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**PALMS NEIGHBORHOOD
COUNCIL**

**Special General Assembly Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, February 2, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.
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1) CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL:

- a. Call to Order (Erving)
- b. Roll Call (Tocco)

2) ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. We are accepting applications for Palms NC Area E and Youth Representatives [*email president@palmsnc.la for the application materials*]
- b. Sepulveda Transit Corridor Scoping Meetings and Opportunity to Comment Before February 11 Deadline- Metro has a plan to make it easier to get around. The natural barrier created by the Santa Monica Mountains makes traveling between the Valley and the Westside challenging, and Metro has several projects in this area. Metro is beginning the environmental review phase for the Sepulveda Transit Corridor project, which would provide a high-quality transit service between the Valley and the Westside. As part of the project’s environmental process, a formal public comment period was initiated on November 30, 2021 and will run through February 11, 2022. To get involved visit the [interactive story map](#) and [provide a comment](#).

3) GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS & MULTIPLE AGENDA ITEM PUBLIC COMMENT

4) COMMUNITY & GOVERNMENT REPORTS

- a. Office of Councilmember Paul Koretz – Rob Fisher rob.fisher@lacity.org contact James Ingram james.ingram@lacity.org until further notice
- b. Office of Mayor Eric Garcetti – Vishesh Anand vishesh.anand@lacity.org
- c. LA Police Department Pacific Division Senior Lead Officer (SLO) – Juan Ceja (or another representative during his absence)
- d. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment – Freddy Cupen-Ames freddy.cupen-ames@lacity.org
- e. Office of County Supervisor Holly Mitchell – Armine Sargsyan ASargsyan@bos.lacounty.gov
- f. Office of State Assemblymember Isaac Bryan-
- g. Office of State Senator Sydney Kamlager– Josef Siroky josef.siroky@sen.ca.gov
- h. Other Government Departments and Community Organizations
 - i. Budget Advocates Report
 - ii. Budget Tribunes Report
 - iii. Motor Avenue Improvement Association

5) SHOUT OUTS & COMMUNITY RECOGNITION

6) OLD BUSINESS

7) NEW BUSINESS

8) COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. **Transportation & Infrastructure**
- b. **Business & Beautification**
- c. **Racial & Social Justice**
 - i. **MOTION:** To appoint Ryan Oda as a Committee Member
 - ii. **MOTION:** To authorize the Palms NC to submit a CIS in support of Council File [CF 02-0264](#) (Hate Crimes / Asian American Community / Cultural Sites / Coronavirus Pandemic)
 - iii. **MOTION:** To authorize the Palms NC to submit a CIS in support of Council File [CF 21-0263](#) (Street Harassment / Transit Systems / Metropolitan Transit Authority / Its Off Limits Campaign / Public Safety Advisory Committee)
- d. **Green**
 - i. **MOTION:** To authorize the Palms Neighborhood Council to submit a CIS in support of LA Zoo Project Alternative (the Reduced Project Alternative).

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ii. **MOTION:** To purchase 1 box of dog station bags for \$152.43 from Dog Waste Depot

e. Homeless Advocacy & Public Service

f. Outreach

g. Renter Support & Affordable Housing Advocacy

h. Planning & Land Use Management

i. **MOTION:** To approve the development of a 5 story, 27 unit apartment building with 5 affordable units at 3730-3736 Kelton with the following conditions.

- Resolve parking offsite or on the property during construction.
- Provide 6 months of TAP card for all units.
- Find a way to increase the setback to 20 feet.
- Provide information about which level of EV charging (e.g., 2 or 3) is planned for the spots.

ii. **MOTION:** To approve a [CIS](#) to support [CF 21-1385](#) if amended. This council file seeks to improve notification of development projects.

i. Ad Hoc Venice Blvd. Improvement

j. Ad Hoc Bylaws

k. Executive

9) EXECUTIVE REPORTS

a. President:

i. **MOTION:** To authorize the Palms NC to be listed as a member of the Sepulveda Transit Corridor Coalition.

- a. The Sepulveda Transit Corridor For All (STC4All) is a coalition of organizations and individuals from across Los Angeles advocating for an accessible and equitable Sepulveda Transit Corridor that includes a direct stop on the UCLA campus and seamless connection to the Purple/D Line Westwood Station. As a WRAC motion supporter, the Palms NC has been invited to join this new coalition.
- b. The goal of STC4All is to have a broad and inclusive group of members that are both representative of the Westside region and the San Fernando Valley, that support accessible and equitable transportation, and that ensure connectivity across our major transit corridors. A website is under development that will serve as a landing

page for the coalition and will include communication and advocacy tools and resources to help organizations like yours stay involved and engaged in the Metro planning process; it will be launched in early January 2022.

- c. The coming months are critical in the development and selection of a proposal by Metro. An environmental review is currently underway, which includes a public scoping phase that will run through February 11, 2022. This is just the beginning of Metro’s project development process for the Sepulveda Transit Corridor.
<https://www.metro.net/projects/sepulvedacorridor/#latest-updates>
- d. We hope your neighborhood council will consider joining STC4All and be part of a broader collective voice to bring accessible and equitable transit solutions to the Westside region and beyond.

b. Vice President

c. Secretary

d. Treasurer

i. MOTION: To approve the [November MER](#)

ii. MOTION: To approve the [December MER](#)

10) REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

a. Youth Representative

b. Business Representative

c. Business Representative

d. Community Based Organization Representative

e. Area A Representative

f. Area B Representative

g. Area C Representative

h. Area D Representative

i. Area E Representative

11) ADJOURNMENT

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Council File: 21-1385

To: City Council and Committees

Support if amended

The Palms Neighborhood Council strongly supports increased and improved public notice to inform community members about upcoming development projects. The motion fails to recognize a fourth method for informing the public, the Neighborhood Councils. Neighborhood Councils are the most local elected bodies in the City. Neighborhood Councils are able to engage with the community in ways that the City Council cannot and yet the City is moving to limit the ability of Neighborhood Councils to perform this function with respect to development projects.

Email was distributed from the Planning Department on November 15, 2021 at 9:04 a.m. indicating that "City Planning has modified its mailing procedures to require submission of notification materials when they are ready to be used, rather than at the time of case filing." This limits the time that Neighborhood Councils have to engage their stakeholders who will be most directly impacted by the project. Neighborhood Councils would lack the time to have a meaningful discussion with the developer in time for the developer to take action. Even if we had a discussion with the developer, there wouldn't be time to get a motion in front of the Neighborhood Council Board in time to be meaningful. It limits the amount of time the Neighborhood Councils have to reach their stakeholders in the project's neighborhood.

While we support everything in this motion, we ask that it be amended to reverse this decision by the Planning Department so the Neighborhood Councils have the opportunity to make sure their stakeholders are informed as early as possible.

Monthly Expenditure Report



Reporting Month: November 2021

Budget Fiscal Year: 2021-2022

NC Name: Palms Neighborhood Council

Monthly Cash Reconciliation					
Beginning Balance	Total Spent	Remaining Balance	Outstanding	Commitments	Net Available
\$38355.25	\$489.70	\$37865.55	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$37865.55

Monthly Cash Flow Analysis					
Budget Category	Adopted Budget	Total Spent this Month	Unspent Budget Balance	Outstanding	Net Available
Office	\$30714.37	\$444.70	\$27865.55	\$0.00	\$27865.55
Outreach		\$45.00		\$0.00	
Elections		\$0.00		\$0.00	
Community Improvement Project	\$6000.00	\$0.00	\$6000.00	\$0.00	\$6000.00
Neighborhood Purpose Grants	\$4000.00	\$0.00	\$4000.00	\$0.00	\$4000.00
Funding Requests Under Review: \$0.00		Encumbrances: \$0.00		Previous Expenditures: \$2359.12	

Expenditures						
#	Vendor	Date	Description	Budget Category	Sub-category	Total
1	GOOGLE GSUITE PALMSLA.	11/01/2021	To authorize the Palms NC to spend up to \$2,016 for Google Suites to host Neighborhood Council email addresses.	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$144.00
2	MAILCHIMP MISC	11/03/2021	To authorize the Palms NC to spend up to \$600 for Mail Chimp as the digital newsletter vendor.	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$30.99
3	WWW.1AND1.COM	11/09/2021	To authorize the Palms NC to spend up to \$70 for the palmsnc.la domain.	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$8.71
4	HOO HOOTSUITE	11/11/2021	To authorize the Palms NC to	General Operations	Outreach	\$45.00

Monthly Expenditure Report



Reporting Month: December 2021

Budget Fiscal Year: 2021-2022

NC Name: Palms Neighborhood Council

Monthly Cash Reconciliation					
Beginning Balance	Total Spent	Remaining Balance	Outstanding	Commitments	Net Available
\$37865.55	\$1272.60	\$36592.95	\$1720.00	\$0.00	\$34872.95

Monthly Cash Flow Analysis					
Budget Category	Adopted Budget	Total Spent this Month	Unspent Budget Balance	Outstanding	Net Available
Office	\$30714.37	\$960.58	\$26592.95	\$0.00	\$26592.95
Outreach		\$312.02		\$0.00	
Elections		\$0.00		\$0.00	
Community Improvement Project	\$6000.00	\$0.00	\$6000.00	\$0.00	\$6000.00
Neighborhood Purpose Grants	\$4000.00	\$0.00	\$4000.00	\$1720.00	\$2280.00
Funding Requests Under Review: \$0.00		Encumbrances: \$0.00		Previous Expenditures: \$2848.82	

Expenditures						
#	Vendor	Date	Description	Budget Category	Sub-category	Total
1	GOOGLE GSUITE_palmsla	12/01/2021	To authorize the Palms NC to spend up to \$2,016 for Google Suites to host Neighborhood Council email addresses.	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$144.00
2	SP STENCIL STOP	12/02/2021	To authorize the Palms NC to spend up to \$400 to purchase stencils and painting supplies	General Operations Expenditure	Outreach	\$267.02
3	MAILCHIMP MISC	12/03/2021	To authorize the Palms NC to spend up to \$600 for Mail Chimp as the digital newsletter vendor.	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$30.99
4	HOO HOOTSUITE	12/07/2021	To authorize the Palms NC to	General Operations	Outreach	\$45.00

Proposed Motions for General Assembly Adoption

MOTION: To allow the Green Committee to spend up to \$50 to promote the EV Charging Workshop that is being hosted via Zoom on January 30, 2022.

Committee Reasoning: This would allow our committee to print flyers and do other advertising as needed.

Committee Vote Count:

Motion: Jessalyn Waldron

Second: Natasia Gascon

Motion passes with 4 yes votes

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Committee Reasoning: The Palms Neighborhood Council should encourage the City of Los Angeles to prioritize preserving our environment and native habitat over major new construction at the Los Angeles Zoo. Alternative 1 is a less intrusive option that still allows for Zoo expansion.

Committee Vote Count:

Motion: Jessalyn Waldron

Second: Natasia Gascon

Motion passes with 4 yes votes

MOTION: Purchase 1 box of dog station bags for \$152.43 from [Dog Waste Depot](#)

Committee Reasoning: We are running low and it takes time for the dog waste bags to arrive once ordered, so we would like to order another box now. Jessalyn researched compostable options and there are none that fit our boxes, so these will be the regular non-compostable type of bags.

Committee Vote Count:

Motion: Helen Tocco

Second: Sandeep Bhaurla

Motion passes with 4 yes votes

I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RELEVANT COUNCIL FILES:

- a. [Recent motion by City Council- Environment Committee for SB 1383/CalRecycle](#)
- b. [Motion on EV Task Force](#)
- c. [Mandating concrete development, no wood. Council File 19-063](#)

III. INTRODUCTIONS

- Helen – giving experiences instead of gifts
- Jessalyn – reusing wrapping paper and gift bags
- Sandeep – Instead of buying on Amazon, support local businesses for gifts instead
- Natasia – Not buying any gifts she is giving. They are things she already has or they come from Buy Nothing
- Charles Miller – tries to make all his gifts, wraps things in the comics section of the LA Times and using paper tape

IV. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

- Charles Miller is on the Board of Directors of the Westwood Greenway and is going to be appointed to CFAC as the alternate for our district. Invites us to participate in these things. We should still feel that we are stakeholders in the greenway. It's a 100% native installation, on the train ride between Overland and Westwood.

V. COMMITTEE UPDATES (10 MIN)

a. EV Pilot Program

- i. **Motion:** To allow the Green Committee to spend up to \$50 to promote the EV Charging Workshop that is being hosted via Zoom on January 30, 2022.

- Helen notes that we will need approval from the board for printing items.
- Charles says he just needs a Zoom link. He says it would be helpful to have someone there who could be the host so he doesn't need to focus on it. Doesn't want it to be overly complicated. It should be about an hour and a half total. He is happy to do the outreach to outside entities if we post to our channels.
- Jessalyn really wants to push a creative outreach plan. Can we get apartment management entities?
- Brainstorming a list of entities:
 - Miller & Desatnik – Helen notes that Eliot is a building manager for them.
 - NCSA
 - LADWP rebate program

- Palms social media
- Put flyers on cars in the neighborhood
- Farmer's market
- Look at hashtags on Instagram, fan pages, etc.
- Charles says he knows the person who runs the green table at Mar Vista and will ask them to promote it too
- Charles says he can make a one page flyer within 24 hours of getting the Zoom link.
- Helen says she and Jessalyn will probably introduce the session and then turn it over to Charles.
- Natasia suggests repurposing the yard signs to promote this. Information and a QR code printed and put onto the signs.
- Sandeep asks whether it's worth having a table at the Farmer's Market? Or canvas the Farmer's Market?
- Print one flyer for December 19th
- Condo owners, property owners, etc.
- Natasia says she will reach out to Culver City to promote as well

Motion: Jessalyn

Second: Natasia

Motion passes unanimously of those present

ii. Planning for January 30, 2022 seminar

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- Helen introduces the motion and the issues with the zoo plan as proposed. Destruction of hundreds of native trees, many acres of habitat lost, and for the purposes of building a parking garage, event center, and rides. Los Angeles doesn't need another theme park. The NCSA has voted on this as well and used similar language in their letter of support for alternative 1.

Motion: Jessalyn

Second: Natasia
Motion passes the committee members present unanimously

- c. Tree Planting Initiatives
- d. [NC Green Biz](#)
- e. [Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance](#) (NCSA)
- f. [Dog Waste stations](#)
 - i. **FUNDING MOTION:** Purchase 1 box of dog station bags for \$152.43 from [Dog Waste Depot](#)

- The board last time we purchased bags requested we get compostable ones but they don't seem to exist. There are no bags that fit the model of these units.
- Natasia says this is to allocate the money for dog waste bags, not for compostable? Jessalyn says this is the cost of one box.
- Discussion of biodegradable versus compostable. Charles says some bags require sunlight to decompose, so when they are buried in a landfill even the compostable ones may not decompose.
- Discussion of whether or not the bags are necessary and whether we should continue the project. Discussion of how we need more trash cans as well. Helen suggests Natasia can figure out locations for trash cans. Can we purchase them and how do we ensure that the City empties them? Jessalyn suggests we should talk to Sanitation or Koretz's office.

Motion: Helen
Second: Sandeep
Motion passes unanimously of the members who are here

g. Non-Profit Liaison: Natasia Gascon

- She is working on a project for the Venice median to do beautification and rainwater catchment.
- Charles says the Venice median is a CalTrans thing so the City Adopt a Median might not work.

h. New Potential Park Updates

VI. NEW PROJECTS/BUSINESS

- a. Greening of Palms Elementary School
- b. LADWP Treatment of Bees
- c. Plant Swap and Master Gardeners Update
- d. Neighborhood Cleanups

- Helen notes that she is still working through the approval process and waiting to hear back from Shawna.

VII. Identify next steps (if time allows)

VIII. Next meeting: Tuesday January 11th, 2021

IX. Adjournment 7:16 PM

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 - i. Hate Crimes / Asian American Community / Cultural Sites / Coronavirus Pandemic [CF 02-0264](#)
 - ii. Community Health Centers Vaccination Program / Expansion / Comprehensive COVID Relief Package [CF 21-0002-S51](#)

- iii. Street Harassment / Transit Systems / Metropolitan Transit Authority / Its Off Limits Campaign / Public Safety Advisory Committee [CF 21-0263](#)
 - b. Committee member to select CIS(s) for next meeting
 - c. Discussion and possible action: **Potential Committee partnership/programming**
 - i. City Council District 5 Candidate Forum with Homeless Advocacy & Public Service Committee
 - ii. [Supervisor Holly Mitchell, Second District](#)
 - iii. [WestLA4BlackLives](#)
 - iv. Additional potential partnerships/programming for MLK Jr Day (January 17th), Black History Month (February), Cesar Chavez Day (March 31st)
 - d. Discussion and possible action (standing item): **Palms stakeholder concerns about safety in the community**
- IV. **ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE BUSINESS**
 - a. Discussion and possible action: **Committee membership and appointments**
 - b. **Motor Ave Farmer's Market - Palms NC booth shifts:** Committee member sign-ups
- V. **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RESOURCES**
 - a. Announcements
 - b. [Resource List](#) in [Resources folder](#) (Palms NC public Google Drive)
- VI. **RECAP ACTION AND NEXT STEPS**
 - a. Cadence: Second Thursdays of the month at 5:30PM
 - b. Confirmation of next meeting: January 13th at 5:30PM
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Joint Board Racial & Social Justice Committee Meeting Agenda
Thursday, January 13, 2022 – 5:30 p.m.

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Committee Meeting Date: January 13, 2022

Committee Members: Chair: Tina Chinakarn, Co-Chair: Matthew Wait, Secretary: Emily Mayock
Members: Catalina Langen, Josh Nadel

Committee Members Present: Chair: Tina Chinakarn, Co-Chair: Matthew Wait, Secretary: Emily Mayock, Members: Catalina Langen, Josh Nadel

Committee Members Absent: None

Public Present: Ryan Oda; Caller ending in -532, Chelsea Mc Elwee - Zapata-King Neighborhood Council President

Call to Order: 5:32pm **Adjournment:** 6:48 p.m.

Proposed Motions for General Assembly Adoption

Motion:

None

Summary of Agenda Item Discussion and Committee Updates

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item II – General Public

Comment: None

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item III (A) - Community Impact Statements (CISs)

No CISs presented

Josh gives demonstration of how to search CISs - <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/#>

Reviewed [CF 21-0002-S51](#) & [CF 21-0263](#) as examples. Okay for committee to submit CIS to express position on topic. Can utilize language from other neighborhood councils. Okay if CF approved by city council as it may come up again; motion will indicate next steps.

Include coronavirus CIS from December meeting on February agenda for discussion.

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item III (B) – Committee Member to Select CISs for next meeting

February CISs - Ryan Oda

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item III (C) – Discussion and possible action: Potential Committee partnership/programming

i. City Council District 5 Candidate Forum hosted by Palms NC Homeless Advocacy & Public Service Committee and R&SJ Committee

Josh recused himself from the meeting for this item

Catalina and Emily can assist with candidate forum; Tina to relay to Gabriela in Homeless Advocacy Committee

ii. Potential partnership with [Supervisor Holly Mitchell, Second District](#) Holly Mitchell, Second District

Josh re-entered the meeting

Catalina's update - Due to redistricting, Kuehl (not Mitchell) is now the Board of Supervisor for Palms. Zac Gaidzik is Kuehl's field deputy for Palms - he will be reaching out to community leaders to introduce themselves.

iii. Potential partnership with [WestLA4BlackLives](#)

Clothing Drive for people experiencing homelessness

How to get involved - contact form on website

iv. Upcoming opportunities for programming: MLK Jr Day (January 17th), Black History Month (February), Cesar Chavez Day (March 31st)

Catalina - MLK Westside Coalition - has multiple events posted on <https://www.mlkjrwestside.org/>

Friday 1/14 8am - interfaith freedom celebration - Mt. Olive Church in Santa Monica - Zoom

Saturday 1/15 2pm - Santa Monica symphony orchestra

Monday 1/17 9am - Annual Holiday Celebration - the time is always right to do what is right

Community involvement fair

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item III (D) – Palms stakeholder concerns about safety in the community

Comment - None

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item IV (A) – Administrative Committee Business

a. Monthly meeting cadence

i. Avoid

1. First Mondays and Tuesdays (too late to get action items on GA agenda which is on the first Wednesdays)
2. Fourth week of the month (request for Committee Reports by the fourth Wednesdays of the month for Executive Board review; GA materials due on Fourth Fridays)

ii. Available monthly days (1.5-hour meetings)

1. Third Mondays at 6:00 – 7:30PM (b4 Housing Comm Meeting)
2. Second Tuesdays at 7:30 – 9:00 PM (after Green Comm Meeting)
3. Second Thursdays at 6:00 – 7:30 PM (b4 Transp Comm Mtg)
4. First Thursdays at 6:00 – 7:30 PM (**no other standing Comm Mtgs**)
5. Third Thursdays at 6:00 – 7:30 PM (**no other standing Comm Mtgs**)

Day/Time that works best for all members: Third Thursdays 6pm - 8pm

b. Discussion and possible action: Committee membership and appointments

No new appointments. Ryan re-emphasized his hope to join as a member which will be

on the Feb GA consent agenda.

c. Motor Ave Farmers Market - Palms NC booth shifts: Committee member sign-ups

Sign up via email that was sent

Alternative places for labeling - Culver City farmers market, Palms/Rancho Park Library; Sprouts; Connect with girl scouts; Worship services; Continue to think of ideas and connect with outreach

*Chelsea Mc Elwee entered meeting

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item V (A) – Announcements and Resources

a. Announcements

Several special meetings for board - All are virtual and open to all

Jan. 20th - Area reps and what their roles should be and involvement with committees

Jan. 29th - Retreat - planning session/vision time; bylaws changes

Feb. 2nd - GA meeting

b. [Resource List](#) in [Resources folder](#) (Palms NC public Google Drive)

View in Folders as needed. MLK Jr celebration links saved in R&SJ Events, Conferences and Trainings document in folder.

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item VI (A) – Recap action and Next Steps

a. Confirmation of next meeting: February 17th at 6:00PM

Confirmed

Adjournment: 6:48pm

Confirmation of Next Meeting Date: February 17, 2022 **Time** 6:00 p.m. **Location** Zoom

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Committee Members Present: Eliot Hochberg, Josh Nadel, Nick Smith

Committee Members Absent: Natasia Gascon, Gabriela Sotomayor (ill)

Call to Order: 7:11 **Adjournment:** 8:48

Committee Updates

Discussed plans for better business contact in 2022, introduced medallion and string light topics

Proposed Motions for General Assembly Adoption

No motions

Summary of Agenda Item Discussion and Committee Updates

- I. **CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**
 - a. Call to Order (Hochberg) 7:11PM
 - b. Roll Call (Hochberg)
 - Hochberg: Present
 - Nadel: Present
 - Smith: Present
 - Sotomayor: Absent (excused)
 - Gascon: Absent
 - c. Review of code of conduct (Hochberg)
 - d. Notes regarding Joint nature of committee meetings
 - e. Agenda preview (Hochberg)
- II. **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT/ FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/MULTIPLE ITEMS**
- III. **REPORTS**
 - a. Gascon
 - b. Hochberg
 - i. Woodbine Kiosk update – back to lock and key
 - ii. Update re: Beautify Earth, need new non-profit partner
 - iii. Results of Farmer’s Market tabling – explore different locations
 - c. Nadel
 - d. Smith
 - e. Sotomayor
- IV. **DISCUSSION: CALL FOR WEB DEVS TO UPDATE PALMSNC.LA** – Josh looking into template from DONE.
- V. **UTILITY BOX PROGRAM UPDATE**
 - a. Venice/Bagley approved, submitted to CD5/LADOT – Report graffiti
- VI. **DISCUSSION: VENICE BLVD BEAUTIFICATION**
 - a. Medallions
 - We should pay an artist a fair amount for medallion design, requires funding from CD Feb/March to follow up, work on Proposal in January
 - b. String lights
 - Palms Expo for strings across the intersection
- VII. **DISCUSSION: SUGGESTIONS FOR AREA REP MEETING JAN 20**
 - Area Reps direct contact of businesses**
 - Conduit to business reps**
 - Connect with apartment buildings, especially brand new ones**
 - Utility box monitoring, 5-7 per rep, give the map**
 - Waste bin monitoring**
 - Graffiti monitoring**
 - Mural locations - private property, make suggestions, monitor current murals**
 - Calling 311 for large item pickup**
- VIII. **2022 BUSINESS CONTACT PLAN**
 - a. What’s our hook?
 - b. Divide and conquer - who will take on what area? Working in pairs?

- c. Realities of contacting businesses in person vs. phone calls
- d. Creating a Palms NC Pitch
 - contact plan - start with an area at a time
 - Business event: pay for some food and then progressing down a blvd to make contact.
 - T-shirts and flag to make a stunt
 - Find out from Helen how to get
 - Goal to buckle down on writing the elevator pitch
 - CD5, CSD2, small business town hall, give businesses a chance to talk to businesses
 - Value proposition: I am a person who can listen to you and find out what you need.

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- IX. **REBRANDING BUSINESSES AS PALMS**
- X. **BUSINESS CONTACT LIST** – On google drive
- XI. **PALMS INTERNATIONAL FOOD DISTRICT**
- XII. **PALMS RESOURCE MAP**
- XIII. **BUSINESS COMMUNICATIONS PLAN**
- XIV. **MURALS**
- XV. **PALMS GATEWAY LIGHTING PROJECT**
- XVI. **MANAGEMENT COMPANY WELCOME PROJECT**
- XVII. **COMMUNITY SCHOOL PARKS**
- XVIII. **CLOSING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**
- XIX. **Adjournment 8:48PM**

Confirmation of Next Meeting Date: 01-19-22 Time: 7pm Location: Zoom

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Committee Members Present: Eliot Hochberg, Josh Nadel, Nick Smith, Natasia Gascon, Gabriela Sotomayor

Committee Members Absent: None

Call to Order: 7:07 **Adjournment:** 8:03

Committee Updates

Continued discussion of String Lights locations

Proposed Motions for General Assembly Adoption

No motions

Summary of Agenda Item Discussion and Committee Updates

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 - a. Call to Order (Hochberg): 7:07pm call to order
 - b. Roll Call (Hochberg)
 - i. Gascon – present
 - ii. Hochberg – present
 - iii. Nadel – present
 - iv. Smith – present
 - v. Sotomayor - present
 - c. Review of code of conduct (Hochberg)
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- III. **REPORTS**
 - a. Gascon
 - b. Hochberg
 - i. Woodbine Kiosk update
 - ii. Utility Boxes : LADOT approved Venice and Bagley kiosk box no others anticipated until June
 - c. Nadel
 - d. Smith
 - e. Sotomayor
- IV. **DISCUSSION: CALL FOR WEB DEVS TO UPDATE PALMSNC.LA**
- V. **DISCUSSION: STRING LIGHTS LOCATIONS**
 - a. Opportunity to have city put up or buy decorative string lights; designed to illuminate for fun
 - i. Possible Areas
 - 1. National Turn (where Farmer’s Market is)
 - 2. Motor Ave (leverage current area)
 - 3. Palms by the elementary school
 - 4. Palms and Exposition Blvd
 - 5. Palms to Motor
 - 6. Venice and Bagley
 - 7. Venice and Motor
 - 8. Venice and Kelton
 - 9. Venice and Westwood (International Market Place)
 - 10. Sepulveda to Bentley
 - 11. Overland (by developments)
 - 12. Culver and Venice
 - ii. Each area block at a time
- VI. **2022 BUSINESS CONTACT PLAN: 30 second pitch to Palms NC**

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- VII. **UTILITY BOX PROGRAM**
- VIII. **REBRANDING BUSINESSES AS PALMS:**

- IX. **BUSINESS CONTACT LIST:** uploading new version by Saturday morning
- X. **PALMS INTERNATIONAL FOOD DISTRICT:** Department of Tourism proposal to present next week (looking for multiple districts: sports, creative, food, park districts) can retire post this meeting from agenda as it will be with them after this meeting
 - a. Recommended Josh reach back out to the businesses that originally agreed to participate as it will be moving to the city
- XI. **PALMS RESOURCE MAP:**
- XII. **BUSINESS COMMUNICATIONS PLAN**
- XIII. **MURALS:**
 - a. Motor Ave Association partnered with a management company and an artist to create a mural for Betty White near Motor
 - b. The mural by Arco has been painted over and there are discussions for a new mural
- XIV. **PALMS GATEWAY LIGHTING PROJECT**
- XV. **MANAGEMENT COMPANY WELCOME PROJECT**
- XVI. **COMMUNITY SCHOOL PARKS**
- XVII. **CLOSING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**
- XVIII. **Adjournment:** Next meeting is on February 16th at 7pm via Zoom; adjournment at 8:03pm

Confirmation of Next Meeting Date: 02-16-22 Time: 7pm Location: Zoom

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