

**Neighborhood Council
Planning and Land Use
Management Committee**

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PALMS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
Planning and Land Use Management Committee Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, September 9, 2020 – 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Zoom Meeting Online at <https://zoom.us/j/96771635218>
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VIRTUAL MEETING TELECONFERENCING NUMBER FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION In conformity with the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 (MARCH 17, 2020) and due to concerns over COVID-19, the Palms Neighborhood Council Planning and Land Use Management Committee meeting will be conducted entirely electronically.

Every person wishing to address the Neighborhood Council must join the zoom meeting at <https://zoom.us/j/96771635218> or dial +1 669 900 6833, and enter 967 7163 5218 and then press # to join the meeting. Instructions on how to sign up for public comment will be given to listeners at the start of the meeting

- I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**
 - a. Call to Order
 - b. Roll Call
- II. INTRODUCTIONS**
 - a. Introductions and welcome (5 minutes)
- III. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT (10 minutes)**
 - a. Limited to non-agenda items – subjects related to planning and land use management issues (up to 2 minutes per speaker, time permitting)
- IV. COMMITTEE BUSINESS**
 - a. Committee member updates (10 minutes)
 - b. Aviv Kleinman will provide a PLUM update from Councilmember Paul Koretz's office.

- c. Developer presentations
 - None this month
- d. Deep dive.
 - None this month
- e. MOTION to approve a letter requesting policy changes in response to DWP towing on Motor Ave. Assuming we approve the letter, it will be shared with the Transportation and Green Committees for their edits and additions. The letter is attached to the agenda.
- f. DISCUSSION about Housing. Do we want to add Housing to the name of our committee and/or to our vision/mission/goals? The city's Housing organization (Housing and Community Investment Department – HCIDLA) does the following.
 - Serves as a resource to landlords and tenants, to provide information on their rights and responsibilities under the [Rent Stabilization Ordinance](#) and the City and State [Housing Codes](#).
 - Housing inspectors respond to code violation complaints and conduct scheduled inspections for each of the 760,000 rental units.
 - Oversees and enforces the Rent Stabilization Ordinance (RSO).
 - Ensures that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to rent, use, and enjoy housing that has received financial or other assistance from the City of Los Angeles (City) or the Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Los Angeles (CRA/LA).

Whereas the Planning organization (Planning Department)

 - Defines zoning.
 - Approves/rejects development applications.
- g. DISCUSSION to support requesting Historical designation for the apartment building at 9813 Venice Blvd.
<http://historicplacesla.org/reports/f8a84c95-276b-49f1-a241-e43f8564d804>
 Be aware of <http://historicplacesla.org/reports/08caf99f-aab8-48d6-83dc-d26b0cc0f642> where a list of potential historic landmarks in Palms are documented.
- h. Select a bill to deep dive in August.
 - Council File [20-0980](#) about revocation of approvals of projects tainted with corruption and fraud.
 - [Proposition 15](#) to repeal Proposition 13 for commercial and industrial properties.
 - [Proposition 19](#) to allow people to transfer their tax assessments anywhere in the state.
 - [Proposition 21](#) to allow more local rent control in California.

V. Adjournment:

- a. Next meeting is scheduled for **October 14, 2020 at 7:00.**

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To: Councilmembers Paul Koretz, Mike Bonin, and Joe Buscaino of the Los Angeles City Council Transportation Committee

Cc: Seleta Reynolds, Los Angeles Department of Transportation General Manager
Martin L. Adams, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power General Manager
Sherman Torres, StreetsLA Street Maintenance Division Manager

On August 17, cars parked on Motor Ave in Palms were towed in response to “No Parking” signs that had been installed by the Department of Transportation at the behest of the Department of Water and Power. “No parking” signs were already installed for several weeks prior to the event due to construction work from several development projects that are being built within the same block. The “no parking” restrictions from those construction sites were never enforced. The signs came and went over the course over many weeks and they looked exactly like the new DWP-ordered signs. In several cases, the DWP-ordered signs were placed on the same tree or pole as the existing signs, with differing day and time restrictions (see attached). In a case like this, how is a driver supposed to know which signs take precedence over another or which signs are legitimate in the first place? Additionally, in this high-density neighborhood, where on-street parking is in high-demand, drivers often park vehicles blocks away from their destinations. The relaxed parking restrictions during Safer at Home mean that vehicles remain docile for days, sometimes weeks at a time, here in Palms. When LADWP began its necessary work on Motor Ave, it requested that all vehicles on the Avenue be towed - obviously a shock to those whose cars remained on the street that morning. During such a sensitive time for Angelenos financially, this series of actions has caused undue hardship on many local residents.

Once the LADWP work began on Motor Ave, traffic was diverted into temporary lanes that were bounded by the street’s curb in some places. This resulted in local trees (planted in the parkway by the Palms Neighborhood Council) being clipped by passing trucks and buses, sending debris flying into the sidewalks, damaging the tree canopies and, in one specific case, leaving a large tree branch hanging dangerously for the following vehicles to hit. To the credit of the LADWP work crew, that hanging branch was quickly detached and removed.

The Palms Neighborhood Council, local organizations, and several stakeholders have been in contact with LADWP, LADOT, and Council District 5, receiving responses with varying degrees of accountability and concern. As a result, the Palms Neighborhood Council hereby recommends the following policy changes to ensure clear and trustworthy communication among City departments, stakeholders, and the Neighborhood Council.

LADOT parking restrictions must be labeled with enforceable beginning and ending dates.

LADOT-posted “no parking” signs must be labeled with information about the associated project and contact information should stakeholders have concerns or questions.

LADOT must provide clear direction on parking restrictions. LADOT staff must resolve the situation of multiple signs with conflicting messaging.

LADOT must limit parking restrictions to the smallest stretch of street to safely complete the work.

If parking restrictions are granted to construction projects, the above stipulations must apply regardless of whether the signs are posted by LADOT staff, a contractor, or anyone associated with the construction project.

Neighborhood Councils must be given at least 72 hours advance notice of upcoming street closures and parking restrictions so they can use their outreach tools to alert the public. It would also be helpful for LADOT and other City departments to reach out to neighborhoods through their social media channels or other public avenues.

Given the “safer-at-home” instructions we live by today, stakeholders and Neighborhood Councils must be given at least one week’s notice of any upcoming changes until the emergency order is lifted.

Temporary lanes designed by LADOT must take into account issues such as local street trees that can be few and far between in many under-served communities. Traffic should be diverted to preserve such foliage and accommodated on alternate streets if necessary.

Any damage caused by public or private work crews must be repaired by the organization whose work led to the damage. **We should assess the damage and get an estimate to put the trees back into good shape. This letter should state the financial extent of the damage.**















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LOS ANGELES, CA 90045-6223
(310) 395-0084

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Date In 08/17/2020

Year, Make, Model	License No.	State	Id #	Color	Location	Clear Date	Driver
17 JEEP RENEGRAD	[REDACTED]	CA	7190	WHI	HP2F		KB
Tow From 3600 MOTOR AVE						137.00	
Tow Out						0.00	
Storage	\$42.50	Per Day	08/17/2020	To	08/17/2020	42.50	
City Of Los Angeles 10% Parking Tax						4.25	
City Of Los Angeles Vehicle Release Fee						115.00	
Extra Charges						0.00	
Legal Owner Certified Mail Processing						0.00	
Lien Processing Fee						0.00	
Total						298.75	

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