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Business & Beautification Virtual Committee Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, May 20, 2020 – 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Los Angeles Fire Dept. Station 43 – 3690 Motor Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90034

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VIRTUAL MEETING TELECONFERENCING NUMBER FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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- I. **CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL** (5 minutes)
 - a. Call to Order (Hochberg)
 - b. Roll Call (Halff)
 - c. Review of code of conduct (Hochberg)
 - d. Agenda preview (Hochberg)
- II. **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT/ FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS** (10 minutes)
- III. **REPORTS** (10 Minutes each)
 - a. Halff
 - b. Hochberg
- IV. **BUDGET ADVOCATES ISSUES DISCUSSION**
 - a. June 28 session to discuss city budget concerns. Any from B&B?
- V. **FOOD HOURS SURVEY AND MAP**
- VI. **OPEN DISCUSSION: RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NGA GRANTS**
- VII. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE LETTER: LOS ANGELES MEDICAL RESERVE**
- VIII. **DISCUSSION: MANAGEMENT COMPANY WELCOME PROJECT** (5 min)
 - a. Request for stakeholder volunteer(s) to begin contacting management companies
- IX. **REPORT and DISCUSSION: PALMS FOOD CRAWL** (10 minutes)

- a. Report by Josh Nadel (see supplemental materials attached)
 - X. **DISCUSSION: UPDATING UTILITY BOX PROGRAM** (10 min)
 - XI. **DISCUSSION: COMMUNITY SCHOOL PARKS** (5 min)
 - XII. **DISCUSSION: WESTSIDE COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE** (5 min)
 - XIII. **DISCUSSION: BUSINESS FLYER** (10 minutes)
 - a. Begin planning to contact Palms Businesses!
 - XIV. **MOTION & DISCUSSION: PALMS GATEWAY LIGHTING PROJECT** (10 min)
 - a. Update from DCA (if any) and confirmation of funding
 - XV. **VENICE BLVD. IMPROVEMENT STATUS**
 - XVI. **CLOSING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**(5 minutes, time permitting)
 - XVII. **Adjournment**
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Palms Neighborhood Council

Business & Beautification Committee presents: the 1st ever Palms Food Crawl

WHAT THIS EVENT ENTAILS:

This event is a food crawl of the diverse restaurants Palms has on Venice Blvd. In the roughly 1.5 mile stretch of Venice Blvd that is in Palms, there are over 30 kinds of differing global cuisines from our local restaurants. The goal is to get as many restaurants as possible in participating (giving out free samples, coupons, and to go menus). This will get more residents aware of the restaurants in Palms.

This event will start on the eastern side of Venice Blvd near the In n Out, where there will be a Palms NC booth (table, tablecloth, chairs & swag). That booth will be the greeting location and starting point for the event. There should be 1-4 greeters there that will pass out Palms NC bags for collecting restaurant coupons and menus. If there are multiple greeters, one or more may become “runners” alerting restaurants 15-25 minutes before the group gets there. The group will leave the starting place within a few minutes of the start time.

Diners will be given a passport at the starting booth. These passports will be a sheet of glossy paper folded in half and designed in the style of a passport. Every restaurant that is participating will get a square inside the passport and have their logo placed on the front and back of the passport. Each restaurant will be given a stamp to stamp each person’s passport after they get their food sample. Palms NC will collect these stamps to re-use them for future food crawls.

Each restaurant will get approximately 5 minutes for handing out samples, making stamp marks, and passing out coupons and menus. We will assume an average of 3 minutes of walk time with 2 minutes of starting & stopping. If we get 10 restaurants, this event will take about 1.5-2 hours. If we get all 30 global cuisines, then about 5-6 hours. If we get every restaurant, then the event would be 7-8 hours. That is ok because more engagement is good and will make the marketing & advertising easier. We will have passports detailing every restaurant involved and the rough progression path and time we project just before the event when every restaurant is confirmed. If many restaurants want to participate, then the event will be long, and everyone will have tons of fun. Tons of people would come out too for free food. The cost of the event for Palms NC does not really change very much depending on the turnout, so more is better from a cost standpoint. Details are below in the budget and accompanying discussion.

Restaurants will be expected to provide a sampling of food and a stamp on the passport. This food could be on a toothpick, from a wrapper or in a container in a manner the restaurant determines based on the food choice and other factors. They will be able to give away coupons and to go menus. When we approach them for the event, we should encourage them to do so saying these are local residents and that they may be getting exposed to this restaurant for the first time. If they only want to provide food, then that is ok, as it’s the main point of the event. No coupons and menus will be given out by a restaurant if they do not provide food because of both time constraints and fairness issues to the other participating restaurants.

There should also be an end booth staffed by 1-4 volunteers. This booth will be to collect information on how many stamps people got. This would let us know which restaurants participated and followed all the guidelines. Also, people could get some Palms NC swag if there is any available at the time. This will be a good opportunity to see how event participation went during the day and to learn lessons for doing the event again in the future.

BUDGET

This event will have a handful of expenses. They can be grouped into several bunches: event promotion, event consumables, repeat event purchases and miscellaneous. Event promotion would involve printing out some post card sized event flyers and signs to post on restaurant windows and street poles. Additionally, more cost effective marketing will come from leveraging the Outreach Committee and their social media platforms.

Event consumables would be passports and signs posted the day of for aesthetic or directional purposes that are not reusable. Repeat event purchases would be stamps for the restaurants, durable event signs and any miscellaneous that survives the event.

After speaking with the DONE office (Jasmine), the impression was given that this event requires no insurance since the Palms NC is not serving food or doing much of anything liability causing beyond passing out flyers and bags then walking around.

An approximation of the budget is

Event Promotion - \$80

Promotional signs - \$40

Promotional postcards - \$40

Event Consumables - \$100

Passports - \$70

Directional signs (paper) - \$30

Repeat Event Purchases - \$120

Stamps - \$60

Directional signs (durable) - \$60

Miscellaneous - \$100

Budget over-run that is pre-approved \$100

Total - \$300 with \$100 of over run

Event Timeline

November 2019	Submit proposal to Business & Beautification committee
December 2019	General Assembly Funding Motion
January 2020	Find and confirm restaurants
February 2020	Print event materials & start social media campaign
March 2020	Distribute promotional materials to restaurants
April 2020	Targeting the 4/18-19 weekend – B&B committee will select date
May 2020	Maybe a 2 nd food crawl involving Motor Avenue Association area, targeting 5/23-24 weekend (same basic timeline for both events)

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RE: Emergency Medical Reserve Program

The Palms Neighborhood Council asks that the City and County of Los Angeles and the State of California consider creating a plan to deal with lack of medical personnel in the event of future pandemics, COVID spikes, or other disasters that will require more medical personnel than are needed on normal days in Los Angeles.

While the state has been very fortunate to not have been as heavily impacted as some other locations around the country and the world, the need for medical staff in the event of issues like COVID-19 could never be clearer than now.

The City of Los Angeles has asked for residents to volunteer to assist for emergencies, and while this is a good goal, the truth is that even after an emergency like this, getting people to commit to and sustain volunteer efforts is no guarantee we will have enough knowledgeable people to properly staff hospitals and emergency medical facilities in the event of other emergencies. And it has become clear that states should not depend on the Federal government to provide these kinds of resources when they are needed.

Additionally, it is well known that there is not sufficient medical staff across the state even at the best of times, let alone during a time of crisis, where shift rotations are critical to maintain the health of medical personnel and keep them alert and well rested.

We propose the state, county, and city take the following steps to insure that we have sufficient personnel during emergencies while also taking advantage of those who are currently unemployed or underemployed.

- 1) Create a Medical Reserve program modeled after the Army and Navy Reserve programs, where residents would get paid to train once per month in all necessary medical and emergency procedures, to be available at a moment's notice to provide well trained reserve personnel instead of depending on the current fire, police, and medical personnel who already have extensive responsibilities during emergencies and could use additional knowledgeable people to pick up any slack.
- 2) Encourage people to enter into medical fields by promoting existing education programs, and providing job guidance counseling specifically aimed at increasing the pool of trained medical professionals, including doctors and nurses, but also non-university trained medical professionals like orderlies and medical assistants.
- 3) Pass legislation to insure that our medical professionals, especially EMTs, ambulance drivers, nurses, and others who are not at partnership levels earn enough to make their

taking of overtime unnecessary for them to earn a decent living, and therefore make space to have more employment available. By doing this, we will increase our overall pool of trained professionals which will make us more prepared for larger emergencies.

4) Provide additional grants and scholarships for those entering medical training.

If this crisis teaches us anything, it should be that we need to be better prepared for every kind of emergency. Encouraging volunteers is good, but providing income and jobs to increase the number of people who are both trained and dedicated to the process will be key for the next, possibly worse, emergency. Depending on the federal government or private sector to provide sufficient medical personnel in an emergency has proven time and again to leave many people facing serious consequences as we have not been fully prepared for such emergencies, both in California and across the nation. Let's set an example of how cities can support our stakeholders by being prepared with both full time and on demand trained and paid medical staff to insure we aren't caught off guard again.