1,900 sq. ft. full-service restaurant with 57 seats. The hours of operation and alcohol sales will be 10 am to 2 am, Sunday through Saturday. Savor DTLA will operate within an existing restaurant space in an established commercial property. The property has peacefully coexisted with the surrounding community for years. Savor DTLA substantially conforms to the purpose, intent and provisions of the General Plan. The approval of this application will allow the full-service restaurant to offer a more complete beverage selection to its patrons, and will not result in any additional traffic or disruption to the neighborhood. Savor DTLA is aware of the responsibility of offering beer and wine for on-site consumption and the business will be operated in a professional manner should this application be granted.

12.7. MOTION: To approve letter of no action due to lack of information regarding the revocation of the Icon Ultra Lounge.

	12.1 – 12.7
Made Motion	Simon Ha
2 nd Motion	General Jeff
Yes	17
No	0
Abstain	1 – Charles Porter

13. PROS COMMITTEE:

13.1. MOTION: To approve a letter to CD 14 requesting a dog park be considered at 1st and Broadway undeveloped park land. (Letter in packet)

Amendment	To specify an area for both large and small dogs
Made Motion	General Jeff
2 nd Motion	Barrett Reif
Yes	17
No	1
Abstain	1

Motion	As amended
Made Motion	Barrett Reiff
2 nd Motion	Robert Newman
Yes	12
No	6
Abstain	1 (alternate) Christopher Porter

14. ARTS/OUTREACH COMMITTEES:

14.1. MOTION: To approve expenditure for DLANC Arts Calendar (Proposal in packet.

Made Motion	Nancy Lee
2nd Motion	General Jeff
Yes	18
No	0
Abstain	0

15. OUTREACH COMMITTEE: Report

16. AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Report

17. PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY: Report

18. Other Officer Report

18.1. V.P. Administration

18.2. Secretary

19. Other Board Member comments

20. Adjournment [Time: 9:50]

Made Motion	Simon Ha
2nd Motion	Wendall Blassingame
Yes	18
No	0
Abstain	0

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- **A CUB is a conditional use permit which is required for certain land uses which may need special conditions to ensure compatibility with surrounding land uses. Examples are liquor licenses and permits for live music and dancing.**