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**PALMS NEIGHBORHOOD
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**Representative Assembly General Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, October 7th 2020 – 7:00 p.m.**

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I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

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

II. COMMUNITY & GOVERNMENT REPORTS

- a. Office of Councilmember Paul Koretz – Elizabeth Garcia Elizabeth.garcia@lacity.org
- b. Office of Mayor Eric Garcetti – Kevin Taylor kevin.taylor@lacity.org
- c. LA Police Department – Juan Ceja
- d. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment – Freddy Cupen-Ames freddy.cupen-ames@lacity.org
- e. Office of State Senator Holly Mitchell – Lily Sofiani lily.sofiani@sen.ca.gov
- f. Office of State Assemblymember Sydney Kamlager– Kasey Kokenda kasey.kokenda@asm.ca.gov

- g. Other Government Departments and Community Organizations
 - i. Budget Advocates Report (3 Minutes)
 - ii. Motor Avenue Improvement Association (3 minutes)
 - iii. Special Update from State Assemblymember Sydney Kamlager

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Virtual Hat Party on October 18 at 3 pm
- b. New WRAC Chair – Matt Wersinger from Del Rey NC

IV. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS & MULTIPLE AGENDA ITEM PUBLIC COMMENT (10 minutes)

V. CONSENT AGENDA (2 minutes)

- a. **MOTION:** To approve minutes from 9/2/2020 General Assembly meeting. [[Click here](#) for minutes]
- b. **MOTION:** To appoint Pamela Leo to the Homelessness and Safety Committee
- c. **MOTION:** To appoint Alina Borja to the Transportation Committee
- d. **MOTION:** To remove Nathan Pope from the Transportation Committee and thank him for his incredible work as chair
- e. **MOTION:** To appoint Kasey Crawford as chair of the Transportation Committee
- f. **MOTION:** To host a Hat Party on October 18, 2020 at 3pm

VI. BOARD REPORTS & COMMUNITY RECOGNITION (10 minutes – 1 minute each)

- a. **President’s Report** (Block – eryn.block@palmsnc.la)
 - i. **Announcement:** Must determine NC election ballot drop-off location before November 13
- b. **Treasurer’s Report** (Bocarsly – david.bocarsly@palmsnc.la)
 - i. **MOTION:** To approve the August Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) [*See supplemental materials for summary – full report available [here](#)*]
- c. **Vice-President’s Report** (Erving – randell.erving@palmsnc.la)
- d. **Secretary’s Report** (Tocco – helen.tocco@palmsnc.la)
 - i. **FUNDING MOTION:** To spend up to \$150 to print business cards for the three new board members [*see supplementals for two quotes – Westside Print Center and Staples*]
- e. **Community-Based Organization Rep** (Patterson – brendan.patterson@palmsnc.la)
- f. **Residential Rep. A** (Hartman – kay.hartman@palmsnc.la)
- g. **Residential Rep. B** (White – danya.white@palmsnc.la)
- h. **Residential Rep. C** (Chase – scott.chase@palmsnc.la)
- i. **Residential Rep. D** (Waldron – jessalyn.waldron@palmsnc.la)
- j. **Residential Rep. E** (Chiarello – kristen.chiarello@palmsnc.la)
- k. **Business Rep. 1** (Hochberg – eliot.hochberg@palmsnc.la)
- l. **Business Rep. 2** (Nadel – josh.nadel@palmsnc.la)
- m. **Youth Rep** (Penland – jordan.penland@palmsnc.la)

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS & COMMUNITY RECOGNITION

- a. **Transportation & Infrastructure**
- b. **Business and Beautification**

- i. **Motion:** To present to the General Assembly four submissions (Gooney’s UNTITLED, Gould’s PALMS PRIDE and LOVE PALMS and Isla’s UNTITLED) for consideration to replace the damaged art on the Venice/Overland utility box, utilizing the \$250 grant to the selected artist.
 - c. Racial and Social Justice
 - d. **Communications & Outreach**
 - i. **MOTION:** To approve funding for the Palms NC HootSuite professional account at no more than \$50 per month for Communications and Outreach
 - e. **Green**
 - f. **Homelessness & Public Safety**
 - g. **Planning & Land Use**
 - i. **MOTION:** To approve a letter requesting policy changes in response to DWP towing on Motor Ave. *[Letter attached. The letter is reviewed and updated by PLUM, Transportation, and Green committees.]*
 - ii. **MOTION:** To support requesting Historical designation for the apartment building at 9813 Venice Blvd.
<http://historicplacesla.org/reports/f8a84c95-276b-49f1-a241-e43f8564d804>
 - h. **Executive**
- VIII. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. **MOTION:** To approve the 2019-2020 Palms NC Annual Report *[link to full report [here](#)]*
 - b. **MOTION:** To approve a CIS in opposition to [CF 20-0190](#) which would arm Park Rangers in LA *[see supplementals for CIS] Tabled for next month.*
- IX. **NOTICE:** Next GA Meeting will be Wednesday, November 4th at 7:00PM
- X. **Adjournment** (End time is approximately 9:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter)

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Monthly Expenditure Report



Reporting Month: August 2020

Budget Fiscal Year: 2020-2021

NC Name: Palms Neighborhood Council

Monthly Cash Reconciliation					
Beginning Balance	Total Spent	Remaining Balance	Outstanding	Commitments	Net Available
\$54896.81	\$4225.27	\$50671.54	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50671.54

Monthly Cash Flow Analysis					
Budget Category	Adopted Budget	Total Spent this Month	Unspent Budget Balance	Outstanding	Net Available
Office	\$30000.00	\$1225.27	\$28421.99	\$0.00	\$28421.99
Outreach		\$0.00		\$0.00	
Elections		\$0.00		\$0.00	
Community Improvement Project	\$4000.00	\$1000.00	\$3000.00	\$0.00	\$3000.00
Neighborhood Purpose Grants	\$8000.00	\$2000.00	\$6000.00	\$0.00	\$6000.00
Funding Requests Under Review: \$0.00		Encumbrances: \$0.00		Previous Expenditures: \$352.74	

Expenditures						
#	Vendor	Date	Description	Budget Category	Sub-category	Total
1	WWW.1AND1.COM	08/02/2020	Website Hosting - **To come from encumbered funds for 1&1 IONOS, Inc.**	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$8.71
2	GOOGLE GSUITE PALMSLA.	08/03/2020	Email Accounts - **To come from encumbered funds for Google LLC**	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$317.98
3	PSS NATIONAL BLVD.,LLC	08/03/2020	Storage Monthly Expense - **to come from encumbered funds for Price Self Storage National Boulevard, LLC**	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$261.00
4	WWW.1AND1.COM	08/07/2020	Website hosting and support, **to come from encumbered funds designated for 1&1 Ionos Inc**	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$226.58
5	PSS NATIONAL BLVD.,LLC	08/15/2020	Storage Unit monthly fee - **to come from encumbered funds designated for Price Self Storage National Boulevard, LLC**	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$261.00
6	Hayley Stansell	08/18/2020	Speaker fee for Native Plant Gardening Presentation at Palms NC Standing Green Committee Meeting	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$150.00
7	Mike Wood	08/19/2020	To allocate up to \$1,000 for tree trimming and maintenance	Community Improvement Project		\$1000.00

8	Friends of West LA	08/06/2020	To approve an NPG for \$2,000 to Friends of West LA for a landscaping project at Firestation 43, **to come from encumbered funds directed to Friends of West LA**	Neighborhood Purpose Grants		\$2000.00
Subtotal:						\$4225.27

Outstanding Expenditures						
#	Vendor	Date	Description	Budget Category	Sub-category	Total
Subtotal: Outstanding						\$0.00

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	Card Stock Cut (250)	10.00
75	Blank, 8.5 x 11 White Smooth Accent Opaque Smooth White Cover 120# 120#	43.62


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Joint Board and Business & Beautification Virtual Committee Meeting Report
Wednesday, September 16, 2020 – 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Zoom Meeting Online

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Committee Meeting Date: August 19, 2020

Committee Members: Chair: Eliot Hochberg, Vice-Chair: Andrew Halff, Member: Natasia Gascon

Committee Members Present: Eliot Hochberg and Natasia Gascon

Committee Members Absent: Andrew Halff (excused)

Call to Order: 7:05 **Adjournment:** 8:50

Proposed Motions for General Assembly Adoption

Motion: To present to the General Assembly four submissions (Gooley's UNTITLED, Gould's PALMS PRIDE and LOVE PALMS and Islas UNTITLED) for consideration to replace the damaged art on the Venice/Overland utility box, utilizing the \$250 grant to the selected artist.

A. Hochberg moves, Gascon seconds

Committee Reasoning: At previous meeting, Venice & Overland utility box was discussed as priority box for redecoration. Box has been approved by GA in previous meeting. Low attendance noted. Desire to have further chance for public comment on selection. Committee selected their preferred 4 designs with stakeholder input from 8 total submissions. No submission was deemed unacceptable. In the interest of saving time for GA, committee reduced number of choices.

B. Committee Vote Count: 2 in Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstentions

- I. **CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL** (5 min)
 - a. Call to Order (Hochberg)
 - b. Roll Call (Halff)
 - i. Eliot Hochberg – PRESENT
 - ii. Andrew Halff – ABSENT (Cleared)
 - iii. Natasia Gascon - PRESENT
 - c. Review of code of conduct (Hochberg)
 - d. Agenda preview (Hochberg)
- II. **CITY AND COMMUNITY GROUP PRESENTATIONS** (10 min)
 - a. Elizabeth Garcia, CD5 Paul Koretz’s Office
 - i. Palms Gateway Lighting Project status
 - ii. Elizabeth was absent from the meeting. Item tabled for future discussion.
- III. **REPORTS** (10 Minutes each)
 - a. Gascon
 - i. Working on a packet of resources for Palms business owners to request permits for mural projects.
 - ii. Researching feasibility of Peace Angel project in Palms.
 - iii. Summary of the SoRo Cattaragus tunnel controversy.
 - b. Halff
 - i. ABSENT
 - c. Hochberg
 - i. Researching possibility of making the intersection of Watseka and Faris (In front of St. Mary’s) into a “town square” for Palms residents.
- IV. **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT/ FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS** (10 min)
 - a. Greg Gould – Artist. Submitted to the Utility Box Program and was invited by Hochberg along with all other artists who submitted. Only one to attend.

- i. Commented that he agrees it was an unfortunate situation in SoRo regarding the Cattaraugus tunnel.
- ii. Supported Hochberg’s suggestion of the Watseka/Faris “town square” idea.
- iii. He mentioned that he likes the Utility Box program and that he wanted to do a full sized mural, but was put off by the difficulty his friends had in applying for a mural painting permit with the City.
- iv. Gascon mentioned the DCA’s Mural Program as a possible avenue for Gould.
- v. Hochberg presented resources from LA’s GREAT STREETS Program in regards to murals as a possible avenue for Gould. Presented DIY Great Streets Manual. PDF available online or by request to Hochberg.

V. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE MOTION: UTILITY BOX PROGRAM (30-45 min)

a. History of Palms Utility Box Program

- i. Hochberg presented a brief history of the Utility Box program in Palms. It was started in 2012 by Eli Lipman, who worked with LA COMMONS to paint the LADOT boxes.
- ii. Gascon presented that she had had criticism by local artists in regards to the compensation the NC provides to artists to paint the boxes – stating that “\$250 was considered insulting”. Gascon researched the compensation offered by other neighborhoods and municipalities and presented these findings:
 1. Independent municipalities tend to have larger budgets to contribute towards their UBP (Utility Box Program/Project).
 2. Greater compensation for artists are usually available when the City/Neighborhood works in conjunction with an outside fundraising organization - usually a non-profit arts org, beautification committee or chamber of commerce.
 3. Anti-Graffiti coating is universally provided by the City/Neighborhood/Non-Profit.
- iii. Hochberg further clarified that the program is NOT an Arts program, and that the boxes are not considered Art. The boxes are considered “temporary displays” and the \$250 grant was never meant to compensate artists for labor and materials – rather, the program was meant to give artists who were already painting utility boxes, a legal avenue in which to do

so, without being charged for vandalism. Funds are a token of appreciation, and are optional to the artist.

- iv. Gascon suggested that they can look into avenues and programs to increase compensation for artists participating in the UBP in the future.

b. History of Overland & Rose utility box

- 1. Hochberg presented the history of the Overland/Rose intersection as a Vision Zero project by Koretz office, and that Palms residents have been injured/killed at that intersection in the past.
- 2. Hochberg strongly encouraged artists who wish to have their work on the Overland/Rose utility box to keep that history in mind when submitting artwork.

b. Review of submissions and discussion of appropriate locations

i) Public Comment

- a. Greg Gould – Artist. Submitted to the Utility Box Program.
 - i. Recused himself from the discussion, as his art was being voted on.
- b. Jeanne Parker – community member and arts advocate for many years.
 - i. Parker expressed her deep disappointment that the boxes have not been properly maintained. The graffiti on the boxes has gotten to the point that they are now considered an eye-sore, and wonders if the art on the utility boxes actually encourages the graffiti. She stated that although the boxes were beautiful in the beginning years, she is suggesting removal of artwork and stopping the program if it means discouraging graffiti “I’d rather see nothing, than see graffiti”. Wondering what else we can do to prevent graffiti.
 - ii. Hochberg stated that he has tried contacting companies for quotes to remove graffiti and requested Parker to forward the contact information of the companies she has contacted.
- c. Kalani Whittington
 - i. Whittington expressed her desire for the art of Gooley and Gould to be considered by the Committee.
 - ii. She also cautioned that she hopes the process could be expedited so the boxes can be painted ASAP instead of months from now.

ii) Committee Comment

- a. Natasia Gascon

- i. Lamented that there weren't more artists and constituents present to discuss this motion, as this was something that will be very visible to constituents and define the community's character for years.
 - ii. Discussion in committee – due to limited community input and a limited pool of submissions - the committee prioritize approval of the painting of a single box with severe graffiti damage in a high traffic area, to be done ASAP.
 - iii. Gascon agreed with the suggestion that the art of Gooley and Gould should be considered, and also suggested the art of Belen Islas.
- b. Eliot Hochberg
 - i. Agreed with the suggestion to limit the approval to one box and suggested the box on Venice/Overland. Gascon agreed.
 - ii. Hochberg makes the following motion:
 1. To present to the General Assembly four submissions (Gooley's UNTITLED, Gould's PALMS PRIDE and LOVE PALMS and Islas UNTITLED) for consideration to replace the damaged art on the Venice/Overland utility box, utilizing the \$250 grant.
 2. Hochberg moves, Gascon seconds
 3. Hochberg and Gascon vote Yes
 4. Motion Passes.
 5. Vote will be given to the GA on October. 7th, 2020.

VI. DISCUSSION: HOW TO HELP RESTAURANTS w/OUTDOOR DINING (5 min)

- a. Al Fresco program is closed for now
 - i. Gascon mentioned she read that the Al Fresco program has been extended to the end of 2020.
 - ii. Hochberg added that the extension was for restaurants that already had permits. New permits are not being accepted. (correction, 9-27-2020: program is closed to applicants requiring safety measures that result in city spending. Applicants with available sidewalk, parking, or other non-street space may still apply)
- b. Review of People St. Parklet program costs

- i. Hochberg stated that the costs associated with the program (\$40,000-80,000 per parklet, based on LADOT's Livable Streets Program) is extremely cost prohibitive and most likely out of reach for restaurants already struggling due to Covid19.
- ii. Gascon clarified that the Parklets on Motor Ave. were initiated by the Motor Ave. Improvement association and were years in the making. Motor Ave Imp. As. has the resources, experience and clout to rapidly request parklets in response to Covid19.

VII. DISCUSSION: UPDATES TO PALMS FOOD MAP SURVEY PROJECT (10 min)

- a. Hochberg summarized previous discussion of the Communications Committee about encouraging constituents and restaurants to add their favorite eateries to the Palms Food Map to encourage residents.
- b. Gascon wonders if the Communications Committee can create a social media campaign similar to other cities that encourages residents to order Take Out on specific days of the week (Great American Takeout) Hochberg suggested that Gascon make a graphic to share with Rendell Ervin for the Palms NC social media.

The following items are included in the agenda to keep them on our radar. Items may be tabled if there is no new information and no public comment.

VIII. MANAGEMENT COMPANY WELCOME PROJECT (2 min) – TABLED

IX. WOODBINE PARK KIOSK REPAIR AND UPGRADE PROJECT (5 min) – TABLED

X. COMMUNITY SCHOOL PARKS (2 min) – TABLED

XI. BUSINESS FLYER (2 min) – TABLED

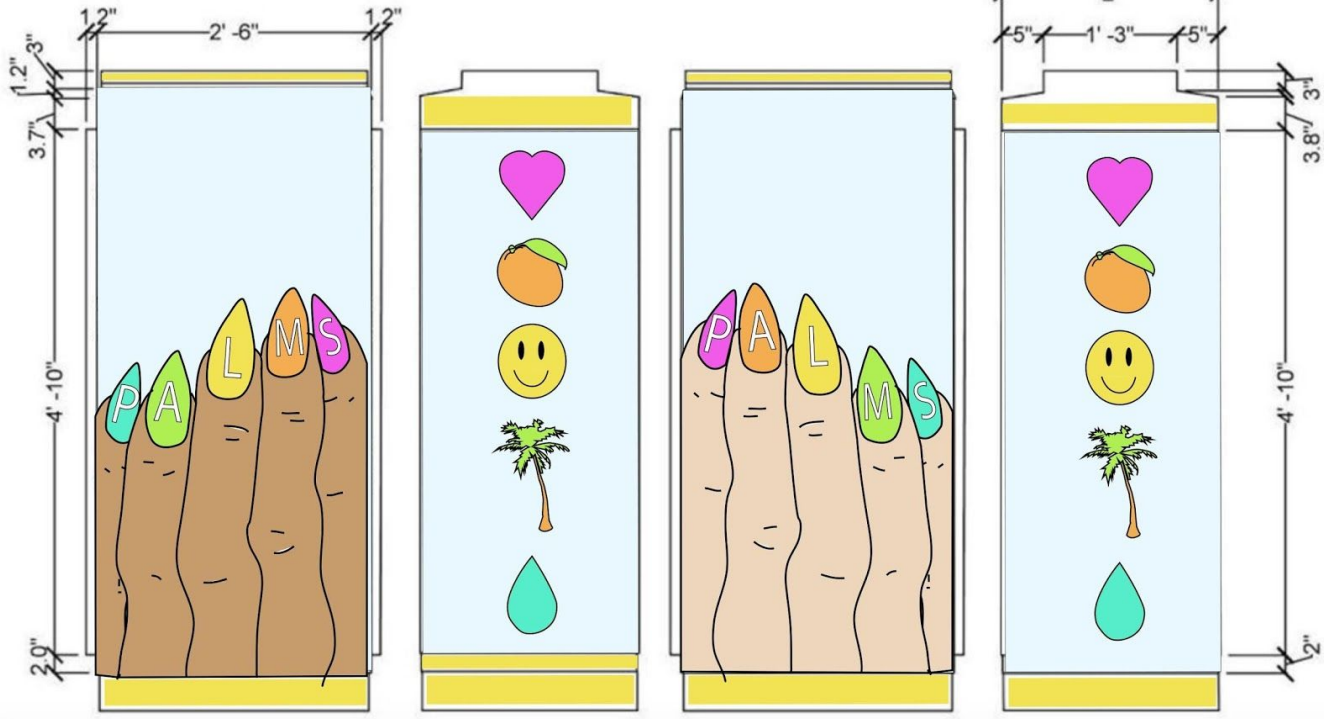
XII. PALMS GATEWAY LIGHTING PROJECT (2 min) – TABLED

XIII. CLOSING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT(5 minutes, time permitting)

- a. Kalani Whittington
 - i. Commented that she likes the fact that Greg Gould had attended the meeting to advocate for his art work.
- b. Greg Gould
 - i. Stated that he is happy to be here and to see the process of selection himself.

XIV. Adjournment – Confirmed by Hochberg at 8:50 PM

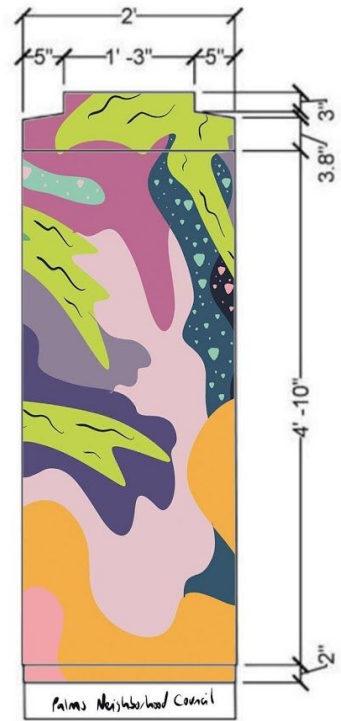
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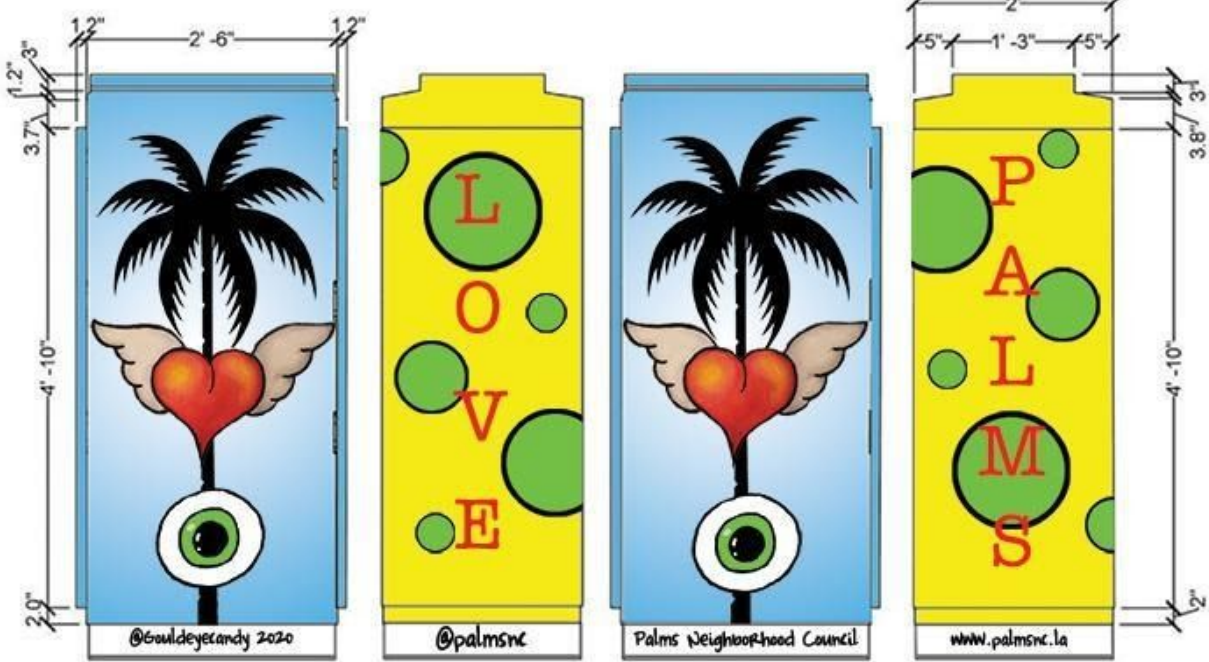
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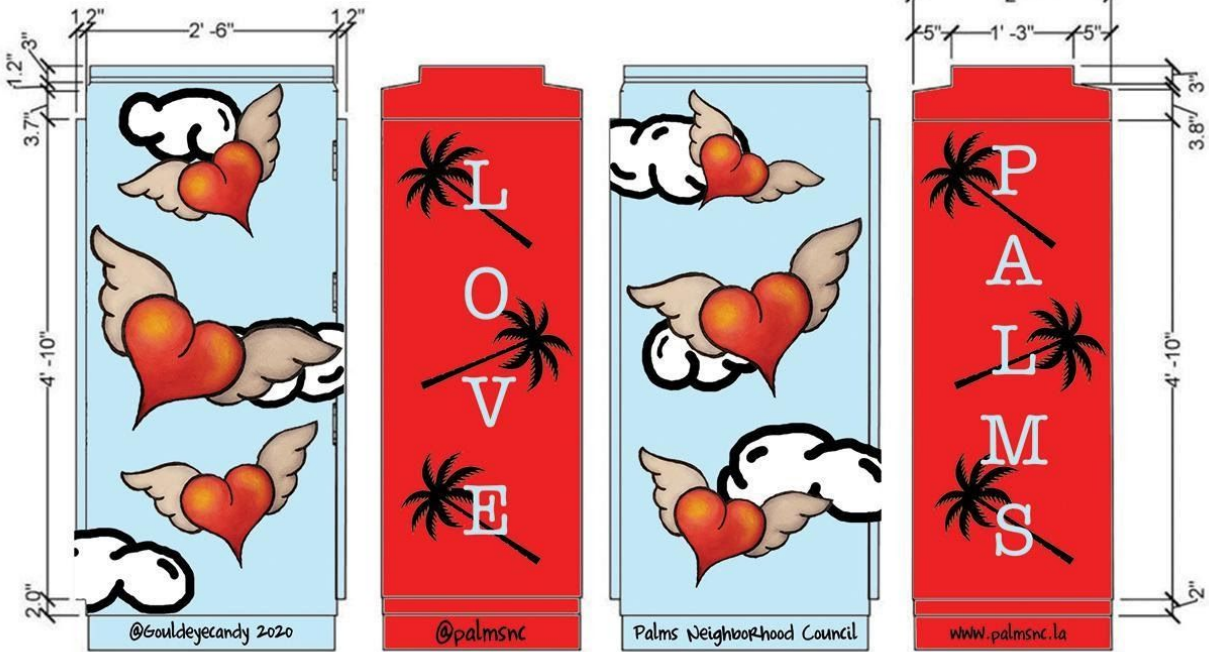
Artist: Greg Gould
 Email: Greg@gouldeyecandy.com
 Tel.: 323-828-9688
 Submission #2: 'Palms Pride (Eye Love Palms)'



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Artist: Greg Gould
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 Tel.: 323-828-9685
 Submission #1: 'Love Palms'



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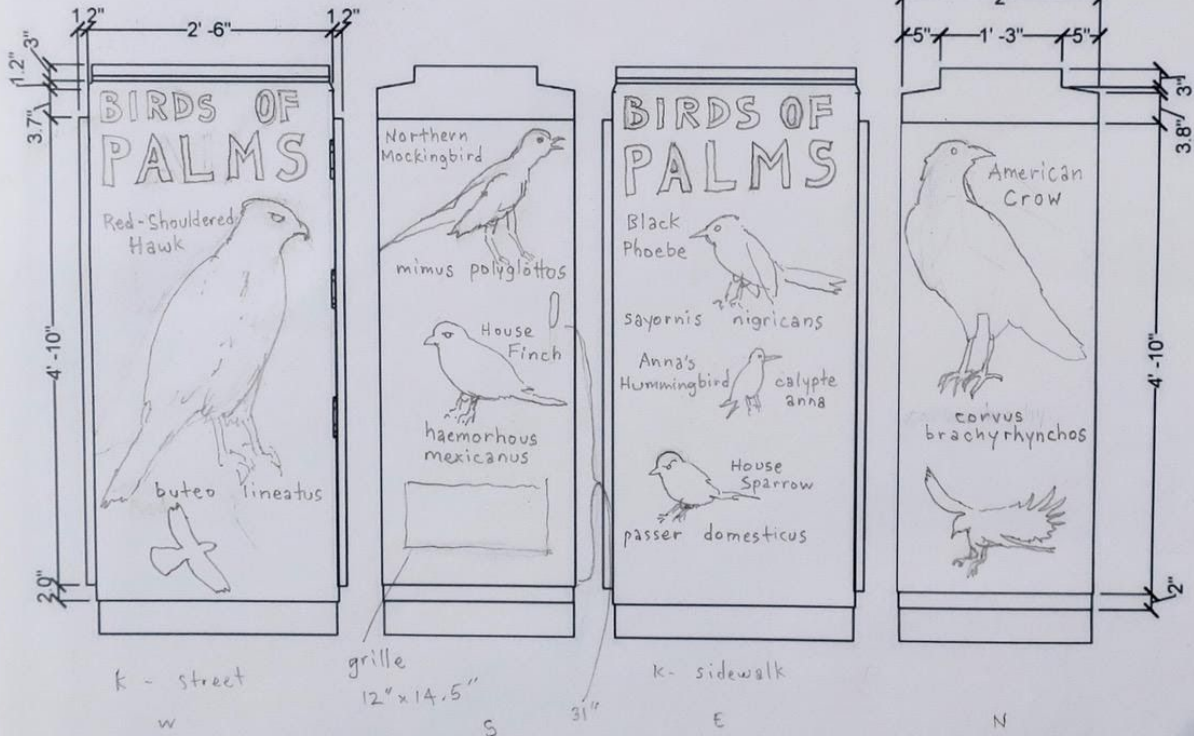


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Confirmation of Next Meeting Date: October 21, 2020 Time 7pm Location Virtual via Zoom

Meeting Notes: 6:13pm meeting called to order. We have quorum. Eryn Block, Randell Erving, Danya White

Introductions from committee members and public.

General Public Comments

Kalani Whittington, Wants the committee to decide what it wants to focus on. Encouraged everyone to vote. Supports democratic candidates across the country. Get involved.

Committee Question: Do we spread ourselves thin or push specific initiatives and have more of an impact?

Motion to appoint additional committee members. Josh Nadel, Tina Chinakarn, and Josh Nobel

Comment made by Kalani Whittington. Committee membership is not just a resume builder. She will call you out by name if she thinks you're doing this.

Motion brought by Eryn Block, Danya White seconded. 3 Ayes to add the three to the committee

Next order of business: Where should we house the committee resources? Resources page on the website? Shared on social media, shared via the newsletter. Eryn, info should be housed in one place on the website and links can be provide.

Discussion of policing practices: Defunding the police? How many divisions are there? Helicopter division. Exists to get to places that are difficult to get to by car. Helicopter searches take place a lot in Palms. Why is this happening? Is it surveillance? Apparently, there are helicopters doing surveillance at all times in LA. What are they recording. And who is that footage shared with and where is it stored?

The previous PalmsNC president, Alison Reagan met with someone from the police department to ask questions. Awaiting answers.

Public comment: Kalani Whittington, she does not understand why we are discussing helicopters. It is a requirement because we live near two of the busiest freeways in the entire USA.

Josh Nadel, thinks the helicopters should be repurposed to the fire department to put out fires.

Eryn Block, thinks this is a good discussion to have. The mental stress that it gives residents, noise pollution is an issue.

Danya White, is it cost effective to have those helicopters in the area. Get it documented what their specific purpose is and are they being used for that purpose most of the time?

Randell Erving, helicopters can give the impression that the area is unsafe.

Matt Wait, Any articles written about helicopter usage in LA? Do they impact property values?

Kalani Whittington, helicopters are not a problem. If you don't like it, move away.

Discussion: LA Times Article, media and PR pro-police bias and inaccurate data.

Public relations divisions can be defunded to prevent this from happening. How can we make our views known regarding this topic? We can also submit CIS to oversight committees as well.

Kalani Whittington, Body cams should be on at all times. If they don't they should be fired. One chance or two but there should be consequences.

Josh Nadel, we need to go after the leadership as well. If the body cam isn't on, the supervisors should be dismissed as well.

Eryn Block, LA Times articles were very different from what actually happened. Working with advocacy organizations because they are already doing some of the work. We don't want the LAPD to control the narrative.

Tina Chinakarn, Why isn't an independent body in use to oversee these issues.

Discussion: Assembly Bill-767 Victim Compensation: Use of excessive force by police officers

Josh Nadel, illegal search and seizure should be a consideration also, illegal search and seizures often leads to excessive force.

Kalani Whittington, focus on the big picture.

Discussion: Rent and Utility debt forgiveness

Kalani Whittington disagrees with rent forgiveness. Employment benefits were enough to pay for the rent.

Rathi Ramasamy, volunteers to do more research regarding rent forgiveness and what other NCs are putting forth. We are in support of rent forgiveness

Discussion: Assembly Bill-17674 Force or Involuntary Sterilization Compensation Program

Discussing the history of forced sterilization, participants are encouraged to research the issue. It's happened in the past and is currently happening now.

We have a responsibility to shine a light on those issues. Once you're in state custody, ICE camp or under arrest, it's possible in fact highly likely that you lose your rights.

Announcements: LAPL Black Lives Matter discussion series

Westside NC Presidents are meeting with the police chiefs for the westside area and Senior Lead Officers, SLO. Eryn Block requested possible questions for the officers.

Possible Questions:

Ask about the helicopters.

What's the budget for PR?

How much money is paid to Palantier, Peter Thiel company. He's a notorious Libertarian. Question put forth by Josh Nadel.

Kalanl Whittington encourages others to write CISs. It goes in the city file. It becomes public record.

Final comments Randell Erving.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57pm

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PALMS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

**Joint Board and Outreach Committee Report
Tuesday, September 15, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.
Virtual Zoom Meeting, Los Angeles, CA 90034**

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Committee Meeting Date: September 15, 2020

Committee Members: Chair: Randell Erving, Vice-Chair: Josh Nadel, Members: Eliot Hochberg, Brendan Patterson, Danya White, Kristen Chiarello

Committee Members Present: Randell Erving, Josh Nadel, Members: Eliot Hochberg, Danya White, Kristen Chiarello, Brendan Patterson

Committee Members Absent: None

Call to Order: 7:08 p.m. **Adjournment:** 9:27 p.m.

Proposed Motions for General Assembly Adoption

Motion:

Have a Hat Party on October 18, 2020 at 3pm (Randell/Josh) – approved 5-0 & 1 abstain

Introductions (favorite food business in Palms):

- Randell is VP and likes eating at Lobster & Beer
- Danya is area B rep and loves Hu's Schezwan family restaurant that normally gives extra
- Josh loves Madre and thinks they have a great outdoor patio. Good vegetarian food
- Kalani is a big fan of Mama's pizza and nathalee thai. In n out. Wants burger lounge to list palms as their address
- Kristen like the vegan joint. Has lots of options
- Eliot enjoys the Jerk Spot and they do delivery

- Natassia loved jaffa before it closed. Gaby's is another favorite
- Josh Noble also is a fan of Madre. Great people. Used to be El Nopal
- Helen Palms NC Secretary loves Kotoya Ramen
- Brendan likes Simpang Asia and is a roti and curry fan
- Kay's favorite everyday food place is baja California tacos. And dress up place is n/naka

Summary of Agenda Item Discussion and Committee Updates

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item II – General Public Comment:

- Kalani is on the transportation committee and is concerned about the potential Venice blvd road diet. She said he should have more concern about the traffic
- Natassia wants us to reach out to the community more

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item III (A) – Committee Business – Committee member project updates

- Randell started restaurant promotion today. First one starts tomorrow. Hootsuite free trial ended yesterday. Paying \$30 per month, so there is a current fund for 3 months. Will ask for more funds next month if we decide that we get good value. Challenges from twitter character limit for doing “all format platforms” settings. Also has found it useful. Still working maximizing scheduling posts in advance. Wants to use more link shortening to improve aesthetics. Data tracking has improved as well. Eliot thinks posts should have a summary title to deal with twitter and then a longer description for other platforms. Josh thinks restaurant posts could benefit from the advanced posts. Danya asked how many days do the restaurant posts go for? Randell says multiple per day and for multiple days. Still working out the kinks. Kalani thinks one per day will mean some days will have higher demand & some other scheme other than “one per day”. Eliot does not think that day of the week concerns are not that big of a deal and we do not need to optimize for them. We just need to be fair. More than once per day can work. Randell thinks twitter can do multiple business per day. Instagram play for 24 hours so that has a different distribution. Facebook has even more permanence, so a few per day. Eliot thinks we should focus on twitter while other strategies are developed. Josh thinks even plan for each platform and advertise according to each. think PPT design wizard can help for consistency and speed for the ads on our end.
- Josh wants to do a practice game night with Board members and any other volunteers. He is still slowly working on some video projects and should have something for next meeting. Also working on restaurant sign ups. Randell wants more videos quickly. Videos about highlighting board members and volunteers. Josh think he can get three videos 30-60 seconds – one topic apiece, refer to

website, including remembering Halloween Block Party from last year. Also want to highlight work of volunteers. Brendan will try to get that done. Maybe 3 videos by next Tuesday. Natassia says she is a news reporter who could do this work too.

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- Kristen can help with volunteer videos. Randell says anyone can send videos
- Danya has been tagging the email lists so that people can be better directed to info from various sources. October newsletter is coming out soon. Encouraging people to vote. She also has census materials still, including door tags.
- Eliot wants to figure out how much we will spend on the election. Merged covid food list with restaurant spotlight list. 9 submissions for utility boxes. Will be discussed tomorrow night at B&B meeting.

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item III (B) – Committee Business – Who can take the lead for securing translation services for the NC

- Randell found some quotes. From \$0.10-\$0.15 per word. Showed some pricing.
- Kay thinks we need data to see how many people attend now vs when we translate. Lawn signs could maybe be translated internally.
- Kalani understands the good intentions behind this but thinks it is not a great idea. She thinks learning English is important and people should be encouraged to speak English.
- Danya thinks we should ask on social media if people would come
- Josh said he can help translate lawn signs and promotionals. He thinks that is important. Thinks we should wait on agenda or other wordy stuff until someone requests. Randell wants to work on this
- Eliot thinks agendas would cost \$200+. May also misrepresents us for doing translations during meetings. Helen agrees. Josh too & also thinks minutes would be expected.
- Kay thinks we are required to provide translation services if we are requested more than 72 hours in advance.
- Randell wants to discuss this more

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item III (C) – Committee Business – Date and Time for Virtual Hat Party:

- Kay wants to start w intros, HAT intros, then change hats, build a story game, then submit the story to scorched palms, change hats again, eye spy game, change hats again, bingo, change hats again
- Looking at October 11 or October 18
- Should we include Halloween costumes?
- Kalani thinks this should be a community day type event. Likes cost

- 3pm or later for the time (afternoon times)
- Kalani thinks we need to focus some devoted time to upcoming events
- Eliot has some background we could use for promotional items
- Helen thinks we can give up some Palms swag. Helen will look into Palms hat pricing
- We will do October 18th

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item III (D) – Committee Business – Purchasing virtual bingo game for outreach event, also dates and sign ups:

- Tabled

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item III (E) – Committee Business – Hosting virtual events and discussions with promoted food service providers:

- Josh Noble wants to make a virtual cocktail party. He could guide people through the drink setup. Want to highlight some restaurant and have them be an active participant.
- Randell thinks this could be a fun event. Work with a local provider.
- Kalani has a friend that does this on youtube. He send out an ingredient list the week before. She has concerns about liability form liquor. She thinks there could be a risk.
- Josh thinks we should ask restaurant to make some kind of drink box (& food???) promotion
- Eliot has some of the same concerns that Kalani has. Other NCs use non-profits for alcohol.
- Josh Noble says attendees need to purchase through 3rd party. Drink responsibly.
- Helen said green committee has done a workaround for some issues involved here.
- Randell thinks fairness can be gotten through using the restaurant list

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item III (F) – Committee Business – Special joint board and outreach committee meeting to discuss website changes:

- Eliot wants auto-translation, mobile vs desktop. What does the website “need”. Thinks cost could be \$3000-\$9000 if it is complex

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item III (H) – Committee Business – NC Elections:

- tabled

Committee Updates: see above

New Business – Agenda for next meeting:

Restaurants listed as culver city that are really palms. What to do?

How much will we spend on outreach for the next election?

Translations services

Virtual food event

Adjournment: 9:12 pm

Confirmation of Next Meeting Date: October 20, 2020 **Time** 7:00 p.m. **Location** The Internet on Zoom

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**Special Joint Board and Outreach Committee Report
Tuesday, September 29, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.
Virtual Zoom Meeting, Los Angeles, CA 90034**

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Committee Meeting Date: September 29, 2020

Committee Members: Chair: Randell Erving, Vice-Chair: Josh Nadel, Members: Eliot Hochberg, Brendan Patterson, Danya White, Kristen Chiarello

Committee Members Present: Josh Nadel, Members: Eliot Hochberg, Danya White, Kristen Chiarello

Committee Members Absent: None

Call to Order: 6:06 p.m. **Adjournment:** 7:24 p.m.

Proposed Motions for General Assembly Adoption

Motion: None

Introductions:

Tabled

Summary of Agenda Item Discussion and Committee Updates

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item II – General Public Comment:

Forgotten until the end and done then. See below

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item III (A) – Committee Business – Discussion and possible action: website updates and ideas for re-design

- Eliot provided some background information:

Last re-design was \$3,000

Most likely to be more expensive now

We need to know what we want

Committee chairs and co-chairs should send requests to Outreach Committee

May take multiple months

- Eliot asked people to describe what they wanted to see in the website in emotional terms:

Kalani – Palms NC gets too bogged in details, engage the community, organization is important, simple, elegant, calendar as a priority, the word “home”, interactivity, multi-language tools

Josh – Dynamic, not lazy design, personality/uniqueness, more city resources and program links, clarity in archived files

Kay – Clarity, no dynamism, simplicity, ease of communication, multi-platform (designed for computer, phone, tablet etc), city resources

Danya – Welcoming, engaging, vibrancy, clarity, ease of navigation, inclusivity, ADA compliance (blind)

Helen – communication, providing resources, especially how to help stakeholders w civic issues, more photos

Kristen – lots of resources, intuitive, multi-language tools

Eliot – search function, accessibility (language tools), ADA compliant sites (blind)

- What is the single most important item for the website?

Josh – calendar

Danya – picture of council with calendar

Kristen – pictures of community with calendar + explanation of “who we are and why we are here” in a simple way

Helen – pictures of community with calendar + newsletter

Kay – calendar (call it “calendar” instead of “events”), she likes Del Rey NC

Kalani – pictures of community with calendar + explanation of “who we are and why we are here” in a simple way

- A straw poll was taken about the single most important item

Calendar - 4

Picture of council - 0

Picture of community - 0

Who we are & why - 3

Newsletter – 0

- Who is the target audience?

Kay – people who want to come to events, people who need help, people who want to know who we are, renters, homeowners

Josh – renters, youth, seniors

Eliot – audience that we want to attract (businesses, developers)

- Which NCs have intriguing websites and why?

Silver Lake – side menus, nice community pic, list style calendar beneath

Pico Union – text heavy, quick to load

Hollywood United – text at top, side calendar, bigger things in center

LA-32 – unusually simple, very fast to load

Greater Toluca Lake – dynamic, drop down menus, less events

Echo Park – video at the top, 3 major things, preview calendar, social media, newsletter, sidebar, search function, language tools

Coastal San Pedro – split images, topics, navigation, some news

DLANC – dynamic, slides, social media, contact info, search function,

San Pedro – translation function, “user way”, relatively simple

Central San Pedro – translation, good multi format

Arts District Little Tokyo – nice design, what they are about, their mission, trendy “hood info”, search info

Del rey – fast loading, multi-platform design is just ok, address info

Mar Vista – some photos, ok

- What did people find most interesting about seeing those websites on screen?

Josh – DLANC

Helen – none were calendar forward, DLANC good for graphics, video can cover some kinds of fonts hard to read Greater Toluca lake

Kay – Del Rey & LA-32 because they are simple, liked boxes from Central San Pedro

Kristen – none really locked in as ideal, Mar Vista CC has google translate, updating photos is key in dynamic sites

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item III (B) – Committee Business – Discussion and possible action: budget for website re-design

Helen – \$10000+

Eliot - \$20000 or less, suspects \$10000 is likely

Kay – \$10000

Josh – \$5000 solid/\$10000 if the website delivers a lot (email the 12 NCs listed above for how much they paid)

Kalani – \$????

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item III (C) – Committee Business – Discussion and possible action: potential vendors for website rebuild

- Halucion should be one of the vendors asked for a bid

General Public Comment – Done as ‘Final Thoughts’

- Helen – this will take time, email suggestions and changes to her for current website
- Eliot – email him for technical fixes on website
- Danya – can our old web designer do this? Eliot he is hard to get in touch with
- Kalani – 10 months should be enough time to do this

New Business – Agenda for next meeting:

- Committee requests
- Will each committee have their own space
- Josh – email NC Presidents about web site costs
- Next Agenda – gravity forms (Newsletter Form)

Adjournment: 7:24 pm

Confirmation of Next Meeting Date: Unknown **Time NA Location** The Internet on Zoom

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PALMS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

**Green Committee Report – Joint Board and Green Committee Special Meeting
Thursday, September 17, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.
Zoom Meeting Online**

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Committee Meeting Date: September 17, 2020

Committee Members: Co-Chairs: Jessalyn Waldron, Helen Tocco, Members: Kristen Chiarello

Committee Members Present: Co-Chairs: Helen Tocco Members: Kristen Chiarello

Committee Members Absent: Jessalyn Waldron (excused absence)

Call to Order: 7:01 PM **Adjournment:** 7:45 PM

Proposed Motions for General Assembly Adoption

- **MOTION:** To approve a letter requesting policy changes in response to DWP towing on Motor Ave.
 - **Committee Reasoning:** The committee reviewed the letter, which includes several action items related to tree care and trimming that should be done when construction in the neighborhood is done. We want to be sure that our trees are not damaged by vehicles when traffic lanes are closed, and we want to ensure that tree branches do not damage vehicles or injure pedestrians.
 - **Committee Vote Count:** 2 yes votes

Summary of Agenda Item Discussion and Committee Updates

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item V. Committee Business a. NC Green Biz:
On hold until Jessalyn's return.

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item V. Committee Business b. Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance (NCSA): Jessalyn will update on her return.

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item V. Committee Business c. Tree Planting Initiatives: Prior to Covid we were working with City Plants but was then but on hold. Helen will be attending the City Plants webinar on the 22nd to try to restart the tree initiative. Helen will be at Farmers Market to get people to sign up to host a tree.

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item V. Committee Business d. Dog Waste Bag Dispensers: Still working on install. Kay Hartman's husband created a video on how to install.

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item V. Committee Business e. Water Trust Education: Got approval from the board to start the education push. Peter will be creating content to put out on social platforms. This is part of the Palms Citizen Scientist program.

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item V. Committee Business f. September Clean-up: Plastics brand audit and cleanup. This is part of the Palms Citizen Scientist program. Helen will be at the Farmer's Market on 9/20 to hand out more info and data cards for the cleanup. We put together this drive with information for the public:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/u/1/folders/1OHCPHoALygVyNQmRVgyPO4dQiesXN0ea>

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item VI. New Projects a. Citizen Science Programs:

- Distanced Cleanup (see above)
- Water Trust Education (see above)
- NASA Nemo-net game
- Asking for people to share more ideas

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item VI. New Projects b. Motion: To approve a letter requesting policy changes in response to DWP towing on Motor Ave. The letter is attached to this agenda.: As shown above, this motion passed. We didn't have any edits to the letter and we thank the PLUM Committee for spearheading this.

Committee Updates: Call for Green Committee Members: If anyone has interest in officially being on the committee, send an email to the committee with a few sentences of why you would be interested in joining.

Confirmation of Next Meeting Date: Next meeting will be 10/15/20 **Time:** 7:00 PM
Location: Zoom Meeting

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Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item II – INTRODUCTIONS

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item III – GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Brendan. It's crazy with all the new development. There seems to be an exodus. Lots of U-Hauls.
- Neal agrees that there appears to be an exodus and we're never faced this before. There are a lot of people moving out. It's happening in other city's too.
- Kay says people are working virtually.

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item IV.a. – Committee Member Updates:

- Neal. When the explosion happened in Beirut, while we in Los Angeles recognize we are in a homelessness crisis, we have 70,000 homeless in a city of 4 million, about 1% of the population. In Beirut, 300,000 people became homeless overnight about 12 % of the population. This is an immediate emergency created by neglect. We have a slow-moving emergency created by neglect.
- Neal. John Reardan turned 93 yesterday. He owns John Reardan plumbing. Shout out to John who was an integral part of getting the Palms NC going.
- Alex. Working on the map. Need to send email to Aviv about recalcitrant developers.

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item IV.b. – Aviv Kleinman will provide a PLUM update from Councilmember Paul Koretz's office and talk specifically about Council File [20-0844](#).

- Did not present this month.

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item IV.c. – Developer Presentations:

- None this month.

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item IV.d. – Deep dive.

- None this month.

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item IV.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.

- Letter edited in place.
- Neal moves. Jamie seconds. Motion approved 4-0.

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item IV.f. – DISCUSSION about Housing. Do we want to add Housing to the name of our committee and/or to our vision/mission/goals?

- Kalani. No.
- Neal. We don't have the information to share. We don't have the capacity and the knowledge to do this. How do we structure out public face so that information is available?
- Kay. Agrees we should not change our name. Should we add something to our goals about handling landlord inquiries?
- Kalani. Mar Vista formed an ad hoc committee on renters' rights.
- Neal. Most of our committees have a hard time maintaining membership or require additional hours from volunteers and could cause burn out.
- Kay will contact Eryn about putting this on the agenda for the next board meeting.

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item IV.g. – DISCUSSION to support requesting Historical designation for the apartment building at 9813 Venice Blvd.

- Kalani thinks the owner should be contacted
- Neal moves. Jamie seconds. 4-0 to proceed. Kay will discuss with Aviv and Elizabeth.

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item IV.h. – Select a bill for an October deep dive.

- Council File [20-0980](#). Alex is for. Neal is against.

Confirmation of Next Meeting Date: October 14, 2020 Time 7:00 p.m. Location Zoom

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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, 2020 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 of 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 unattended 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 and the Motor Avenue Improvement Association) 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.
- When traffic is diverted to the parking lane, StreetsLA should be dispatched in advance to trim the trees so passing trucks and buses will not clip the trees and have them endangering pedestrians walking by.









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Venice Blvd Improvement Ad Hoc Committee Report
Tuesday, September 22, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.
Zoom Meeting

The Neighborhood Council system enables meaningful civic participation for all Angelenos and serves as a voice for improving government responsiveness to local communities and their needs. We are an advisory body to the City of Los Angeles, comprised of stakeholder volunteers who are devoted to the mission of improving our communities.

Committee Meeting Date: September 22, 2020

Committee Members: Co-chairs: Kay Hartman, Nathan Pope; Members: Natasia Gascon, Eliot Hochberg, Jessalyn Waldron

Committee Members Present: Kay Hartman, Nathan Pope, Natasia Gascon, Eliot Hochberg, Jessalyn Waldron

Committee Members Absent: None

Call to Order: 7:04 p.m. **Adjournment:** 8:59 p.m.

Proposed Motions for General Assembly Adoption

MOTION: Adopt the Vision as updated during the meeting.

A. **Committee Reasoning:** We wrote it for the August meeting. At this meeting we fine-tuned what we already did.

B. **Committee Vote Count:** 5-0

MOTION: Adopt the Mission as updated during the meeting.

A. **Committee Reasoning:** We wrote it for the August meeting. At this meeting we fine-tuned what we already did.

B. **Committee Vote Count:** 5-0

MOTION: Adopt the Goals as updated during the meeting.

A. **Committee Reasoning:** We wrote it for the August meeting. At this meeting we fine-tuned what we already did.

B. **Committee Vote Count:** 5-0

Summary of Agenda Item Discussion and Committee Updates

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item II – Introductions and Welcome

- Kay
- Eliot
- Nathan
- Jessalyn
- Natasia
- Jay
- Susan
- Neal
- Jose
- Katherine
- Kalani

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item III – GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Kalani. Against road diet. We have 2 hospitals. Part of the tidal evacuation route. Students, please don't use this project as your doctorate project.

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item IV.a. – Committee Member Updates:

- Nathan moving to Denver in the next month or so. There was the uplift Melrose project. This was a streetscape improvement project. They were getting money from CalTrans so it was funded. It had the support of neighboring NCs. Paul Koretz decided not to pursue it with Cal Trans. The City Councilmember can override any decision the NC makes. Jay says the Councilmember sees what we are doing as different. Melrose would have been one lane in each direction and no left turn lanes. Don't draw conclusions from Uplift Melrose.
- Eliot. What I have is on the agenda. B&B working on utility boxes.
- Jessalyn. Start looking at the ideas spreadsheet. Green committee is sponsoring a neighborhood cleanup.
- Natasia. Utility box. Working on a packet for businesses to create murals. There is a formal process. Private citizens in SORO put boulders under freeway to remove people experiencing homelessness. Worrying this type of vigilantism will proliferate. Human decency and dignity above all else.

- Kay. Whatever I worked on is on the agenda.

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item IV.b. – Additional ideas. [Ideas Spreadsheet](#)

- Eliot. Apply for Los Angeles’s new street lights approved September 3. Here is a long video of the Mayor making the announcement. <https://www.lalightstheaway.org/>. Here is a news article about it. <https://www.nbclosangeles.com/news/local/los-angeles-streetlight-competition-design-winner/2422898/>
 - City is looking to update lighting for beauty and functionality. There are many configurations. Venice Blvd has been neglected and should be a good candidate. Eliot and Natasia will work on a recommendation. Neighborhoods could have neighborhood-specific elements. Jay says these can light the street as well as the sidewalk.
- Helen Tocco. Venice Blvd doesn’t have sidewalks for its full length. This makes it difficult for pedestrians. This is just the east side of Motor in front of the Versailles parking lot. And possibly the block east of that.
- Nathan. Sidewalks are a fundamental need.

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item IV.c. – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE MOTION.

The Peace Angels Project takes weapons, melts them down, and creates art from the metal. Do we want to compete with other city neighborhoods for one of these statues? Where should we place it?

- Eliot. \$11M to have the statue including installation. The neighborhood has to secure funding. Wherever these are installed, she wants the statue to reflect the neighborhood in which they are installed. A lot of these are in museums but they can be outdoors. Could a private developer take this on? What are the maintenance costs? Eliot doesn’t know. The design is flat to the ground to make it difficult to deface.
- Kalani. It would look great at Dusquene and Venice in front of Mohalo Florist but we can’t even afford to maintain the trees on Motor. How will we maintain this?
- Eliot. Project takes several years. If we don’t propose interest now, we will lose our ability to compete for these. We will need to find a donor to pay for the statue and the maintenance.
- Natasia. The idea is good. Statues are problematic now. For example the Buddha that was steel enforced concrete. Locals loved it. Someone took a sledgehammer and destroyed it. Hesitant to install a religious statue. This seems problematic. Some people might feel excluded. Dig into Palms history to see if there’s a place that is fitting.
- Katherine. Are you looking for money for art in general. There is a requirement for projects to have art or pay into a fund. The fund is 1% of the value of the commercial portion of the project.

- Neal. Agrees with others that have spoken but could be swayed if there is a place it can be placed and funding is secured. In front of St. Mary's Church. Honoring the IMAN Center would be nice. Encourage other public art that wouldn't attract vandals. Maybe Jay can speak to whether there are still Quimby funds that were earmarked for the neighborhoods in which the developments were built. Palms had 6 figures worth of the money and our Councilmember Wesson reached into the funds for a project far from Palms. Jay is not an expert of Quimby but the funds are supposed to be spent on parks within a certain radius. Ask Elizabeth Garcia to look into it.
- Jessalyn. Hesitant to go down this path. Can we get Culver City to partner with us? Put the renaissance statue in front of the hospital. Media Park. We are on Tonga land so maybe we should get the native American statue.
- Natasia. Developments in some places need to connect with the Tonga before proceeding. What about L.A?
- Eliot. Everyone has made good points. Should we punt this to PLUM? In the B&B, people say they want sculptures. They want art. We are trying to fulfill the desires of stakeholders and they want art. If we want sculptural art in Palms, we need to find ways to do it.
- Neal. Because of the number of students in this neighborhood, we should be able to get art students to create sculpture for much less. Culver City has had trouble with their public art.
- The team agrees not to pursue the statues.

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item IV.d. – DISCUSSION. Vision statement/mission statement/committee goals. Do we agree with what's here or do we have changes?

- Should we include Culver City? Kay says yes. Jay says yes.
- Kalani. Can we say sister communities instead of Culver City? The Culver City city council said they don't care about Venice.
- Nathan moves that we accept the vision as it is. Kay seconds.
- Natsia agrees with Kalani. They should not be named. We are disregarding Mar Vista and South Robertson.
- Eliot. We should include Culver City in the conversation.
- Eliot moves we amend the vision to remove "and Culver City." Nathan seconds.
- Susan. Can't speak for all of Culver City, but taking out Culver City seems appropriate because this is driven by Palms.
- Kalani. Leave Palms in the vision. Vote on amendment. 5-0.
- The updated Motion is to accept the Vision as is except with the removal of Culver City. Motion passes 5-0.

- Mission. Add “advocate for the plan to the City of Los Angeles.” Update made.
- Eliot moves to accept Mission as updated. Natasia seconds. Motion passes 5-0.
- Kalani. Tidal access is important. Road diets impinge them.
- Goals list. Eliot moves to accept it as is. Nathan seconds. Motion passes 5-0.

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item IV.e. – DISCUSSION. SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats) matrix for Venice Blvd. Do we agree with what’s here or do we have changes?

- Challenge. Lasting concerns about the Mar Vista road diet
- Opportunity to learn from successes and failures elsewhere.
- This is a working document. No vote is necessary.

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item IV.f. – Parking garages.

- Postponed until next month.

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item IV.g. – DISCUSS. Mar Vista Venice Blvd survey.

<https://www.marvista.org/productphotos/Outreach%20Community%20Plan%20Survey,%20September%208,%202020.pdf>

- Postponed until next month.

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item IV.h. – Brainstorm. Outreach ideas.

- Postponed until next month.

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item IV.i. – Which ideas are short/medium/large term.

- Postponed until next month.

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item IV.h. – Are we ready to start documenting any of our ideas? Are we ready to start working on any of our ideas.

- Postponed until next month.

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COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Council File: 20-0190

Title: Armed While on Duty / Park Rangers / Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 63.41 / Amendment

Position: Opposed

The Palms Neighborhood Council strongly opposes the proposed amendment to LAMC 63.41 to permit Park Rangers to be armed while on duty or any expansion of their investigatory powers “into criminal activity and beyond” not currently granted to them. We further oppose any allocation of additional funds to create and maintain the administrative, reporting, training and equipment costs needed to effectuate the stated outcomes of this proposed motion. It is our firm belief that far from enhancing public safety, such a proposal, were it to become law, would undermine it, putting more of our most vulnerable residents at greater and unnecessary risk of physical and psychological harm.

We are particularly disturbed that this motion would escalate tensions between law enforcement and our communities coming as it does on the heels of a damning increase in homelessness throughout the city in general and tent encampments in particular.¹ As we have seen in our own neighborhood, unhoused people are left with few options for safe spaces to sleep other than local parks that have lighting, as well as accessible public toilets. We have observed that as housed residents grow increasingly agitated at the sight of so many visibly desperate people park rangers have taken an increasingly aggressive posture towards those with no choice but to seek shelter in public places. Rather than diminish conflict some rangers have instead responded with force, exacerbating already fraught situations.² As this video clip from an incident that occurred on February 26, 2020 shows, had the ranger shown drawn a weapon rather than a baton in this crowded and chaotic interaction, catastrophic consequences might easily have occurred. Simply put, our city does not need another militarized force. Instead, we propose that, rather than spend money on guns, the City Council redirect the funds it intended for this poorly conceived, fear driven amendment towards securing safe housing and the supportive services necessary to maintain stable lodging.

Reject the motion to amend LAMC 63.41 for the good all of our neighbors in Los Angeles.

¹ <https://www.npr.org/2020/06/12/875888864/homelessness-in-los-angeles-county-rises-sharply>

² <https://mobile.twitter.com/ABC7/status/1232907316585910272>