



BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING MINUTES (DRAFT)

DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL BOARD MEETING MINUTES (DRAFT)

Meeting Date: September 12, 2017
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

The meeting began at about 6: 31 pm with 14 Board members present.

Attending Board Members:

Patti Berman
Robert Newman
Scott Bytof (alt. Christine McWilliams)
Wendell Blassingame
Arianna Nussdorf
Michael Delijani (Ed Baney, alt.)
Ian Chi-Young (arrived late)
Beverly Christiansen (alt. Tim Christiansen)
Josh Albrektson
James Todd
Nate Johnson
Nathaniel Cormier (alt. Mimi Jamil)
Rena Leddy (Jasmine Ramos, alt.)
Amber Maltbie
Dan Curnow (Blav Kopman, alt.)
Josh Kreger (arrived late)
Claudia Oliveira (elected to the Board during the meeting)

Non-Attending Board Members:

Amara Ononiwu
Eduardo Alvarado
Jacob Van Horn
Priscilla Bejarano
Kristina Ferris
Estela Lopez
Andrew Douglas
Rufus Washington

The meeting began at 6:31pm with 14 members

Patti Berman	Present	Kristina Ferris	Absent
Josh Albrektson	Present	Estella Lopez	Absent
Andrew Douglas	Absent	Nate Johnson	Present
Wendell Blassingame	Present	Rena Leddy (alt.)	Present
Ian Chi-Young	Present	Amara Ononiwu	Absent
Ariana Nussdorf	Present	Michael Delijani (alt.)	Present
		Amber Maltbie	Present
Priscilla Bejarano	Absent	Josh Kreger	Present
James Todd	Present		
Scott Bytof (alt.)	Present	Robert Newman	Present
Nate Cormier (alt.)	Present	Rufus Washington	Absent
Beverly Christiansen (alt.)	Present	Dan Curnow (alt.)	Present
		Claudia Oliveira	Present

Mimi Jamil is the alternate for Nate Cormier.
Ed Baney is the alternate for Michael Delijani.
Tim Christianson is alternate for Beverly Christianson.
Blav Kopman is alternate for Dan Curnow.
Jasmine Ramos is alternate for Rena Leddy.
Christine McWilliams is alternate for Scott Bytof.

1. Selection of Historic Core Resident Seat

Candidates:

Chip Brown
Keith Childs
Claudia Oliveira
Arellia Marquez
Benjamin McMillan
Gail Zone (not present)

(Note: Ian Chi-Young has arrived.)

VOTE

Claudia Oliveira – 10
Wendell Blassingame
Ian Chi-Young
Ariana Nussdorf
Nate Cormier
Beverly Christiansen
Nate Johnson
Rena Leddy
Michael Delijani
Dan Curnow
Josh Kreger

Arellia Marquez – 2
Scott Bytof

Amber Maltbie

Chip Brown – 1
Josh Albrektson

Keith Childs – 1
Robert Newman

Benjamin McMillan – 0
None

Abstentions:
James Todd

Patti Berman	N/A	Kristina Ferris	
Josh Albrektson	Chip	Estella Lopez	
Andrew Douglas		Nate Johnson	Claudia
Wendell Blassingame	Claudia	Rena Leddy (alt.)	Claudia
Ian Chi-Young	Claudia	Amara Ononiwu	
Ariana Nussdorf	Claudia	Michael Delijani (alt.)	Claudia
		Amber Maltbie	Arellia
Priscilla Bejarano		Josh Kreger	Claudia
James Todd	Abstain		
Scott Bytof	Arellia	Robert Newman	Ben
Nate Cormier (alt)	Claudia	Rufus Washington	
Beverly Christiansen (alt.)	Claudia	Dan Curnow (alt.)	Claudia

Claudia Oliveira, former alternate for Kristina Ferris, wins the election, takes her oath and joins the Board. There are now 17 Board members present.

2. Selection of Homeless Seat
No applicants.
3. Swearing in of vetted alternates.
None
5. Declarations of Ex Parte communications
None
4. Speakers
 - a. City, State, County or Elected Officials or representatives
6. General Public Comment

7. MOTION: The Board shall approve the Minutes from 08-2017

Tim Christiansen noted an inaccurate comment “alternate issue”. He’ll send changes.

Ariana Nussdorf said that for agenda item #5 she didn’t abstain.

Wendell Blassingame said that his name was misspelled as “Wendall”.

Robert Newman made the motion. Wendell Blassingame seconded.

VOTE

16-0-0

PASSED

Patti Berman	N/A	Kristina Ferris	
Josh Albrektson	Yes	Estella Lopez	
Andrew Douglas		Nate Johnson	Yes
Wendell Blassingame	Yes	Rena Leddy (alt.)	Yes
Ian Chi-Young	Yes	Amara Ononiwu	
Ariana Nussdorf	Yes	Michael Delijani (alt.)	Yes
		Amber Maltbie	Yes
Priscilla Bejarano		Josh Kreger	Yes
James Todd	Yes		
Scott Bytof	Yes	Robert Newman	Yes
Nate Cormier (alt)	Yes	Rufus Washington	
Beverly Christiansen (alt.)	Yes	Dan Curnow (alt.)	Yes
		Claudia Oliveira	Yes

8. **President’s Report**

- a. Email capacity/Special meeting
- b. Meeting Room
- c. Projects 2017-18

President Berman said that she wants every territory to come up with two projects, based on community needs. She wants stakeholders in each territory to tell Board members about their ideas at the next board meeting.

- d. October by-laws overview

She announced that next month, Vice President Robert Newman conduct a bylaws overview. There has been lots of discussion about mistake on the last bylaws. We reduced the size of the Board from 28 to 24 people, which affected the Land Use **Committee, changing its quorum from 13 to 14. That change wasn’t made by the City.** She asked Board members to send your ideas for bylaws changes to Robert Newman.

9. Consent Calendar: **

- a. None

10. Old Business

a. None

11. New Business:

a. Financial Issues:

i. MOTION: The Board shall approve the August 2017 Monthly Expenditure Report
Tim Christiansen made the motion. Josh Albrektson seconded.

VOTE
 16-0-0
 PASSED

Patti Berman	N/A	Kristina Ferris	
Josh Albrektson	Yes	Estella Lopez	
Andrew Douglas		Nate Johnson	Yes
Wendell Blassingame	Yes	Rena Leddy (alt.)	Yes
Ian Chi-Young	Yes	Amara Ononiwu	
Ariana Nussdorf	Yes	Michael Delijani (alt.)	Yes
Jacob Van Horn		Amber Maltbie	Yes
Priscilla Bejarano		Josh Kreger	Yes
James Todd	Yes	Eduardo Alvarado	
Scott Bytof	Yes	Robert Newman	Yes
Nate Cormier (alt)	Yes	Rufus Washington	
Beverly Christiansen (alt.)	Yes	Dan Curnow (alt.)	Yes
		Claudia Oliveira	Yes

b. 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.

iii. Presentation by: Valerie Sacks/valerie@liquorlicense.com

Case Number: ENV-2017-1794-CE, ZA-2017-1793-CUB

Project Location: 420 East 3rd Street Los Angeles, CA 90013

Project Description: CUB for sale of a full line of alcohol at a 53-seat, 1036 sf restaurant & a Master CUB for up to 5 beer & wine licenses in conjunction with a 6184 sf area with up to 122 seats inside + 22 seats on a 603 sf patio; 7823 sf total & up to 197 seats total; in an existing 10 story office building located in the M2-2D-O-zone at 420 3rd Street in the Little Tokyo area of Downtown Los Angeles.

Request: Pursuant to LAMC 12.24-W,1. CUB for sale of a full line of alcohol in conjunction with a 53-seat, 1036 sf restaurant; a Master CUB for sale of beer & wine (up to 5 licenses) in conjunction with a 6184 sf food hall with up to 6 operators & up to 122 seats in shared interior, and an additional 22 seats on 603 sf patio; all open 10am-1am daily.

MOTION: “The Planning and Land Use Committee recommends that DLANC submit a letter in continued support of the Applicant’s request in Planning Case No. ENV-2017-1794-CE, ZA-2017-1793-CUB.”

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

There was a mistake. This issue is postponed until we know what to do. This is not in our territory.

i. Presentation by: Sara Haughton/sara@raa-inc.com
Case Number: ZA-2017-2206-CUB, ENV-2017-2207-CE
Project Location: 2121 E. 7th Place, Los Angeles, CA 90021
Project Description/Request: Pursuant to LAMC 12.24 W.1. A request for a Conditional Use Permit to allow the continued sale and dispensing of a full line of alcohol in conjunction w/an existing 2,923 SF restaurant with one fixed bar, 108 indoor seats, a 763 SF uncovered patio w/34 seats, a 524 SF covered patio in the public right-of-way w/32 seats & hours of operation from 7 AM-2AM, daily with live entertainment in the M3-1-RIO Zone. Related Case No. ZA-2011-3215(CUB).

MOTION: “The Planning and Land Use Committee recommends that DLANC submit a letter in continued support of the Applicant’s request in Planning Case No ZA-2017-2206-CUB, ENV-2017-2207-CE.”

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

ii. Presentation by: Brett Engstrom/engstromplanning@gmail.com
Case Number: ENV-2017-2460-CE, ZA-2017-2459-MPA
Project Location: 700 W. 7th St., Los Angeles, CA 90017
Project Description: Sale of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption in conjunction **with a new full service (yakitori/izakaya style) restaurant within “The BLOC”** development. Interior is 2,000 s.f. with 66 seats, and a 285 s.f. patio with 24 seats.

Request: Per LAMC 12.24-M, Plan Approval (Under ZA 2014-1149 MCUP) to allow the sale of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption in conjunction with the operation of a new restaurant in a C2-4D zone. Interior seating for 66, patio seating for 24. Hours of operation 8am-2am daily.

MOTION: “The Planning and Land Use Committee recommends that DLANC submit a letter in support of the Applicant’s request in Planning Case No ENV-2017-2460-CE, ZA-2017-2459-MPA.”

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

iv. Presentation by: Elizabeth Peterson/elizabeth@epgla.com
Case Number: ENV-2017-2830-EAF, ZA-2017-2829-MCUP
Project Location: 1023-1043 S. Broadway Street Los Angeles, CA 90015
Project Description: Convert existing ground floor commercial space into two restaurants with on-site consumption of a full-line of alcohol and one one restaurant/market with both on-site and off-site consumption of full line, with 643 total seats.

Request: Pursuant to LAMC 12.24-W,1. A MCUP for a full-line alcohol for 2 restaurants with on-site consumption and one restaurant/market with both on-site & off-site consumption, totaling 15,995 sf interior and 642 sf outdoor patio space with a total 559 interior seats and 84 patio seats. Hours of operation 8am-2am, daily.

MOTION: “The Planning and Land Use Committee recommends that DLANC submit a letter in continued support of the Applicant’s request in Planning Case No ENV-2017-2830-EAF, ZA-2017-2829-MCUP; such support is conditioned on the following: (i) when the operator(s) is identified, the operator(s) shall return to PLUC to present their project.”

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

Berman wants to bundle items i, ii, and iv.

Wendell Blassingame made the motion. Ed Baney seconded the motion.

VOTE for i, ii, and iv

15-0-1

PASSED

Patti Berman	N/A	Kristina Ferris	
Josh Albrektson	Yes	Estella Lopez	
Andrew Douglas		Nate Johnson	Yes
Wendell Blassingame	Yes	Rena Leddy (alt.)	Yes
Ian Chi-Young	Yes	Amara Ononiwu	
Ariana Nussdorf	Yes	Michael Delijani (alt.)	Yes
Jacob Van Horn		Amber Maltbie	Yes
Priscilla Bejarano		Josh Kreger	Yes
James Todd	Yes	Eduardo Alvarado	
Scott Bytof	Yes	Robert Newman	Abstain
Nate Cormier (alt)	Yes	Rufus Washington	
Beverly Christiansen (alt.)	Yes	Dan Curnow (alt.)	Yes
		Claudia Oliveira	Yes

c.. Government Liaison

i. MOTION: The Board shall consider the following General Plan Update Resolution:

Whereas the City has for months been working on a plan behind closed doors for the overall vision and dreams for Los Angeles—the General Plan—which is to be presented to the public and Neighborhood Councils sometime this fall;

And whereas Mayor Garcetti has said, residents must have “a sense of ownership over the development of our communities,” and City Councilman Jose Huizar, chair of the PLUM committee, pledged to bring “accountability and transparency back into our General Plan and Community Plan processes”;

And whereas Los Angeles is several years behind other Western U.S. cities in involving its citizens in a General Plan Update process that starts from the ground up;

And whereas public money and public interest are major factors in the earliest decision-making on our General Plan Update process, strategies, and dreams;

And whereas it is widely agreed the public cannot fully participate in General Plan Update meetings, hearings and debates that unfold during the day Downtown;

And whereas closed-door meetings on the fundamental debates and decisions about our dreams and goals for updating of the General Plan can only create more distrust and dismay over the city's broken planning system;

The Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council (DLANC) requests that now-underway and upcoming Planning Department Work Group meetings about our shared ideas and ideals for the Los Angeles General Plan and its many Elements: be made fully transparent; be set at evening and weekend hours; be open to the public as of now; invite a representative from each neighborhood alliance; and in the case of the nearly completed Open Space Work Group, be expanded from the four meetings completed in closed-door sessions, to four extra meetings that follow the prescription in this paragraph.

DLANC further requests, in the same vein, that the Mayor's Planning Task Force and Transportation Infrastructure Steering Committee for the General Plan: be made fully transparent; be set at evening and weekend hours; be open to the public as of now; and expand their closed-door meetings to several additional meetings that follow the prescription in this paragraph.

Nate Johnson made the motion. Josh Albrektson seconded.

VOTE
3-9-4
FAILED

Patti Berman	N/A	Kristina Ferris	
Josh Albrektson	No	Estella Lopez	
Andrew Douglas		Nate Johnson	Yes
Wendell Blassingame	No	Rena Leddy (alt.)	Abstain
Ian Chi-Young	Abstain	Amara Ononiwu	
Ariana Nussdorf	No	Michael Delijani (alt.)	No
Jacob Van Horn		Amber Maltbie	Yes
Priscilla Bejarano		Josh Kreger	No
James Todd	Yes	Eduardo Alvarado	
Scott Bytof	No	Robert Newman	No
Nate Cormier (alt)	No	Rufus Washington	
Beverly Christiansen (alt.)	No	Dan Curnow (alt.)	Abstain
		Claudia Oliveira	Abstain

b. Outreach

- i. MOTION: The board shall approve a monthly Facebook ad campaign to promote the DLANC not to exceed \$100/month to be taken from the Outreach budget.

Ariana Nussdorf made the motion. Robert Newman seconded. Josh Albrektson said that he wants an amendment that would allow the use of Twitter. Nussdorf said that she would like to discuss that with Amara Ononiwu.

VOTE
16-0-0
PASSED

Patti Berman	N/A	Kristina Ferris	
Josh Albrektson	Yes	Estella Lopez	
Andrew Douglas		Nate Johnson	Yes
Wendell Blassingame	Yes	Rena Leddy (alt.)	Yes
Ian Chi-Young	Yes	Amara Ononiwu	
Ariana Nussdorf	Yes	Michael Delijani (alt.)	Yes
Jacob Van Horn		Amber Maltbie	Yes
Priscilla Bejarano		Josh Kreger	Yes
James Todd	Yes	Eduardo Alvarado	
Scott Bytof	Yes	Robert Newman	Yes
Nate Cormier (alt)	Yes	Rufus Washington	
Beverly Christiansen (alt.)	Yes	Dan Curnow (alt.)	Yes
		Claudia Oliveira	Yes

ii. MOTION: The board shall approve a community event to be held on October 21, 2017, from 10am-4pm, with \$1,300 budget for the venue- Grand Park to be taken from Outreach budget line item.

Ariana Nussdorf made the motion. Josh Albrektson seconded.

VOTE
16-0-0
PASSED

Patti Berman	N/A	Kristina Ferris	
Josh Albrektson	Yes	Estella Lopez	
Andrew Douglas		Nate Johnson	Yes
Wendell Blassingame	Yes	Rena Leddy (alt.)	Yes
Ian Chi-Young	Yes	Amara Ononiwu	
Ariana Nussdorf	Yes	Michael Delijani (alt.)	Yes
Jacob Van Horn		Amber Maltbie	Yes
Priscilla Bejarano		Josh Kreger	Yes
James Todd	Yes	Eduardo Alvarado	
Scott Bytof	Yes	Robert Newman	Yes
Nate Cormier (alt)	Yes	Rufus Washington	
Beverly Christiansen (alt.)	Yes	Dan Curnow (alt.)	Yes
		Claudia Oliveira	Yes

c. Urban Needs and Resources
i. REPORT

d. Executive Committee
i. NONE

e. Livability
i. Report

f. AD HOC
i. REPORT

h. Representative Reports

13. General Public Comment –
None

14. Other Board Member Announcements

15. Next Meeting Tuesday October 10, 2017

16. Adjourn
Albrektson made a motion to adjourn. Blassingame seconded.
The meeting ended at 8:05pm.