



BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING MINUTES (DRAFT)

DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL REGULAR AND SPECIAL BOARD MEETINGS MINUTES (DRAFT)

Meeting Date: June 13, 2017

Meeting Time: 6:30 PM

Meeting Location: Los Angeles Theatre, 630 S. Broadway

Contact: patti.berman@dlanc.com for more information

(Note: A special Board occurs during this regular Board meeting. Those notes are included here.)

1. Call to Order / Roll Call

The meeting began at 6:38 pm with 15 Board members present.

Attending Board Members:

Patti Berman, President

Robert Newman, Vice President

Wendall Blassingame

Arianna Nussdorf

Michael Delijani (Ed Baney is alternate tonight)

Beverly Christiansen

Estela Lopez (arrived late)

Nate Johnson

Rena Leddy (arrived late)

Amber Maltbie

Josh Kreger

Dan Curnow (new alternate Lock Hoffman is sworn in during meeting)

Rufus Washington (Betsy Starman is alternate tonight)

Jacob Van Horn

Priscilla Bejarano

Ian Chi-Young

Scott Bytof

Nathaniel Cormier

Amara Ononiwu (Angie Rodriguez, who is the alternate tonight, arrived late)

Non-Attending Board Members:

Eduardo Alvarado

Josh Albrektson

Andrew Douglas

James Todd

Kristina Ferris

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

Parliamentarian Ivan Speigel and Neighborhood Council Advocate Mario Hernandez are also here.

(Note: Rena Leddy arrived at 6:40pm.)

- Swearing in of vetted alternates.
Dan Curnow alternate Vlad Kopman is sworn.

(Note: Nate Cormier arrived at 6:49pm.)

- Speakers
- Declarations of Ex Parte communications
None

- General Public Comment

- MOTION: The Board shall approve the Minutes from 05-2017.

Wendall Blassingame made the motion. Ian Chi-Young seconded.

Corrections include the misspelling of Board member names for Arianna Nussbaum and Jasmine Ramos, the alternate for Rena Leddy.

**VOTE to approve amended May minutes
15-0-2
PASSED**

Patti Berman	N/A	Kristina Ferris	
Josh Albrektson		Estella Lopez	Yes
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	Abstain	Amber Maltbie	Abstain

Priscilla Bejarano	Yes	Josh Kreger	Yes
James Todd		Eduardo Alvarado	
Scott Bytof	Yes	Robert Newman	Yes
Nate Cormier	Yes	Rufus Washington (alt.)	Yes
Beverly Christiansen	Yes	Dan Curnow (alt.)	Yes

- 6. President's Report
- 7. Consent Calendar: **
 - a. None
- 8. Old Business
 - a. None
- 9. New Business:
 - a. Financial Issues:

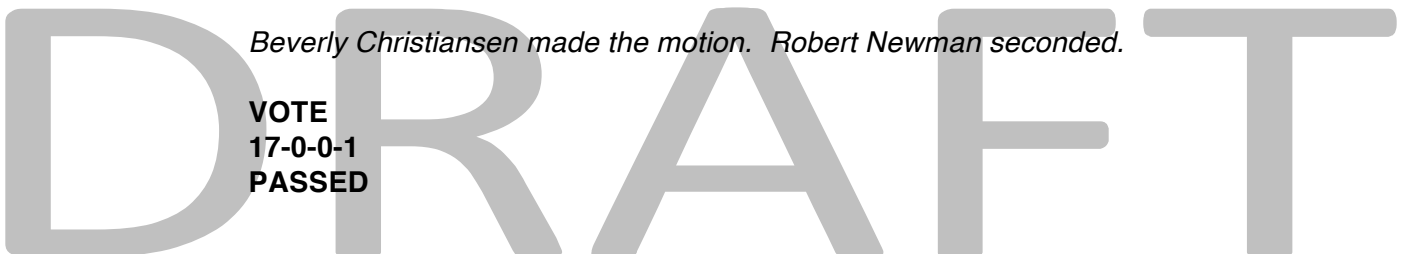
RECESS REGULAR MEETING AT 7:02PM

BEGIN SPECIAL MEETING at 7:02pm

ii. MOTION: The Board will approve the additional expenditure of \$783.20 to Swag Promo for Outreach materials. Moneys to come out of the Outreach budget.

Beverly Christiansen made the motion. Robert Newman seconded.

**VOTE
17-0-0-1
PASSED**



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

- 3. Adjourn

Jacob Van Horn made the motion to adjourn the Special Meeting. Robert Newman seconded.

END SPECIAL MEETING AT 7:07PM

RESUME REGULAR MEETING AT 7:07PM

9. New Business -- REVISITED

a. Financial Issues:

i. MOTION: The Board approves the May 2017 Monthly Expenditure Reports

Beverly Christiansen made the motion. Wendall Blassingame seconded.

(Note: Angie Rodriguez, the alternate for Amara Ononiwu, arrived at 7:10pm.)

**VOTE for MER
17-0-1-1
PASSED**

(Note: New alternate Lock Hoffman hasn't completed financial training so he is ineligible to vote on financial motions.)

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

ii. MOTION: The Board will approve the additional expenditure of \$657.18 to Swag Promo for Outreach materials.

President Berman said that she is withdrawing this motion because it is inaccurate.

iii. Selection of Budget Advocates

Scott Bytof discussed the selection of Budget Advocate representatives and the June 24 is Budget Day event. Betsy Starman and Robert Newman expressed interest in attending the event and serving as Budget Advocate.

**VOTE for Betsy Starman and Robert Newman by affirmation
18-0-0
PASSED**

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

- b. Outreach
 - i. REPORT
None
- c. Government Liaison
 - i. CIS "In Support of" Council File No. 15-1088-S1 (Matching Funds Rate Increase)

1. CF Summary:

- a. File opened January 10, 2017, with referral to Rules, Elections, Intergovernmental Relations, and Neighborhoods Committee but item not set for agenda
- b. The file would instruct the Ethics Commission to prepare an ordinance increasing the matching fund rates from the current 2:1 match in primary elections and 4:1 match in general elections to 6:1 in both primary and general elections for all candidates who qualify for matching funds. The Ethics Commission would be further instructed to study whether maximum per-contribution matches should be lowered. The City Administrative Officer is directed to report on the impacts these changes would have on the General Fund.

2. Arguments for CF:

- a. DLANC and GLC have heard about the CF from Sylvia Moore at Common Cause, who provided numerous materials demonstrating the propriety of increasing matching fund rates in local elections in LA.
- b. The CF motion has been under consideration for several years (under a different CF number), and it is time for the City to at least schedule a vote on the CF.
- c. Studies of the history of matching fund rates in LA, as well as empirical evidence from New York City, demonstrate the CF would likely encourage voter turnout by incentivizing candidate engagement with small, local donors. This could increase depth of candidate pool, which is generally an issue in local

elections (contrary to Downtown’s recent experience with the CD-34 congressional election).

d. While the CF, on its own, might not radically transform our campaign system, it is an important step to take. The Citizens United decision has severely hamstrung any legal efforts to minimize discrepancies in campaign spending. The proposals in this CF could make a meaningful difference and, at the very least, demonstrate the City’s commitment to creatively empowering voters and new candidates.

3. Arguments against CF:

a. The CF could have a limited impact on the various local elections, especially given more significant issues like entrenched incumbents and private campaign donations.

b. The City’s previous experience with changing matching fund rates does not guarantee any positive benefits. If successful, the CF could cost a significant amount of money, while diluting the candidate pool.

4. Motion: The Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council (“DLANC”) should submit a Community Impact Statement in support of Council File 15-1088-S1. The proposals to increase matching fund rates and decrease maximum per-contribution limits could have a meaningful effect on political diversity and voter engagement. At the very least, the City should schedule Council File 15-1088-S1 for immediate consideration by the proper Committees and City Council. DLANC should submit the letter posted with this Agenda in support of the Community Impact Statement.

Nate Johnson made the motion. Jacob Van Horn seconded.

VOTE
18-0-0
PASSED

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

d. 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.

i. Presentation by: Monica Vu
Case Number: ENV-2015-1159-EAF, CPC-2015-1160-DA, CPC-2015-1158-TDR-MCUP-CUX-SPR
Project Location: 1020 S. Figueroa St. Los Angeles, CA 90015
Project Description/Request: Project supported by DLANC on 7/14/15. Design modified as follows: Overall development floor area reduced by 24%, residential units reduced by approximately 33%, commercial uses reduced by approximately 31%, digital signage reduced by approximately 63% and construction impact reduced by eliminating 32 story tower.

MOTION: “DLANC shall submit a letter in support of the Applicant’s modified design in Planning Case No. ENV-2015-1159-EAF, CPC-2015-1160-DA, CPC-2015-1158-TDR-MCUP-CUX-SPR. Note that the project has previously received support from DLANC on July 14, 2015, and this is a support for a modified design.”
(PLUC Vote Count: Yes: 8; No: 0; Abstention: 1; Absent: 1, Recused: 0)

ii. Presentation by: John Howland
Case Number: CPC-2013-4050-GPA-ZC-HD-SN-CU-MCUP-ZV-SPR, CPC-2013-4051-DA
Project Location: 1057 S San Pedro St, Los Angeles, CA 90015
Project Description: Note, Project was previously supported by DLANC in 2013. This request is for an updated support letter. The Applicant is seeking to redevelop the site with a mixed use project consisting of educational, office, residential, hotel, entertainment and retail uses. The project is designed to achieve a maximum FAR of 4.10:1 which generates approximately 1.79 million square feet of floor area.
Request: The Applicant, The City Market of Los Angeles, requests approval of the following discretionary actions:

1. Pursuant to California Government Code Sections 65864-65869.5, the Applicant respectfully requests approval of a Development Agreement (“DA”) for a period of 25 years.
2. Pursuant to LAMC Section 11.5.6, as authorized by the Los Angeles Charter Section 555, a General Plan Amendment to change the land use designation from Light Manufacturing (“LM”) to Regional Commercial (“RC”) and apply the existing General Plan Footnote No. 4 to the Project Site which will create consistency with the Project scope and the proposed C2 zone change
3. Pursuant to LAMC Section 12.32 F & Q, a Vesting Zone Change from M2-2D to [Q]C2-2 to permit the construction of the project described below, including provisions for the application of the Land Use Equivalency Program.
4. Pursuant to LAMC Section 12.32 F, the Applicant respectfully requests approval of a Height District change to apply a new ‘D’ limitation to modify the allowable FAR from 3:1 to 4.1:1below.

5. Pursuant to LAMC Section 12.32 S, a Supplemental Use District to permit a sign district covering the Property in order to enhance the theme and unique qualities of the entire Project.

6. Pursuant to LAMC Section 12.24 W 19 a Conditional Use Permit to allow FAR averaging in a unified development not to exceed 4.1:1 FAR over the entire Site. However, a maximum FAR of 4.43:1 will be permitted on Block 1, 3.40:1 FAR on Block 2, 2.43:1 FAR on Block 3 and 7.19:1 of Block 4.

7. Pursuant to LAMC Section 16.05, the Site Plan Review Site Plan Review for a project

a. That meets the provisions specified in the LAMC Section 12.24 U14 (c) (2) as a major development project, and

b. That results in an increase of 50,000 gross square feet or more of nonresidential floor areas and/or 50 or more dwelling units or guest rooms

8. Pursuant to LAMC Section 12.24 W 1, a Master Conditional Use Permit for the off- and on-site sales of alcoholic beverages in retail establishments, bars and restaurants. Specifically, the Applicant is requesting:

a. 3 total off-site sales permits with 2 offering a full line of alcohol and 1 offering beer and wine.

b. 20 on-site sales permits with 17 offering a full line of alcohol and 3 offering beer and wine.

9. Pursuant to LAMC Section 17.01 and 17.15, the Applicant respectfully requests approval of a Vesting Airspace Tentative Tract Map to permit the merger and re-subdivision of the land and the creation of five ground lots containing 14 air space lots necessary to facilitate the development of a mixed-use project defined below.

a. Lot Configurations

i. Block 1: consisting of 1 ground Lot, Airspace 8 and approximately 240,071 square foot of lot area.

ii. Block 2: consisting of 2 ground lot, 6 air space lots and approximately 132,399 square feet of lot area

iii. Block 3: consisting of 1 ground lot and approximately 16,600

iv. Block 4: consisting of 1 ground lot, no air spaces lots and approximately 22,885 square feet of lot area.

b. The Applicant is also requesting partial vacation of the alley located within Block 2 of the site which is surrounded by San Pedro, San Julian, 12th and 11th Streets.

c. Merge that portion of San Julian Street (Approx. 2 ft.) which is over dedicated.

d. Reduction from Advisory Agency's Parking Policy to allow parking to be calculated based on LAMC. In addition to the specific discretionary actions identified above, other discretionary approvals may be required from the Lead Agency and various responsible agencies, including but not limited to demolition including street trees, grading, excavation, and foundation permits, and haul route approval.

In addition to the specific discretionary actions identified above, other discretionary approvals may be required from the Lead Agency and various responsible agencies, including but not limited to demolition including street trees, grading, excavation, and foundation permits, and haul route approval.

MOTION: "DLANC shall submit a letter in continued support of all of Applicant's (9) requests in Planning Case No. CPC-2013-4050-GPA-ZC-HD-SN-CU-MCUP-ZV-SPR, CPC-2013-4051-DA."

(PLUC Vote Count: Yes: 9; No: 0; Abstention: 0; Absent: 1, Recused: 0)

- iii. Presentation by: Christopher Murray
Case Number: ENV-2017-1288-CE, DIR-2017-1287-SPP
Project Location: 910 S Broadway Los Angeles, CA 90015
Project Description: The Applicant, Colossal Media Group, is requesting a Project Permit Compliance for a hand-painted Secondary Façade sign on the north building elevation of approximately 1,417 SF within Broadway Sign Supplemental Use District Specific Plan. Request: Pursuant to LAMC Section 11.5.7 and in accordance with the provisions of the Historic Broadway Sign Supplemental Use District, a Plan Permit Compliance approval to construct, use, and maintain an approximately 1,417-square foot Secondary Façade Sign with changeable copy (content of the sign will be changed periodically during the life of the requested grant) on an existing seven-story building, which is approximately 85-foot in height, and located within the [Q]C2-4D-CDO-SN Zone at 908-910 S. Broadway within the Central City community of the City of Los Angeles. No change to the footprint of floor area of the existing building is proposed as part of this request.

Recommended action: "DLANC shall submit a letter in support of the Applicant's request in Planning Case No. ENV-2017-1288-CE, DIR-2017-1287-SPP with the condition that the changeable copy will always adhere to the Historic Broadway Sign Guidelines. Note that no exceptions to Broadway Sign Guidelines are being requested by Applicant."

(PLUC Vote Count: Yes: 8; No: 0; Abstention: 0; Absent: 1, Recused: 1)

- iv. Presentation by: Elizabeth Peterson
Case Number: ENV-2017-1459-CE, ZA-2017-1458-CUB
Project Location: 855 S Broadway, Los Angeles, CA 90014
Project Description/Request: Pursuant to LAMC 12.24-W.1, Applicant requests a conditional use to permit the continued on-site sales and consumption of beer and wine in conjunction with an existing 1,404 SF ground floor café having 36 interior seats with an additional 8 seats on 124 SF of uncovered outdoor dining with hours of operation from 6am to 2am daily.

MOTION: "DLANC shall submit a letter in support of the Applicant's request in Planning Case No. ENV-2017-1459-CE, ZA-2017-1458-CUB."

(PLUC Vote Count: Yes: 9; No: 0; Abstention: 0; Absent: 1, Recused: 0)

- v. Presentation by: Thea Trindle

Case Number: ZA-2017-1843-CUB

Project Location: 108 W 2nd St #105-106, Los Angeles, CA 90012

Project Description/Request: Pursuant to LAMC 12.24 W-1, A conditional use permit to allow for the sale of a full line of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption in conjunction with an existing 5,282 SF restaurant with 64 indoor seats on the ground floor, a 500 SF mezzanine with 26 indoor seats, and a 340 SF enclosed, outdoor patio in the public right of way with 32 seats. Proposed hours of operation are 7:00AM-10:00PM on the proposed patio).

MOTION: "DLANC shall submit a letter in support of the Applicant's request in Planning Case No. ZA-2017-1843-CUB."

(PLUC Vote Count: Yes: 8; No: 0; Abstention: 0; Absent: 1, Recused: 1)

President Berman said that she wants to bundle these land use motions.

Scott Bytof made a motion to bundle all of the land use items. Rena Leddy seconded.

VOTE
18-0-0
PASSED

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

- e. Executive Committee
- f. Urban Needs and Resources
- g. Livability
- h. AD HOC

Robert Newman said that the Ad Hoc Committee's first meeting will be June 28. James Woods Center. 6pm. All stakeholders will be invited.

i. REPORT

- i. Officer Reports
- ii. VP Administration
- iii. Secretary

j. Representative Reports

- iii. Homeless
Robert Newman aid that the first meeting for the Homeless Committee was on May 31.
The City administrator office representative was there.

10. General Public Comment

11. Other Board Member Announcements

12. Next Meeting Tuesday July 11, 2017

13. Adjourn

Robert Newman made the motion. Ian Chi-Young seconded.

The meeting ended at 7:43pm.

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