CITY OF LOS ANGELES

CALIFORNIA

Palms Neighborhood Council
Representative Assembly

Eryn Piper Block, President
Randell Erving, Vice President
Helen Tocco, Secretary
David Bocarsly, Treasurer
Brendan Patterson, Community Org. Rep.
Kay Hartman, Residential Rep. A
Danya White, Residential Rep. B
Scott Chase, Residential Rep. C
Jessalyn Waldron, Residential Rep. D
Kristen Chiarello, Residential Rep. E
Eliot Hochberg, Business Rep. 1
Josh Nadel, Business Rep. 2
VACANT, Youth Representative

10008 National Blvd. #210
Los Angeles, CA 90034

Email: info@palmsnc.la
www.palmsnc.la
facebook.com/PalmsNC
@palmsnc

PALMS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Representative Assembly General Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, February 3rd 2021 – 7:00 p.m.

Zoom Meeting Online at https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88135781814
or by telephone, Dial +1 669 900 6833 to join the meeting
Then enter this Webinar ID: 881 3578 1814 and press #
The toll free call-in numbers are: (833) 548-0276, (833) 548-0282, (877) 858-5257, and (888) 475-4499

Press *9 to raise hand for public comment

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.

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 meeting will be conducted entirely telephonically.

Every person wishing to address the Neighborhood Council must dial +1 669 900 6833 and enter 881 3578 1814 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 (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– Josef Siroky *josef.siroky@asm.ca.gov*

g. Other Government Departments and Community Organizations
    i. Budget Advocates Report (3 minutes)
    ii. Budget Tribunes Report (3 minutes)
    iii. Motor Avenue Improvement Association (3 minutes)
    iv. Presentation from Adel Hagekhalil, StreetsLA General Manager, about the Sidewalk and Transit Amenities Program.
    v. Metro Bike Share Presentation by Brett Thomas

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. Palms NC Election Important Dates:
    i. Candidate Filing : **Feb 6-March 23, 2021**
    ii. Mail-in Ballot Requests : **April 9 – June 1, 2021**
    iii. Ballots Sent Out: **May 10, 2021**
    iv. Election Date: **June 8, 2021**

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 1/17/2021 General Assembly Special meeting (January 6th meeting rescheduled) [Click here for minutes]
b. MOTION: To appoint Neal Anderberg to the Homelessness Advocacy and Public Services Committee and the WRAC Homelessness Committee
c. **MOTION:** To remove Francie Stefan from the Transportation & Infrastructure Committee
d. **MOTION:** To appoint Maria Dacanay-Wisner as a member of the Elections Ad Hoc Committee.
e. **MOTION:** To appoint Tina Chinakarn as Data Liaison for Palms Neighborhood Council

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

a. **President's Report** (Block – eryn.block@palmsnc.la)
b. **Treasurer's Report** (Bocarsly – david.bocarsly@palmsnc.la)
    i. **MOTION:** To approve the December 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)
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**

c. **Racial and Social Justice**
    i. **MOTION:** To authorize the Palms NC to submit a CIS in approval of the expansion of the APRU program from 4 to 11 & investigation of including mental health and social workers into the 911 system - CF 20-0769-S1 Vote 5-0
    ii. **MOTION:** To authorize the Palms NC to submit a CIS in approval to the request for the city Council and Mayor to fill out a pre-approved federal grant application for funds to deal with the LAPD backlog of DNA testing - CF 20-1590 Vote 4-0-1
    iii. **MOTION:** To authorize the Palms NC to submit a CIS in approval to the request of a report due within 30 days from the LAPD investigating how racial profiling complaints are handled - CF 20-1599 Vote 5-0
    iv. **MOTION:** To submit a CIS in OPPOSITION to CF 20-0190 which would allow LA Park Rangers to carry firearms while on duty.

d. **Communications & Outreach**
    i. **FUNDING MOTION:** To authorize up to $1,000 to purchase lawn signs to promote mask wearing in Palms.

e. **Green**
    i. **MOTION:** To authorize the Palms NC to submit a CIS in approval to the City Council, the Department of Public Works and the Department of Street Lighting regarding starting an investigation into using the Super bloom project to raise City funds (see supplementals**)**
    ii. **MOTION:** To authorize the Palms NC to submit the following CIS in support of City Council File CF 20-1225:"The Palms Neighborhood Council supports City Council File CF 20-1225 to develop a healthy soil strategy and take appropriate steps as specified in 20-1225 to support healthy soil and compost projects and programs."

f. **Homelessness & Public Safety**
    i. **MOTION:** To submit a CIS in SUPPORT of Council File 21-0031,which proposes a more humane alternative to CARE CARE+ sweeps of homeless encampments: draft of CIS (for additional context see (1) motion text and (2) case law cited).
    ii. **MOTION:** To approve the following new name for the committee: Homeless Advocacy and Public Service.
    iii. **FUNDING MOTION:** To allocate up to $1,100 for two charging stations with 12V cables and two megaphones to be stored at the Disaster Cachs in Palms. *Megaphones are for responder announcements and communication with displaced groups. Charging stations with 12V car charging cables are for temporary lighting, hand-held radios and other mobile communication devices during a disaster response.*
    iv. **FUNDING MOTION:** Funding Request, NPG from Friends of West Los Angeles in the amount of $2,000 for the production costs of the 3rd annual Westside Safety and Preparedness Fair on March 7th.

g. **Planning & Land Use**
    i. **MOTION:** To approve a CIS in support with amendments of Council File 20-1042 to create a ballot initiative to change the City's zoning in line with the TOC. *[See supplementals for CIS].*

h. **Executive**

i. **Venice Blvd Improvement**

j. **Elections Ad Hoc Committee**

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

IX. **NOTICE:** Next GA Meeting will be Wednesday, March 3rd at 7:00PM

X. Adjournment (End time is approximately 9:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter)

Time allocations for agenda items are approximate and may be shortened or lengthened at the discretion of the President. Public comment will be taken for each motion as well as for any item in the consent agenda prior to Board action. The public is requested to fill out a "Speaker Card" to address the Assembly on any item of the agenda prior to the Assembly taking action on an item. Comments from the public on Agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the Agenda that is within the Assembly's subject matter jurisdiction will be heard during the Public Comment period. Public comment is limited to 1 to 2 minutes per speaker, at the discretion of or unless waived by the Assembly. In the interest of addressing all items on the agenda, time limits for individual comments and discussion may be set at the discretion of the President. All items on the consent agenda will be determined by a single Committee vote and without Committee discussion. Committee members may request that any item be removed from the consent agenda and considered individually at any time prior to that vote.

Per Board of Neighborhood Commissioners Policy #2014-01, agendas are posted for public review at: 1) Woodbine Park Kiosk, 3409 S. Vinton Ave.; 2) Palms Neighborhood Council website, www.palmsnc.la.

In compliance with Government Code section 54957.5, non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority or all of the board in advance of a meeting may be viewed at Woodbine Park Kiosk, 3409 S. Vinton Ave, at our website: www.palmsla.org or at the scheduled meeting. In addition, if you would like a copy of any record related to an item on the agenda, please contact the Secretary at secretary@palmsnc.la

Palms NC Board and Committee members abide by a code of civility (http://empowerla.org/code-of-conduct/). Any person who interferes with the conduct of a Neighborhood Council meeting by willfully interrupting and/or disrupting the meeting is subject to removal. A peace officer may be requested to assist with the removal should any person fail to comply with an order of removal by the Neighborhood Council. Any person who resists removal by a peace officer is subject to arrest and prosecution pursuant to California Penal Code Section 403.

As a covered entity under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Los Angeles does not discriminate on the basis of disability and upon request, will provide reasonable accommodation to ensure equal access to its programs, services, and activities. Sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices, or other auxiliary aids and/or services may be provided upon request. To ensure availability of services, please make your request at least 3 business days (72 hours) prior to the meeting you wish to attend by contacting the Secretary at secretary@palmsnc.la

SI REQUIERE SERVICIOS DE TRADUCCION, FAVOR DE NOTIFICAR A LA OFICINA 3 DIAS DE TRABAJO (72 HORAS) ANTES DEL EVENTO. SI NECESITA ASISTENCIA CON ESTA NOTIFICACION, POR FAVOR LLAME A NUESTRA OFICINA AL secretary@palmsnc.la

Monthly Expenditure Report

Reporting Month: December 2020 **Budget Fiscal Year: 2020-2021**

NC Name: Palms Neighborhood Council

Monthly Cash Reconciliation					
Beginning Balance	**Total Spent**	**Remaining Balance**	**Outstanding**	**Commitments**	**Net Available**
$41429.19	$1053.69	$40375.50	$750.00	$0.00	$39625.50

Monthly Cash Flow Analysis					
Budget Category	**Adopted Budget**	**Total Spent this Month**	**Unspent Budget Balance**	**Outstanding**	**Net Available**
Office	$30000.00	$903.37	$25125.95	$0.00	$25125.95
Outreach		$150.32		$0.00	
Elections		$0.00		$0.00	
Community Improvement Project	$4000.00	$0.00	$3000.00	$750.00	$2250.00
Neighborhood Purpose Grants	$8000.00	$0.00	$-1000.00	$0.00	$-1000.00
Funding Requests Under Review: $0.00		Encumbrances: $0.00		Previous Expenditures: $13820.36	

Expenditures						
#	**Vendor**	**Date**	**Description**	**Budget Category**	**Sub-category**	**Total**
1	GOOGLE GSUITE PALMSLA.	12/02/2020	Email Accounts - **to come from encumbered funds designated for Google LLC**	General Operations Expenditure	Office	$152.80
2	MAILCHIMP MISC	12/03/2020	MailChimp monthly payment - **to come from encumbered funds designated for Mailchimp ? the Rocket Science Group, LLC**	General Operations Expenditure	Office	$30.99
3	WWW.1AND1.COM	12/09/2020	Website hosting support - **To come from encumbered funds designated for 1&1 IONOS Inc**	General Operations Expenditure	Office	$8.71
4	FACEBK SL775YWMG2	12/09/2020	Facebook Advertising	General Operations Expenditure	Outreach	$9.23
5	WWW.1AND1.COM	12/10/2020	Website hosting, maintenance, and support services - **To come from encumbered funds designated for 1&1 IONOS Inc**	General Operations Expenditure	Office	$200.87
6	FACEBK NSV2PYEMM2	12/11/2020	To authorize the Palms NC to spend up to $3,000 on promoted online posts on social media platforms, including Facebook, NextDoor, Instagram, and Twitter	General Operations Expenditure	Outreach	$25.00

7	FACEBK JPNAAZNMG2	12/13/2020	Facebook Advertising	General Operations Expenditure	Outreach	$75.00
8	PSS NATIONAL BLVD.,LLC	12/15/2020	Storage Unit Monthly Fee - **To come from encumbered funds designated for Price Self Storage National Boulevard, LLC**	General Operations Expenditure	Office	$261.00
9	HOO HOOTSUITE INC	12/16/2020	HootSuite Monthly Payment	General Operations Expenditure	Office	$45.00
10	FACEBK R24R42KMM2	12/16/2020	To authorize the Palms NC to spend up to $3,000 on promoted online posts on social media platforms, including Facebook, NextDoor, Instagram, and Twitter	General Operations Expenditure	Outreach	$16.09
11	FACEBK RA5P9ZSLM2	12/27/2020	To authorize the Palms NC to spend up to $3,000 on promoted online posts on social media platforms, including Facebook, NextDoor, Instagram, and Twitter	General Operations Expenditure	Outreach	$25.00
12	US 24 7 POSTAL CENTER	12/30/2020	To authorize the Palms NC to spend up to $204 for a P.O. mailbox at US 24/7 Postal Center, **to come from encumbered funds directed to US 24/7 Postal Center**	General Operations Expenditure	Office	$204.00
	Subtotal:					**$1053.69**

Outstanding Expenditures						
#	**Vendor**	**Date**	**Description**	**Budget Category**	**Sub-category**	**Total**
1	Aldo Chacon - Mutiny Studio Inc	12/30/2020	To approve the application of Aldo Chacon for a $250 grant to paint the utility box at Overland & Charnock.	Community Improvement Project		$250.00
2	Maria Belen Islas Cuellar	12/30/2020	To approve the application of Belen Islas for a $250 grant to paint the utility box at Venice Blvd. and Overland Ave.	Community Improvement Project		$250.00
3	Katie McGuire	01/04/2021	To approve the application of Katie McGuire for a $250 grant to paint the utility box at Palms & Motor.	Community Improvement Project		$250.00
	Subtotal: Outstanding					**$750.00**

Council File: 20-0769-S1
To: Ad Hoc Committee on Police Reform
Support

Council File 20-0769-S1 (https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=20-0769-S1) asks for the Los Angeles Fire Department and the City Administrative Officer to present a plan to expand the Advanced Provider Response Units (APRU) from 4 units to 11 in order to cover more of the City and to deal with non-violent and non-emergency calls that currently are assigned to the Los Angeles Police Department. It also asks for a report on resources needed to integrate mental health and social work professionals into APRUs to respond to a greater volume of calls.

Eugene, Oregon has a program called CAHOOTS (Crisis Assistance Helping Out On The Streets), one of the programs upon which this initiative is based. The Chief Legislative Analyst put out a report on 9/18/20 (https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2020/20-0769_rpt_CLA_09-18-2020.pdf) detailing the history and success of this and other programs. The program has been in place for more than 20 years. CAHOOTS deals with non-violent and non-emergency 911 calls. It uses 2% of the Eugene Police Department budget and handles 17% of the calls. This could be cost-saving to the city of Los Angeles along with offering a humane alternative to involving the police.

The Palms NC supports the request for a presentation about the feasibility of a CAHOOTS-type program for Los Angeles. We expect that the program will provide more appropriate care with less trauma at a more reasonable cost.

Council File: 20-1590
To: City Council and Committees
Support

Council File 20-1590
(https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=20-1590)
asks for the City Council and the Mayor to retroactively apply for a federal grant for whicht the Los Angeles Police Department has been pre-approved to help deal with their backlog in DNA testing and to enhance their capacity for DNA testing going forward.

DNA testing is an important component is solving crimes. There are open cases that could be closed but for DNA analysis. For example, testing the samples in unanalyzed rape kits can help get predators off the street.

DNA testing also helps us to make sure that the accused are actually guilty. People are needlessly in jail for crimes they never committed but have not yet had a chance for DNA tests to prove their innocence. This backlog disproportionately impacts People of Color. Helping to deal with the backlog will facilitate this process. In regards to these funds, the priority should be for DNA testing for inmates asking for DNA testing in regards to exoneration of their charges.

The Palms NC supports this council file to apply for these federal funds for the LAPD

Council File: 20-1599
To: Public Safety Committee
Support

Council File 20-1599 (https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=20-1599) asks the Los Angeles Police Department to produce a report on its standards for investigating racial profiling complaints including comparative data over the last 10 years within 30 days. It also asks that the report include a plan to implement the recommendations in the Office of the Inspector General's 10/22/20 report on the same subject. (https://a27e0481-a3d0-44b8-8142-1376cfbb6e32.filesusr.com/ugd/b2dd23_d3e88738022547acb55f3ad9dd7a1dcb.pdf)

The OIG's report says the following items should be implemented:

1) Limit pretextual stops
2) Consider the effects of crime fighting strategies on community trust and legitimacy
3) Eliminate racial disparities in "Stop Practices"
4) Focus "Stop Practices" on violations directly related to public safety
5) Revise measures of productivity
6) Policy on Stops and Post-Stop activities
7) Consensual Searches
8) Policy on Completion of Field Interview Cards
9) Information to be collected on FI Cards
10) Digitize & Streamline FIs
11) FI retention period
12) Improve data collection practices
13) Identify data improvements
14) Timely data entry
15) Publish Stop data
16) Analyze Stop data on an ongoing basis
17) Take accountability measures

These are all reasonable suggestions, and the Palms Neighborhood Council believes the LAPD should deliver the requested report.

It is no surprise that the uptick of homeless encampments on city parks has led the city to take a closer look at the perceived threat that Park Rangers face. We strongly support the safety of our public rangers. However, we strongly oppose this motion. The Palms NC believes this will result in more Angelenos, especially those from marginalized groups, at the threat of being shot by law enforcement. Last year alone, nationally, police killed 1004 people with Black Americans 2.5 times more likely to be victims than White Americans. With Black Americans encompassing 42% of the city's un-housed, this is a clearly misguided approach. We also believe this contradicts many years of progress the city has made with communities of color. City officials have consistently moved to more progressive community tactics, which include prioritizing non-lethal use of force and community policing where law enforcement work with communities to find solutions. The recent controversy at Echo Park Lake, where unhoused neighbors deploying non-violent, Gandhian tactics to preserve their homes, were met with aggression by the Park Rangers and the LAPD, is an example of a breakdown of this progress. Park Rangers are already equipped with batons, pepper spray, handcuffs and work closely with LAPD. Arming them further only takes the city in the wrong direction. We believe that the city's vast resources and energy should be used to provide services and get people on a path to housing. Therefore, the City and all of its Departments and residents, must change the approach to unhoused communities in our public spaces, and provide health-based solutions and resources that improve living conditions for all of us. PLEASE SEE .PDF FOR FULL CIS

Council File: 20-0190

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

Position: Opposed

Summary:

On February 11th, 2020, at the Health, Education, Neighborhood, Parks, Arts and River committee, Councilmember Buscaino introduced a motion to allow LA park rangers to carry guns while on duty. It is no surprise that the uptick of homeless encampments on city parks has led the city to take a closer look at the perceived threat that Park Rangers face. We strongly support the safety of our public rangers. However, we strongly oppose this motion.

The Palms NC believes this will result in more Angelenos, especially those from marginalized groups, at the threat of being shot by law enforcement. Last year alone, nationally, police killed 1004 people with Black Americans 2.5 times more likely to be victims than White Americans. With Black Americans encompassing 42% of the city's un-housed, this is a clearly misguided approach.

We also believe this contradicts many years of progress the city has made with communities of color. City officials have consistently moved to more progressive community tactics, which include prioritizing non-lethal use of force and community policing where law enforcement work with communities to find solutions. The recent controversy at Echo Park Lake, where unhoused

neighbors deploying non-violent, Gandhian tactics to preserve their homes, were met with aggression by the Park Rangers and the LAPD, is an example of a breakdown of this progress. Park Rangers are already equipped with batons, pepper spray, handcuffs and work closely with LAPD. Arming them further only takes the city in the wrong direction.

We believe that the city's vast resources and energy should be used to provide services and get people on a path to housing. Therefore, the City and all of its Departments and residents, must change the approach to unhoused communities in our public spaces, and provide health-based solutions and resources that improve living conditions for all of us.

January 6, 2021

LA City Council
Department of Public Works
Department of Street Lighting

Re: Superbloom lighting project

Dear City Council Members,

The Palms Neighborhood Council (Palms NC), at a Brown act publicly noticed meeting dated January 6, 2021, moved to approve the following Community Impact Statement

In November 2019, the City of LA sponsored an event called “L.A. Lights The Way”, where a street lighting proposal called “Superbloom” emerged victorious. The Superbloom streetlight is a series of modular candy cane shaped pipes connected at their base to the City’s electrical grid. These streetlights will not only be able to provide light, but the modular pipes can also provide seating, shade, LED information strips, EV Car charging capability and much more. The City plans on replacing all 230,000 of its streetlights with Superbloom lights.

The EV Car charging aspect should be leveraged by the City to immediately raise funds. The City should create a new class of assets in these EV car chargers and sell off 50% of the future revenue rights for 50 years to qualified buyers. The cost of ownership shall be the full cost of installing a Superbloom streetlight, including relevant overhead costs, plus $50,000. This would raise approximately $11.5 billion dollars or an amount equal to the current deficit the City is in plus the equivalent of one full year of City revenues. These funds could be raised within a few months.

This proposal would save the City from financial ruin, help towards the State goal of 1,000,000 EV chargers by 2030 and make the City be the green energy leader of the world.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Neighborhood Council Funding Program

APPLICATION for Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG)

This form is to be completed by the applicant seeking the Neighborhood Purposes Grant and submitted to the Neighborhood Council from whom the grant is being sought. All applications for grants must be reviewed and approved in a public meeting. Upon approval of the application the Neighborhood Council (NC) shall submit the application along with all required documentation to the Office of the City Clerk, NC Funding Program.

Name of NC from which you are seeking this grant: Palms Neighborhood Council

SECTION I- APPLICANT INFORMATION

1a)

FRIENDS OF WEST LOS ANGELES	26-1693591	CA	12/26/2007
Organization Name	***Federal I.D. # (EIN#)***	***State of Incorporation***	***Date of 501(c)(3) Status (if applicable)***

1b)

10940 Wilshire Blvd. Suite 2000	Los Angeles	CA	90024
Organization Mailing Address	***City***	***State***	***Zip Code***

1c)

Business Address (If different)	***City***	***State***	***Zip Code***

1d) ***PRIMARY CONTACT INFORMATION:***

Mike Eveloff	(310) 556-1370	info@fowla.org
Name	***Phone***	***Email***

2) Type of Organization- Please select one:

❑ Public School *(not to include private schools)* **Attach Signed letter on School Letterhead**

or

■ 501(c)(3) Non-Profit *(other than religious institutions)* **Attach IRS Determination Letter**

3)

Name / Address of Affiliated Organization (if applicable)	***City***	***State***	***Zip Code***

SECTION II - PROJECT DESCRIPTION

4) Please describe the purpose and intent of the grant.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency determined that Los Angeles County is the most dangerous place to live in the United States. Not only are we suffering the effects of a devastating pandemic, but we are at risk of experiencing other major disasters separately or even at the same time. The grant we are seeking will be used for costs associated with the 3rd Annual Westside Safety and Preparedness Fair which will take place on March 7, 2021 from 11 am – 3 pm and will be an entirely virtual event. The purpose of the fair is to make it as easy as possible for community members of all ages to tap into educational resources and learn about personal and home safety, and about disaster preparedness for incidents such as earthquakes, wildfires, pandemics – singularly or at the same time. The fair will include 3 keynote speakers, plus 11 other presentations/ training sessions (including “stop the bleed”, CPR, and pet first aid), as well as 3 presentations specifically for children. Our goal is to encourage community members to prepare for, learn how to survive, and to thrive after a major disaster, even when emergency services are overwhelmed and potentially unable to respond to individual emergencies for days and even weeks afterward. We hope to attract attendees from over 1000 households (sign-ups, which started about a week ago, have been robust).

5) How will this grant be used to primarily support or serve a public purpose and benefit the public at-large. (Grants cannot be used as rewards or prizes for individuals)

The 3rd Annual Westside Safety and Preparedness Fair is in part an outgrowth of the Mayor's Resilient LA Plan but is mostly out of a desire of the organizing team to encourage our westside neighbors to prepare in advance for an unpredictable but inevitable major earthquake and the very real possibility of such a disaster occurring while our medical and emergency services are overwhelmed by the needs caused by the coronavirus. We hope that not only will individuals learn to care for themselves and their families, but also learn to come together with neighbors when the need to help each other and to collaborate is at its greatest. This event will be virtual, and the funds will be used to pay for the services of a website designer, website hosting, for virtual event production services including videography, editing, coordinating 4 simultaneous streams of pre-recorded and live presentations plus live question and answer sessions, for ensuring the smooth running of the actual event, as well as making certain that the presentations and other materials are maintained in a way that will allow community members to access them subsequent to the event. Funds will also be used for graphic design and the cost of printing a first-aid guide, a “help/ok” sign and certain other educational materials hard copies of which will be distributed to attendees after the fair.

SECTION III - PROJECT BUDGET OUTLINE

You may also provide the Budget Outline on a separate sheet if necessary or requested.

6a)

Personnel Related Expenses	Requested of NC	Total Projected Cost
n/a	$	$
	$	$
	$	$

6b)

Non-Personnel Related Expenses	Requested of NC	Total Projected Cost
Costs associated with website design, hosting, editing	$ 2,000	$ 27,000
and printing of materials for participants	$	$
	$	$

7) Have you (applicant) applied to any other Neighborhood Councils requesting funds for this project?

❑ **No** ☒ **Yes** **If Yes, please list names of NCs:** Westside NC & West Los Angeles NC

8) Is the implementation of this specific program or purpose described in Question 4 contingent on any other factors or sources or funding? (Including NPG applications to other NCs) ❑ **No** ☒ **Yes** **If Yes, please describe:**

Source of Funding	Amount	Total Projected Cost
Westside NC & West Los Angeles NC	$ 5,000 each	$ $27,000
	$	$
	$	$

9) What is the TOTAL amount of the grant funding requested with this application: **$** 2,000

10a) Start date: 08 / 01 / 20 **10b) Date Funds Required:** 03 / 07 / 21 **10c) Expected Completion Date:** 04 / 15 / 21

(After completion of the project, the applicant should submit a Project Completion Report to the Neighborhood Council)

SECTION IV - POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

11a) Do you (applicant) have a current or former relationship with a Board Member of the NC?

❑ **No** ❑ **Yes** **If Yes, please describe below:**

Name of NC Board Member	Relationship to Applicant

11b) If yes, did you request that the board member consult the Office of the City Attorney before filing this application?

❑ **Yes** ❑ **No** ***(Please note that if a Board Member of the NC has a conflict of interest and completes this form, or participates in the discussion and voting of this NPG, the NC Funding Program will deny the payment of this grant in its entirety.)**

SECTION V - DECLARATION AND SIGNATURE

I hereby affirm that, to the best of my knowledge, the information provided herein and communicated otherwise is truly and accurately stated. I further affirm that I have read the documents "What is a Public Benefit," and "Conflicts of Interest" of this application and affirm that the proposed project(s) and/or program(s) fall within the criteria of a public benefit project/program and that no conflict of interest exist that would prevent the awarding of the Neighborhood Purposes Grant. I affirm that I am not a current Board Member of the Neighborhood Council to whom I am submitting this application. I further affirm that if the grant received is not used in accordance with the terms of the application stated here, said funds shall be returned immediately to the Neighborhood Council.

12a) Executive Director of Non-Profit Corporation or School Principal - REQUIRED*

Mike Eveloff	President		
PRINT Name	***Title***	***Signature***	***Date***

12b) Secretary of Non-profit Corporation or Assistant School Principal - REQUIRED*

Geralyn Goodman	Secretary		
PRINT Name	***Title***	***Signature***	***Date***

*** If a current Board Member holds the position of Executive Director or Secretary, please contact the NC Funding Program at (213) 978-1058 or clerk.ncfunding@lacity.org for instructions on completing this form**

TO: City Council and Committees
For if amended
California is currently facing the greatest affordable housing crisis the state has ever experienced, with Los Angeles at the epicenter. In the midst of this crisis, meeting the state's Regional Housing Needs Assessment's goals of 456,000 new homes by 2029 (including 184,000 for lower-income households) will be key to providing for the needs of our residents and help create a more equitable and sustainable future for our city.

In the Palms community, we've seen the impact of the housing crisis firsthand. As a community with a higher share of renters than much of the Westside, we have seen construction ramp up at a higher level than many of our neighboring communities, resulting in existing residents being displaced and increased housing costs. We have seen our own residents confused and frustrated by our community's existing zoning. While we are glad to support equitable and responsible development in our community and pride ourselves on working well with developers to accomplish that, we believe new housing will benefit the City most when it is distributed throughout the city rather than concentrated only in areas already currently zoned for multi-family. Updating the zoning code and spreading that distribution will allow us to better house our homeless population, take advantage of our growing transit investments, and meet the RHNA target.

While we celebrate the successes of Measure JJJ, we believe improvements can be made. We believe that the administration of affordable units in new TOC projects is lacking in funding, sufficiency of numbers, and enforcement and we would urge the City to include that topic in the analysis of TOC. Also, we find that TOC does not take into account the diversity of the neighborhoods and this would need to be addressed along with how we help people who are in the middle class who are being squeezed out of their existing neighborhoods. Also, all of our building is rental units. We need to consider building condominiums for moderate income residents (80% to 120% of AMI) to allow people to get started with home ownership.

We support the motion to analyze the creation of a ballot measure to update the city's zoning code, with the goal of addressing our city's housing shortage, incentivizing affordable housing while enforcing its administration, and leading to a more equitable distribution of housing around the city.

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
CALIFORNIA

Palms Neighborhood Council
Transportation Committee

Kay Hartman, Chair
Kasey Crawford, Member
Christopher Gonzalez-Wienberg, member
Francie Stefan, Member

PALMS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

10008 National Blvd. #210
Los Angeles, CA 90034

www.palmsnc.la
facebook.com/PalmsLA
@palmsnc

Transportation & Infrastructure Committee Report
Thursday, January 14, 2021 – 7:30 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: January 14, 2021

Committee Members: Chair: Kay Hartman; Members: Kasey Crawford, Christopher Gonzalez-Wienberg, Francie Stefan

Committee Members Present: Kay Hartman, Kasey Crawford, Christopher Gonzalez-Wienberg

Committee Members Absent: Francie Stefan

Call to Order: 7:38 p.m. **Adjournment**: 9:14 p.m.

Proposed Motions for General Assembly Adoption

MOTION: Remove Francie Stefan from the Transportation Committee with the confidence of the Committee.

A. **Committee Reasoning:** Francie would be very valuable if she would participate.

B. **Committee Vote Count:** 3-0.

MOTION: Reconsider motion approved at the August 27 Special Meeting of the Transportation & Infrastructure Committee to approve investigating the outreach required to be able to restripe Venice Blvd. to create a protected bike lane.

A. **Committee Reasoning:** This requires the connections and passion of someone like Nathan to drive this.

B. **Committee Vote Count:** 3-0. Please note that this vote means that the Committee does not intend to pursue this at this time.

Summary of Agenda Item Discussion and Committee Updates

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item II – Introductions and Welcome

- Kay, Kasey, Chris, Jeremiah, Jay Greenstein, Kalani, Michael Su, Neal

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

- Neal. Feels like there are a number of 15 minute zones and no parking zones that don't need to be that way anymore. There are a couple of spots on the 3600 block of Motor for preschools that are not there anymore. Lobbying for elimination of street sweeping. Unhappy that a machine comes through and pushes trash around. It causes people to have to drive around for 2 hours until it's over and then be able to park again. Adjacent neighborhoods don't have street sweeping. Jay. Street sweepers. I feel your pain. I don't think the Councilmember is ready to go to bat to kill the program. One thing we're going to be faced with is that 50 street sweeping operators going for early retirement. The program needs to be rethought. Keep in touch with Elizabeth. 15 minute parking zones. We could look at them. If we submit it and the business is no longer there, they will remove.
- Michael. Lives on National. Can we lobby for slow down signs as people drive around there. The cars some fast and you can't see them coming. Between the 10 and Rose. Jay. The sign he's requested is not in the tool kit. We can have the department look into it. They can't take new investigations while the service request system is down due to Covid. A new revamped system is supposed to kick in. Jay will work with Michael to see what they can do.
- Kalani. Wants Venice to be a Champs Elysee or Paseo de la Reforma. Better shading for bus stops.
- Jeremiah. Construction on Venice. It's been a frustrating long time. In Georgia, utility work is done at night instead of during the day. It's a grift by the contractors. Want a left turn arrow on Midvale. There are 3 possible left turn arrows. Jay. Venice at Midvale. The Department has approved 3 streets for protected left turns. One is Venice and Midvale. The others are Clarington and Hughes. Clarington will be first. Left arrow will be required to turn left. The DWP project on Venice. Haven't heard a report from DWP in a long time. Those projects move at a very slow pace. The project is in very late stages. It is planned to complete this spring.

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

- Chris. Was in Pennsylvania for a month. Locked in apartment so not seeing so much of what's going on on the streets. Venice repaving is not smooth. Slow Streets signs are missing.
- Kasey. Been gone for 2 months. Noticed Slow Streets signs missing also.
- Kay. Working to have our first meeting since Nathan's departure.

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item IV.b. – **MOTION** to modify the Committee structure by removing Francie Stefan and adding Jeremiah Crane.

- Chris moves to remove Francie with the confidence of the committee. Kasey seconds.
  - Agrees with Nathan that Francie adds credibility but it's meaningless if she doesn't attend.
  - Kasey yes Chris yes Kay yes
- Chris moves it is the sense of the committee that Jeremiah Crane join. Kasey seconds.
  - Jeremiah thinks he was overly ambitious. Work is too much. He thinks he can't join now.
  - Chris moves to table. Kasey seconds. Tabled.

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item IV.c. – **DISCUSSION and POSSIBLE MOTION** to nominate a primary and alternate representative to the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils's Transportation Committee. This is an opportunity to work on transportation issues at a regional level.

- Chris agrees to be primary and Kasey agrees to be the alternate.

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item IV.d. – **DISCUSSION** LADOT Sidewalk and Transit Amenities Program (STAP). Please review this brief presentation before the meeting. What are our thoughts? Do we want to weigh in on this or the corresponding council file 20-1536?

- Kalani. Saw the presentation at Westside CC. How will they deal with the unhoused? Will they be policed? Cleaned? What about the type of signage? Would they disturb nearby apartments?
- Neal. The two comments they took were from Neal and Kalani. They had 2 people at the presentation. About the brightness, they are aware that is an issue they will look into. A bus shelter's size is 1/30 of the size of a normal digital billboard. The previous contract says that the company required them to do the maintenance and assumes the new contract could be the same. Advertising pays for the maintenance. They expect to be able to contribute

to the general fund. The last 20 years was disappointing. Revenue was less. The number of shelters was low. We're more prepared now. We know where the bus shelters should go. There are going to be neighbors who will push back. Along Motor Ave people have lobbied for shelters from the rain. The bus stops are chosen by the bus company as opposed to the needs of the community. These issues are not resolved in the RFP. There is not exclusivity in this contract. They promised in the previous and current projects that NCs would have the opportunities to put PSAs in the ads. In reality there is nothing in stone that indicates what we might get, when we might get it, where we might get it.

- Jay. Debby Diner Harris is our lead on this for CD 5. In the old contract there was an equity piece where each CD was given 85 locations. There were times where we wanted bus shelters and were at our cap. We had to trade with other CDs. When there's a request for a shelter, you need ADA clearance for people to get by. Kay to agendize a discussion with Jay.
- Chris. Our options are limited. It's a complicated proposal. I don't see called out is circles on a pole that made shade even when there's no bench. We need seating for older and disabled residents and we all need shade.
- Neal. Some of the money from the advertising revenue will go into a pot for street maintenance.
- Kalani. The advertisers are said to be like Dodgers Baseball.
- Chris. Is there more info? Kay. There's the RFP.
- Neal. They said they're only counting people and they don't sell the data.
- Kasey doesn't have an issue and doesn't think we need to take action.
- Chris. Don't have enough info.
- Committee decision to let it go.

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item IV.e. – DISCUSSION on Next Steps. Proposed Motion passed at the August 27 Special Meeting of the Committee and has not been agendized for the NC General Assembly: *The Palms Neighborhood Council supports the creation of a Community Engagement Plan to genuinely and equitably gather community input and create a consensus on whether and how to move forward with Venice Blvd. safety improvements. The Community Engagement Plan would be developed and led by the Neighborhood Council in partnership with LADOT.* See the plan following this agenda.

- Chris maintains his stance that without Nathan we should not do it. We need someone as connected and passionate as him to make it succeed.
- Kasey agrees.

- Kalani. We should let this go. Get the missing sign on the 10 freeway put up instead of this.
- Chris moves to reconsider.
- Neal thinks we should do it.
- Jay says it would be a significant lift for the group. Venice is one of the 4 or 5 quarters Metro is looking at for a bus only lane. Maybe a bike land happens at the same time.
- Kasey seconds.
- Kasey yes Chris yes, Kay yes

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item IV.f. – DISCUSSION and POSSIBLE ACTION: There will be a new mixed use project at 10801 Venice. Bureau of Engineering's permitting division required additional lighting for the building and this new maintenance district would potentially allow the Bureau of Street Lighting to install a new street light as needed. This would mean that the City can collect higher property taxes from the property owner. This is allowed by Proposition 218 because the installation of a new street light would require maintenance by BSL. The property owner has to assess this new maintenance district in BSL's attachment and vote yes or no on what BSL is proposing. If they do not accept this, the property owner would have to go back to the plan check phase and work with BSL to figure out how else they can incorporate more lighting at the location. The question is, do we want to weigh in on this either way?

- The Committee elects to let it go.

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item IV.g. – **DISCUSSION** and **POSSIBLE ACTION** on Council Files:

- 20-0838 to make Slow Streets permanent.
    - Neal. Hate this program. First off it was designed to give people enough space to keep their distance. But if we have slow streets we authorize pedestrians to wander into the street without looking. It's dangerous. I drive a passenger vehicle and I can't always get around the signs. Cars are hitting them without regard. The wind takes them down.
    - Michael likes the program. On those streets, it's his experience that it's more peaceful. If it is problematic for cars, maybe we should reconsider.
    - Kalani. I'm not opposed to making it permanent. It will be difficult to sell something to residents as temporary and then make it permanent while we're still in Covid.

- Kasey. I don't think it should be permanent. I don't mind extending it during the crisis. I live on a slow street and these barriers won't work.
- Chris. There are about a half dozen veto points before it would be made permanent. The program is a mixed bag. I appreciated the City doing this. I'd like the City to figure out a way to make this happen.
- Kay. How can we get a pulse of the community?
- Jay. It's not clear what a permanent program would look like. The motion to make it permanent came from Ryu. Doesn't know if LADOT has the bandwidth to make this permanent.
- Let's talk next month about what we want to do. Opt out? Permanent? Keep it going?
- Jay. Where are the volunteers? We need them to continue. The program is supposed to be a partnership and the volunteers are part of that.

Confirmation of Next Meeting Date: February 11, 2021 **Time** 7:30 p.m. **Location** Zoom

Time allocations for agenda items are approximate and may be shortened or lengthened at the discretion of the President. Public comment will be taken for each motion as well as for any item in the consent agenda prior to Board action. The public is requested to fill out a "Speaker Card" to address the Assembly on any item of the agenda prior to the Assembly taking action on an item. Comments from the public on Agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the Agenda that is within the Assembly's subject matter jurisdiction will be heard during the Public Comment period. Public comment is limited to 1 to 2 minutes per speaker, at the discretion or unless waived by the Assembly. In the interest of addressing all items on the agenda, time limits for individual comments and discussion may be set at the discretion of the President. All items on the consent agenda will be determined by a single Committee vote and without Committee discussion. Committee members may request that any item be removed from the consent agenda and considered individually at any time prior to that vote.

Per Board of Neighborhood Commissioners Policy #2014-01, agendas are posted for public review at: 1) Woodbine Park Kiosk, 3409 S. Vinton Ave.; 2) Palms Neighborhood Council website, www.palmsnc.la .

In compliance with Government Code section 54957.5, non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority or all of the board in advance of a meeting may be viewed at Woodbine Park Kiosk, 3409 S. Vinton Ave, at our website: www.palmsla.org or at the scheduled meeting. In addition, if you would like a copy of any record related to an item on the agenda, please contact the Secretary at secretary@palmsnc.la

Palms NC Board and Committee members abide by a code of civility (http://empowerla.org/code-of-conduct/). Any person who interferes with the conduct of a Neighborhood Council meeting by willfully interrupting and/or disrupting the meeting is subject to removal. A peace officer may be requested to assist with the removal should any person fail to comply with an order of removal by the Neighborhood Council. Any person who resists removal by a peace officer is subject to arrest and prosecution pursuant to California Penal Code Section 403.

As a covered entity under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Los Angeles does not discriminate on the basis of disability and upon request, will provide reasonable accommodation to ensure equal access to its programs, services, and activities. Sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices, or other auxiliary aids and/or services may be provided upon request. To ensure availability of services, please make your request at least 3 business days (72 hours) prior to the meeting you wish to attend by contacting the Secretary at secretary@palmsnc.la

SI REQUIERE SERVICIOS DE TRADUCCION, FAVOR DE NOTIFICAR A LA OFICINA 3 DIAS DE TRABAJO (72 HORAS) ANTES DEL

EVENTO. SI NECESITA ASISTENCIA CON ESTA NOTIFICACION, POR FAVOR LLAME A NUESTRA OFICINA AL secretary@palmsnc.la

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
CALIFORNIA

Palms Neighborhood Council Business & Beautification Committee

Eliot Hochberg, Chair
eliot.hochberg@palmsnc.la
Natasia Gascon, Member

PALMS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

10008 National Blvd. #210
Los Angeles, CA 90034

www.palmsnc.la
facebook.com/PalmsLA
@palmsnc

Joint Board and Business & Beautification Virtual Committee Report
Wednesday, January 20, 2021 – 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Zoom Meeting Online

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: January 20, 2021

Committee Members: Chair: Eliot Hochberg, Member: Natasia Gascon

Committee Members Present: Eliot Hochberg and Natasia Gascon

Committee Members Absent: None

Call to Order: 7:04 **Adjournment**: 9:05

Committee Updates

Elaine Warner from the City of Culver City attended to discuss Media Park Revitalization and their ongoing outreach starting Feb 4, 2021. We also discussed adding elements to the PLUM Developers Guide, but deferred actual writing of the elements to the Feb meeting.

Proposed Motions for General Assembly Adoption

A. **None**

Summary of Agenda Item Discussion and Committee Updates

I. **CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL** (5 min)
   a. Call to Order (Hochberg)
      i. Meeting is called to order at 7:04 PM
   b. Roll Call (Hochberg)

i. Hochberg is present
ii. Gascon is present

c. Review of code of conduct (Hochberg)
d. Agenda preview (Hochberg)
i. Primary focus on the joint B&B and PLUM committee developers guide.
ii. Joint Culver City/Palms Media park revitalization discussion.

II. **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT/ FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS** (10 min)
a. No general public comment.

III. **REPORTS** (10 Minutes each)
a. Gascon
i. Gascon highlighted the fact that it was Museum Selfie day. As many museums and public places are still closed due to the pandemic, many people instead posted throwbacks of past museum visits. Gascon herself was able to visit the outdoor displays of the Ventura Agriculture museum in Santa Paula. The museums in Palms (Museum of Jurassic Technology and the Baghenvagita Museum) remain closed.
ii. Jeremy Bernard of Mapleton investments contacted Gascon directly regarding utility box art on their future development of 10011 Washingron Blvd. More detailed discussion will be left for Item VI.
iii. Gascon shared some wonderful online performances she has seen, and remarked at the creativity currently flourishing online with the limitations of the pandemic.

b. Hochberg
i. The B&B committee is aware of the new benefits that the Federal government has made available for small businesses. They have not been posted to the website yet, as he is waiting on possible modifications by the new administration.
ii. In the process of reviewing Renters Rights information. Waiting on final confirmation from Mar Vista.
iii. Outreach committee has other Business related items that they will be posting on the NC website once confirmed.

IV. **VENICE BLVD. & GLENDON LIGHTING DISTRICT**
a. Discussed the possibility of getting new streetlights installed at the intersection of Venice/Glendon. Deferred to the Venice Ad Hoc and PLUM committee due to the possibility of installing Superbloom lights in the near future.

V. **DISCUSSION: UTILITY BOX PROGRAM** (5 min)
a. Three of the four approved boxes have been completed. Overland/Venice, Overland/Charnock, Palms/Motor. Rose Ave box in progress, no confirmation of completion.
No additional funding confirmed yet from CD5 for additional utility boxes.
b. Jeremy Bernard of Mapleton investments contacted Gascon directly regarding utility box art on their future development of 10011 Washington Blvd. Wondered if private developments could sponsor utility box art.
c. Hochberg had corresponded with Bernard and stated that the developer is welcome to go through LADOT themselves in regards to utility box art, but the Palms NC could be available to assist in the process and facilitate public dialog regarding the selection of art on the utility box.
d. PUBLIC COMMENT: Kalani Whittington commented that she has concerns that the NC should not give ownership of the project to the developer, as the utility box is public.
e. Gascon suggested that the NC work with the developer in facilitating public input on the artist and the artwork that the developer suggests for the utility box. Hochberg cautioned that the NC cannot monetarily sponsor the utility box, but is in agreement in providing public input for the developer to consider the artwork for the box if they decide to privately sponsor it.
f. PUBLIC COMMENT: Whittington cautioned that the developer has not yet broken ground on their property, and suggests that the NC leave detailed metrics and requirements for public/private partnerships for future committee members.
g. Gascon discussed next-steps with the developer: Outlining specific steps in facilitating a public/private partnership, Hochberg wants to make it record to follow-up with the developer approximately a year from the present date, and to work with the PLUM committee.
h. PUBLIC COMMENT: Whittington agrees that we should thank the developer for taking the initiative to work with the NC, and also wonders if Culver City stakeholders should be taken into consideration, as the box is across the street from them.

VI. **DISCUSSION: MURALS** (20 min)

a. Mural Manual status
    i. Manual is completed, but very long and very wordy. Gascon is working on shortening it.
b. Mural Artist List
    i. No update.
c. General mural discussion
    i. Gascon brought up the fact that the *Vox Humana* mural on Palms/Motor has been heavily vandalized and is becoming an eyesore, and inquired what the NC could do to get the business (Boombang) to address the state of the mural. Hochberg encouraged Gascon to reach out to the business directly to find a solution.
    ii. PUBLIC COMMENT: Whittington reminded the committee that the large mural on Overland Ave is lacking in maintenance as well. Hochberg clarified that the mural has not been ignored, but maintenance on the mural is a few thousand dollars, and that currently the funds are unavailable.

VII. **DISCUSSION: MEDIA PARK REVITALIZATION** (20 min)

a. Hochberg welcomed Elaine Warner from the City of Culver City to facilitate the discussion regarding Media Park's Revitalization.
b. Warner briefly described the history of Media Park and the Ivy substation – how it is a property of the City of Los Angeles, but was leased to the City of Culver City under the condition that Culver City take up responsibility for the upkeep of both the park and of the Ivy Substation. Culver City is currently looking at new ways to revitalize Media Park to better serve the Downtown Culver City and Palms communities.
c. Culver City has set aside substantial redevelopment funds for the revitalization of Media Park and is currently inviting the community for input. The first public meeting is on February 4th at 6:30 pm.
d. Hochberg thanked Warner for attending, and shared information regarding the Venice Ad Hoc committee for the revitalization of Venice Blvd. Hochberg will also reach out to our NC to disseminate information about the public meetings to Palms constituents.
e. PUBLIC COMMENT: Whittington thanked Warner for attending and commented that she is concerned about over-development of the park, as she feels it is fine as it is. She is concerned about preserving the Morton Bay fig trees and the current parking situation at the park.
f. Gascon shared that she participated in an artist call for Narrative Objects in creating a coloring book that honored Los Angeles Parks. She was commissioned to create two illustrations: One for Palms Park, and another for Media Park. Gascon shared the illustration for Media Park and highlighted the things that she saw important in the park's history.
g. Hochberg suggested that Warner examine the facilities available at Woodbine Park, as it is frequented by Palms residents, and they would appreciate having similar facilities in Media Park.
h. Hochberg also suggested that the shared history of Culver City and Palms be highlighted in Media Park, as Palms has long been overshadowed by surrounding communities and is working on preserving its identity.

VIII. **DISCUSSION: ADDITIONS TO PLUM DEVELOPERS GUIDE** (20 min)

a. The B&B Committee discussed adding a section on "Legacy Businesses" to the PLUM Developers guide. This is to suggest to incoming developers to offer first pick of their mixed-use retail space to businesses that were displaced due to their new developments. This is to allow well-established businesses within Palms to have the opportunity to remain in the community, rather than offering up the spaces to newer businesses right away.
b. Gascon reiterated her support for strongly suggesting that businesses invest their required "Percentage for Arts" funds directly into the community rather than just paying it towards the general fund. She suggests things like Public Art commissions (specifically sculptures or artistic architecture elements) or community activation, where the funds can be used to sponsor artists in the community directly, or to sponsor arts related events.
c. Hochberg asked Gascon to clarify her suggestion on preserving historical buildings in Palms. Gascon clarified that she doesn't expect new developers to commit to hard preservation of

buildings - rather she is strongly encouraging them to look at the historical significance and the architectural character of older buildings, and use what they see to inspire their new developments. This is to get developers to connect more with the history of the neighborhood, and to encourage them to utilize the history and aesthetics of the buildings to inspire their developments. Gascon wants to avoid the "cookie cutter" aesthetic that has become ubiquitous with new developments, and wants firms to differentiate themselves while at the same time highlighting the history and preserving the character of the neighborhood.

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.

IX. **PALMS INTERNATIONAL FOOD DISTRICT** (10 min)
   a. No update

X. **PALMS FOOD MAP SURVEY PROJECT** (5 min)
   a. No update

XI. **PALMS GATEWAY LIGHTING PROJECT** (10 min)
   a. No update

XII. **MANAGEMENT COMPANY WELCOME PROJECT** (2 min)
   a. No update

XIII. **WOODBINE PARK KIOSK REPAIR AND UPGRADE PROJECT** (5 min)
   a. Gascon suggested to move this item up in importance for next meeting, and even suggested that the Outreach committee get involved as well.

XIV. **COMMUNITY SCHOOL PARKS** (2 min)
   a. No update

XV. **BUSINESS FLYER** (2 min)
   a. No update. Possibly may be tabled as there is waning interest.

XVI. **CLOSING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT** (5 minutes, time permitting)
   a. Gascon inquired the status of the general B&B committee e-mail address. Hochberg will follow up.

XVII. **Adjournment**
   a. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM

Confirmation of Next Meeting Date: 2-17-21 Time: 7pm Location: Zoom

Time allocations for agenda items are approximate and may be shortened or lengthened at the discretion of the President. Public comment will be taken for each motion as well as for any item in the consent agenda prior to Board action. The public is requested to fill out a "Speaker Card" to address the Assembly on any item of the agenda prior to the Assembly taking action on an item. Comments from the public on Agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the Agenda that is within the Assembly's subject matter jurisdiction will be heard during the Public Comment period. Public comment is limited to 1 to 2 minutes per speaker, at the discretion or unless waived by the Assembly. In the interest of addressing all items on the agenda, time limits for individual comments and discussion may be set at the discretion of the President. All items on the consent agenda will be determined by a single Committee vote and without Committee discussion. Committee members may request that any item be removed from the consent agenda and considered individually at any time prior to that vote.

Per Board of Neighborhood Commissioners Policy #2014-01, agendas are posted for public review at: 1) Woodbine Park Kiosk, 3409 S. Vinton Ave.; 2) Palms Neighborhood Council website, www.palmsnc.la .

In compliance with Government Code section 54957.5, non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority or all of the board in advance of a meeting may be viewed at Woodbine Park Kiosk, 3409 S. Vinton Ave, at our website: www.palmsla.org or at the scheduled meeting. In addition, if you would like a copy of any record related to an item on the agenda, please contact the Secretary at secretary@palmsnc.la

Palms NC Board and Committee members abide by a code of civility (http://empowerla.org/code-of-conduct/). Any person who interferes with the conduct of a Neighborhood Council meeting by willfully interrupting and/or disrupting the meeting is subject to removal. A peace officer may be requested to assist with the removal should any person fail to comply with an order of removal by the Neighborhood Council. Any person who resists removal by a peace officer is subject to arrest and prosecution pursuant to California Penal Code Section 403.

As a covered entity under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Los Angeles does not discriminate on the basis of disability and upon request, will provide reasonable accommodation to ensure equal access to its programs, services, and activities. Sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices, or other auxiliary aids and/or services may be provided upon request. To ensure availability of services, please make your request at least 3 business days (72 hours) prior to the meeting you wish to attend by contacting the Secretary at secretary@palmsnc.la

SI REQUIERE SERVICIOS DE TRADUCCION, FAVOR DE NOTIFICAR A LA OFICINA 3 DIAS DE TRABAJO (72 HORAS) ANTES DEL

EVENTO. SI NECESITA ASISTENCIA CON ESTA NOTIFICACION, POR FAVOR LLAME A NUESTRA OFICINA AL secretary@palmsnc.la

CITY OF LOS ANGELES

CALIFORNIA

Palms Neighborhood Council Racial and Social Justice Committee

Randell Erving, Co-Chair
Eryn Piper Block, Co-Chair
Danya White, Member
Josh Noble, Member
Tina Chinakarn, Member
Josh Nadel, Member

PALMS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

10008 National Blvd. #210
Los Angeles, CA 90034

www.palmsnc.la
facebook.com/PalmsLA
@palmsnc

Special Joint Board and Racial & Social Justice Committee Meeting Agenda
Thursday, January 28, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.
Virtual Zoom Meeting, Los Angeles, CA 90034

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: January 28, 2021

Committee Members: Chair: Randell Erving, Co-Chair: Eryn Block, Members: Josh Nadel, Danya White, Josh Nobel, Tina Chinakarn

Committee Members Present: Chair: Randell Erving, Co-Chair: Eryn Block, Members: Josh Nadel, Danya White, Josh Nobel

Committee Members Absent: Tina Chinakarn

Call to Order: 6:12 p.m. **Adjournment**: 7:39 p.m.

Proposed Motions for General Assembly Adoption

Motion:

1. MOTION: To authorize the Palms NC to submit a CIS in approval of the expansion of the APRU program from 4 to 11 & investigation of including mental health and social workers into the 911 system - CF 20-0769-S1
   Vote 5-0 (Josh Nadel/Danya)

2. MOTION: To authorize the Palms NC to submit a CIS in approval to the request for the city Council and Mayor to fill out a pre-approved federal grant application for funds to deal with the LAPD backlog of DNA testing - CF 20-1590
   Vote 4-0-1 (Josh Nadel/Danya)

3. MOTION: To authorize the Palms NC to submit a CIS in approval to the request of a report due within 30 days from the LAPD investigating how racial profiling complaints are handled - CF 20-1599
   Vote 5-0 (Randell/Josh Nadel)

4. MOTION: To submit a CIS in OPPOSITION to CF 20-0190 which would allow LA Park Rangers to carry firearms while on duty.
   Vote 5-0 (Josh Nadel/Josh Nobel)

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) – Acknowledgement of the significance, harm, hope and impact of event in our country in January 2021 related to racial and social justice.

- Randell spoke about the the eventful month & that we need to reach out more
- Josh spoke about the ongoing reaction to the incident at the Capitol

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item III (B) – The Committee hosting a "One Year In" Town Hall event

- Randell wants to do a virtual event
- Kay wants to know what the event is about. Says it is getting late for March
- Eryn wants vaccines issues being a topic
- Josh Noble says the response to the pandemic has been a disaster. Thinks we need a better focus. That we should provide leadership and guidance
- Danya thinks the most important is dealing with your mental health
- Natasha has a plan for local vaccine administration
- Josh Nadel wants to get someone from LA County Health for town hall

List of NCs to contact

Mid City
North Westwood
Los Feliz
Echo Park
Wilshire Center/Koreatown
Mid Wilshire (maybe?)
SORO
Central Alameda NC

Panorama City NC
Del Rey NC
North Hills East NC
West Valley NC council on homelessness
Progressive Alliance

- Eryn wants a vote on this next month in committee then GA in March
- Josh Nobel & Randell are the leads on this

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item III (C) – MOTION: To authorize the Palms NC to submit a CIS in approval of the APRU program from 4 to 11 & investigation of including mental health and social workers into the 911 system – CF 20-0769-S1

- Josh Nadel introduced this
- Kay made comments
- The committee edited the letter
- Josh Nadel moved & Danya seconded (5-0)

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item III (D) – MOTION: to authorize the Palms NC to submit a CIS in approval to the request of a report for LAPD regarding their usage of the COMPSTAT system and what update

- There was confusion between the written motion and underlying documents, so this item was TABLED until next month

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item III (E) – MOTION: to authorize the Palms NC to submit a CIS in approval to the request for the City Council and Mayor to fill out a pre-approved federal grant application for funds to deal with the LAPD backlog of DNA testing – CF-20-1590

- Josh Nadel introduced this
- Kay made comments
- The committee edited the letter
- Josh Nadel moved & Danya seconded (4-0-1)

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item III (F) – MOTION: to authorize the Palms NC to submit a CIS in approval to the request of a report die within 30 days from the LAPD investigating how racial profiling complaints are handled – CF20-1599

- Josh Nadel introduced this
- Kay made comments

- The committee edited the letter
- Randell moved & Josh Nadel seconded (5-0)

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item III (G) – MOTION: to submit a CIS in OPPOSITION to CF 20-0190, which would allow LA Park Rangers to carry firearms while on duty

- Eryn introduced this
- Natasha asked which NCs are involved with this CIS
- The committee edited the letter
- Josh Nadel moved & Josh Nobel seconded (5-0)

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item III (H.1) – Palms NC Racial and Social Justice Education and Resource List

- Nothing was added this month

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item III (H.2) – Days of Dialogue event on 2/6/2021

- Josh Nadel introduced Anne Sawyer, a mediator and facilitator for Resolve Space. Does work with schools and children
- Anne Sawyer facilitates dialogues at churches and schools normally, but they pivoted to zoom
- Zoom has allowed them to reach out to more people
- Goal is to seek commonality and understanding
- Josh Nadel will be given materials for the event that he will forward to the website or sent out in link form
- The format has breakout rooms of 7 people per facilitator for 90 minutes
- There are polls before and after
- Designed to encourage conversation

Committee Updates: see above

New Business – Agenda for next meeting:

- The following motion was TABLED and should be placed on next month agenda "MOTION: to authorize the Palms NC to submit a CIS in approval to the request of a report for LAPD regarding their usage of the COMPSTAT system and what update"
- DISCUSSION and POSSIBLE ACTION: The Committee hosting a "One Year In" Town Hall event – Includes progress on contacting the list of NCs from above

- DISCUSSION and POSSIBLE ACTION: Palms NC working with Budget Tribunes & Days of Dialogue in setting up a virtual event for Palms [EVENT TOPIC CHOICES REQUIRED – Josh Nadel will get them]

Adjournment: 9:20 pm

Confirmation of Next Meeting Date: February 2, 2021 **Time** 6:15 p.m. **Location** Zoom

Time allocations for agenda items are approximate and may be shortened or lengthened at the discretion of the President. Public comment will be taken for each motion as well as for any item in the consent agenda prior to Board action. The public is requested to fill out a "Speaker Card" to address the Assembly on any item of the agenda prior to the Assembly taking action on an item. Comments from the public on Agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the Agenda that is within the Assembly's subject matter jurisdiction will be heard during the Public Comment period. Public comment is limited to 1 to 2 minutes per speaker, at the discretion or unless waived by the Assembly. In the interest of addressing all items on the agenda, time limits for individual comments and discussion may be set at the discretion of the President. All items on the consent agenda will be determined by a single Committee vote and without Committee discussion. Committee members may request that any item be removed from the consent agenda and considered individually at any time prior to that vote.

Per Board of Neighborhood Commissioners Policy #2014-01, agendas are posted for public review at: 1) Woodbine Park Kiosk, 3409 S. Vinton Ave.; 2) Palms Neighborhood Council website, www.palmsnc.la .

In compliance with Government Code section 54957.5, non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority or all of the board in advance of a meeting may be viewed at Woodbine Park Kiosk, 3409 S. Vinton Ave, at our website: www.palmsla.org or at the scheduled meeting. In addition, if you would like a copy of any record related to an item on the agenda, please contact the Secretary at secretary@palmsnc.la

Palms NC Board and Committee members abide by a code of civility (http://empowerla.org/code-of-conduct/). Any person who interferes with the conduct of a Neighborhood Council meeting by willfully interrupting and/or disrupting the meeting is subject to removal. A peace officer may be requested to assist with the removal should any person fail to comply with an order of removal by the Neighborhood Council. Any person who resists removal by a peace officer is subject to arrest and prosecution pursuant to California Penal Code Section 403.

As a covered entity under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Los Angeles does not discriminate on the basis of disability and upon request, will provide reasonable accommodation to ensure equal access to its programs, services, and activities. Sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices, or other auxiliary aids and/or services may be provided upon request. To ensure availability of services, please make your request at least 3 business days (72 hours) prior to the meeting you wish to attend by contacting the Secretary at secretary@palmsnc.la

SI REQUIERE SERVICIOS DE TRADUCCION, FAVOR DE NOTIFICAR A LA OFICINA 3 DIAS DE TRABAJO (72 HORAS) ANTES DEL

EVENTO. SI NECESITA ASISTENCIA CON ESTA NOTIFICACION, POR FAVOR LLAME A NUESTRA OFICINA AL secretary@palmsnc.la

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
CALIFORNIA

Palms Neighborhood Council Outreach Committee

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

PALMS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

10008 National Blvd. #210
Los Angeles, CA 90034

www.palmsnc.la
facebook.com/PalmsLA
@palmsnc

General Assembly and Communications & Outreach Committee Report
Tuesday, January 19, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.
Virtual Zoom Meeting, Los Angeles, CA 90034

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: January 19, 2021

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

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

Committee Members Absent:

Call to Order: 7:00 p.m. **Adjournment**: 8:18 p.m.

Proposed Motions for General Assembly Adoption

Motion:

purchasing lawn signs to promote mask wearing in Palms. Approves funding motion to authorize up to $1,000 to print Palms NC lawn signs for each of the 5 residential areas in Palms NC that display the value of wearing a mask, affirming that we welcome all neighbors, and how to connect with the Palms NC (Josh/Danya) 6-0

Summary of Agenda Item Discussion and Committee Updates

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

- William asked about neighborhood council election rules

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item III (A.1) – Committee Member Project – Communications regarding Community Impact Statements (CIS)

- Randell spoke about the value of writing CIS
- Eliot said if we use wordpress with hootsuite we can send them to the website
- Josh spoke about using visuals
- Eliot said we do not need highly scripted videos

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item III (A.2) – Committee Member Project – Communications regarding funding allocations

- Tabled

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item III (A.3) – Committee Member Project – Palms NC Newsletter

- Danya is focusing on elections. Talking about the park on Venice. Public Safety info

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item III (A.4.a) – Committee Member Project – Social Media Campaigns – Food Business spotlight on Twitter

- Josh will do another round
- Purchasing lawns signs to promote the food business spotlight was discussed

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item III (A.4.b) – Committee Member Project – Social Media Campaigns – Highlighting the work of Board Members, Committees, and Volunteers

- Days of Dialogue on 2/6
- Randell is working on many projects

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item III (A.4.c) – Committee Member Project – Social Media Campaigns – Calls for volunteers and committee participation

- Kristen wonders what projects we have for volunteers

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item III (A.4.d) – Committee Member Project – Social Media Campaigns – Weekly meeting/event blasts

- Randell is working on a weekly blast at the start of the week to let people know on social media what Palms NC is up to

- Kristen will help

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item III (A.4.e) – Committee Member Project – Social Media Campaigns – Upcoming NC elections

- Elections committee wants to know our approach to elections
- 3 posts per week February to 8 per week in April/May
- Eliot thinks we should have a large focus the whole time
- Josh says focus when deadlines are occuring

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item III (A.4.f) – Committee Member Project – Social Media Campaigns – Emergency Preparedness Neighborhood Team Program, The Golden Hour, CERT Training, working with Area Representatives to request and hold Reimagined RYLAN Workshops

- William spoke about the value of these programs. The programs are short.
- Danya spoke that we should reach to out to building managers to sign them up

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item III (A.4.g) – Committee Member Project – Social Media Campaigns – City and County Services

- Looking for people with interest to work on this

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item III (A.4.h) – Committee Member Project – Social Media Campaigns – DIY Virtual neighborhood clean-up

- Looking for people with interest to work on this

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item III (B) – Committee Member Project – Leveraging data to drive communications and outreach. Looking for committee recomendations

- Eliot explained how we can derive value from the analytics we have

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item III (C) – Committee Member Project – Identify a date to continue Website re-design discussion

- Tuesday March 2, 2021 6:15pm

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item III (D.1) – Committee Member Project – Updating our website – add SLO car map info to the Palms website

- Eliot said he already added it

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item III (D.2) – Committee Member Project – Updating our website – Increase the content and depth of Community Resource page on Palms NC website similar to MVCC

- Eliot said Palms NC is working on this and spoke about some technical details
- Brendan will help with this, including vetting the info on the community resource page

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item III (D.3) – Committee Member Project – Updating our website – Add a homeless resource page to the Palms NC website

- Saw Pamela's resources on this matter that are current

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item III (E.1) – Committee Member Project – Outreach & Communications Training – Public Information Officer awareness 7 hour training is available

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item III (E.2) – Committee Member Project – Outreach & Communications Training – Social Media & Emergency Management is available

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item III (F) – Committee Member Project – possible action: purchasing lawn signs to promote mask wearing in Palms. Approves funding motion to authorize up to $1,000 to print Palms NC lawn signs for each of the 5 residential areas in Palms NC that display the value of wearing a mask, affirming that we welcome all neighbors, and how to connect with the Palms NC

- Randell saw some nice lawn signs in Mar Vista
- Motion was passed 7-0

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item III (G) – Committee Member Project – Items for discussion + follow up at the next committee meeting

Committee Updates: see above

New Business – Agenda for next meeting:

- Special Website Meeting on Tuesday March 2, 2021 6:15pm
- Purchase Lawn Signs for Food Spotlight Program – text "Are you looking for which restaurants are delivering during COVID? Check out the Palms Food Services Map! Bit.ly/palmsfoodmap Want your restaurant on the map? All Palms residents can be added free! Go to the URL for info!"

Adjournment: 9:20 pm

Confirmation of Next Meeting Date: February 2, 2021 **Time** 6:15 p.m. **Location** Zoom

Time allocations for agenda items are approximate and may be shortened or lengthened at the discretion of the President. Public comment will be taken for each motion as well as for any item in the consent agenda prior to Board action. The public is requested to fill out a "Speaker Card" to address the Assembly on any item of the agenda prior to the Assembly taking action on an item. Comments from the public on Agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the Agenda that is within the Assembly's subject matter jurisdiction will be heard during the Public Comment period. Public comment is limited to 1 to 2 minutes per speaker, at the discretion or unless waived by the Assembly. In the interest of addressing all items on the agenda, time limits for individual comments and discussion may be set at the discretion of the President. All items on the consent agenda will be determined by a single Committee vote and without Committee discussion. Committee members may request that any item be removed from the consent agenda and considered individually at any time prior to that vote.

Per Board of Neighborhood Commissioners Policy #2014-01, agendas are posted for public review at: 1) Woodbine Park Kiosk, 3409 S. Vinton Ave.; 2) Palms Neighborhood Council website, www.palmsnc.la .

In compliance with Government Code section 54957.5, non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority or all of the board in advance of a meeting may be viewed at Woodbine Park Kiosk, 3409 S. Vinton Ave, at our website: www.palmsla.org or at the scheduled meeting. In addition, if you would like a copy of any record related to an item on the agenda, please contact the Secretary at secretary@palmsnc.la

Palms NC Board and Committee members abide by a code of civility (http://empowerla.org/code-of-conduct/). Any person who interferes with the conduct of a Neighborhood Council meeting by willfully interrupting and/or disrupting the meeting is subject to removal. A peace officer may be requested to assist with the removal should any person fail to comply with an order of removal by the Neighborhood Council. Any person who resists removal by a peace officer is subject to arrest and prosecution pursuant to California Penal Code Section 403.

As a covered entity under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Los Angeles does not discriminate on the basis of disability and upon request, will provide reasonable accommodation to ensure equal access to its programs, services, and activities. Sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices, or other auxiliary aids and/or services may be provided upon request. To ensure availability of services, please make your request at least 3 business days (72 hours) prior to the meeting you wish to attend by contacting the Secretary at secretary@palmsnc.la

SI REQUIERE SERVICIOS DE TRADUCCION, FAVOR DE NOTIFICAR A LA OFICINA 3 DIAS DE TRABAJO (72 HORAS) ANTES DEL

EVENTO. SI NECESITA ASISTENCIA CON ESTA NOTIFICACION, POR FAVOR LLAME A NUESTRA OFICINA AL secretary@palmsnc.la

CITY OF LOS ANGELES

CALIFORNIA

Palms Neighborhood Council
Green Committee

Jessalyn Waldron, Co-Chair
Helen Tocco, Co-Chair
Kristen Chiarello, Member

10008 National Blvd. #210
Los Angeles, CA 90034

www.palmsnc.la
@palmsnc
Facebook.com/PalmsNC

PALMS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Joint Board and Green Committee Meeting Report
Tuesday, January 12th 2021 at 6:00pm
Zoom Meeting Online at: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/91829897506
Or via telephone by calling: 1(669)900-6833, enter Meeting ID: 918 2989 7506 & press #
For public comment via telephone press *9

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: January 12th, 2021

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

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

Committee Members Absent: None

Call to Order: 6:07 PM **Adjournment**: 7:38 PM

Proposed Motions for General Assembly Adoption

Motion: To authorize the Palms NC to submit a CIS in approval to the City Council, the Department of Public Works and the Department of Street Lighting regarding starting an investigation into using the Super bloom project to raise City funds (see supplementals**)**

Committee Reasoning: This could potentially be fiscally profitable to the City while also helping the City reach its goal of installing electric vehicle chargers. It aligns with green renewable energy practices to help Los Angeles achieve its sustainability goals, as well as Mayor Garcetti's Green New Deal.

Public Comment: None

Committee Vote Count: 3 in Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstentions. Passes unanimously.

Motion: To authorize the Palms NC to submit the following CIS in support of City Council File CF 20-1225.

- "The Palms Neighborhood Council supports City Council File CF 20-1225 to develop a healthy soil strategy and take appropriate steps as specified in 20-1225 to support healthy soil and compost projects and programs."

Committee Reasoning: The City needs to investigate all opportunities in creating healthy soil for healthy ecosystems, food, and many other environmental benefits. This CIS aligns well with the concerns our Palms NC constituents have expressed regarding composting and similar programs.

Public Comment: None

Committee Vote Count: 3 in Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstentions. Passes unanimously.

Summary of Agenda Item Discussion and Committee Updates

Announcements: Call for Green Committee members. Please email Helen or Jessalyn if interested.

Introductions: Name, interest, and what you would like the Green Committee to work on in 2021:

- Helen wants to see dog stations installed. Jessalyn wants to see reopening of businesses safely with sustainable practices. Kristen would like to focus on the LADWP Green Programs. Cyndi is interested in more bike lanes for Palms. Josh Nadel wants the council to be more aware and attuned to DWP. Kelly P Meyers is interested in seeing more sustainable practices. Kevin wants to get more accessible composting (Cyndi will email more info about this as she works for a composting company).

General Public Comment: Cyndi was looking for the agenda online, Helen helped her find it.

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item VI. a. Jessalyn gave a review of the Green Business collaboration she has been working on for the folks attending for the first time. She is in the process of scheduling a meeting with the team working on this for next week to start finalizing and cementing details of how NC's can work together with the City.

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item VI. b. Jessalyn has been working with NCSA, Reusable LA, and the Office of Paul Koretz on a motion that is to be presented soon. Helen would like to be the first NC to write and submit a solid CIS on this for our next month's agenda. Josh mentioned that he is very familiar with CIS's and this process and is willing to help.

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item VI. c. Helen recently attended the last monthly NCSA meeting, which was a presentation on trees. She didn't gather too much relevant info that pertains to an apartment dense neighborhood like Palms. She hopes to attend their tree committee meetings to get more involved and learn more. She points out our needs are specific in Palms as we navigate how to get more trees.

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item VI. d. Both Helen and Jessalyn are pausing installation of these because of safety as pertains to COVID. They have struggled with the installation plan and hardware provided by past committees. Helen has talked to Lee Wallach about the possibility of utilizing a resource that he has that may be helpful. Jessalyn needs to print stickers to attach to them.

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item VI. e. Helen provided context of this project and explained the continuation of the subject. We emailed Josh a list of questions to discuss, and he provided answers to the best of his knowledge. Josh explained that light poles will basically host electricity coming out of

the ground that are not ideal for revenue. Helen provides context of her renewable energy extensive background and degree in civil engineering- noting that battery storage has come a long way. Josh says he has not had contact with any utility offices about this as the first step needs to be approval from a council member's office. He spoke to Dept. of Lighting last year and was waiting to hear back to get a meeting with Koretz's Office and the Mayor's Office. He predicts normal issues on partnerships will apply to this arrangement and that lawyers will negotiate details of contracts. These should be tax free municipal funds which would be a huge advantage to the purchaser. He explained how he arrived to his estimates in numbers, which was something to the effect of X+ 50,000 x 250,000. He estimates a revenue of $11.5 million, not including other costs of the program. Helen asked how he arrived at the $50,000? He said he ran the present value of money calculator, and he thinks this estimate is actually a low estimate. Helen asks if $50k is arbitrary and he says yes, more or less it is but that CAO would have better calculations when the project gets to that state. He adds, paying for electricity shouldn't be a losing proposition for anyone in the transaction. The committee voted unanimously to send this project to the board for approval.

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item VI. f. Kristen commented on updates of the Water Education social media campaign. So far they have posted the findings of the local study done here in Palms, and that will start winding down and they will shift to post more educationally focused graphics with resources. Then the goal is to keep brainstorming next best steps after that. She really likes the idea of using the LADWP Go Green program as our next social media campaign. Helen asked if Kristen has access to boost posts, and Kristen replied she does not. Helen asked to be nudged with boosts need to be boosted.

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item VI. g. Helen updated meeting attendees about the kids recycled art project and provided an explanation for the budget breakdown she presented. We had many materials left over from the last project, and Helen says that Lee Wallach has approved handing these out at the farmers market on Sundays. The budget still needs approval from the board.

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item VII. h. Jessalyn gave context that Alison Reagan sent her the info on LADWP Go Green Program because the program doesn’t get very much exposure or advertising. So Jessalyn brought this to the committee to consider for social media. Kristen agrees this is a great idea, as she mentioned, she thinks it's a great follow up to the Water Education campaign as well. She also points out that LADWP has great water/energy saving tips on their website that we could highlight. Another idea she has is to maybe get commentary from folks who have signed up for the program or utilize it? Helen asked what next steps would be? Kristen volunteered to start working on that and Jessalyn offered help if she needs it.

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item VII. b. Presentation by Ryan Miller: He grew up in Westchester, used to live in Palms and now lives in Culver City. Because of industry changes due to the pandemic, he started exploring new opportunities. He has a house that produces too much fruit that goes to waste. So he reached out to folks to see if people could use it and found a need to connect people who have produce to give, and folks who are willing to take it. He and his partner have built a very successful website with over 4,000 Angelenos, and even other cities and states signing up as well! The idea is that people use the website to either give or sell excess produce, goods, or services they may have. They can do so for free out of charity, or for profit for extra income. It gives the users autonomy on how to be involved, and also a chance to connect with people they may have never met before. It is currently free, but when he expands he may charge a nominal fee for folks that profit from selling. Anyone can sign up to either offer their crops or search for free crops. He gave a live demo of the website and how it works. They will be adding maps of foodbanks, community gardens, super markets, public trees that grow food, and stores that accept SNAP.

Helen asked if they are a non-profit? Ryan said they are not, they are a company but there is no charge to be on the website at all- they do not currently generate revenue. Josh commented that it was a wonderful presentation, and suggested they design an app for cell phones. Ryan said that is in the works. Jessalyn expressed a huge interest and appreciation for this project and wants to figure out how to support and help. Ryan said we can create a specific portal for Palms, it's all about growing the network at this point. Helen said she thinks she's heard of this website before, and wants to be careful to not break any rules as a government entity to offer support. She asked about the City's restrictions with cottage licenses. Ryan said that people selling food directly one on one is not regulated by the cottage license. Kristen agrees with Jessalyn and Helen, and wants to brainstorm how we can support with respect to the City's rules. Cyndi asked what else has worked for Ryan in government type environments? Ryan said Rep. Sydney Kamlager is excited about this, and anticipates she will develop a portal for her website. Kristen says we should bring this to other committees to brainstorm and asks if they have promotional information to share. Ryan said they do. Ryan took down emails and plans to be in touch.

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item VII. c. and d. tabled.

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item VII. e. Helen summarized the CIS, it is one the NCSA suggests to be submitted. She doesn't think there are any controversial aspects, but the gist is to support the City working on soil strategy. This is to research this kind of program. We did borrow this CIS language. The motion was passed unanimously.

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item VIII. a. Recap and next steps:

- Cyndi wants to get involved where needed, specifically with the kids' art project, waste management, and planting trees. She and Helen will email to discuss planting trees. She will also email information about her company's composting as well as information on Arcadia (a company that has renewable energy options similar to LADWP).
- We need to write a CIS in support of the Reusable LA motion for the February agenda.
- Helen: Attend an NSCA Tree Committee meeting. Once funding for art kits gets approved, purchase supplies and organize how to construct the kits.
- Jessalyn: will print stickers for dog waste stations.
- Kristen: Will brainstorm next steps for the Water Education campaign and also start thinking about how to start and education and resource campaign for renewable energy with LADWP and Arcadia (via Cyndi). And bring Ryan Miller's company "Galora" to other committees she is involved in (←Jess and Helen help with this)
- Continue to look into power lines on Overland Ave and project collab with local Girl Scouts (specifically a community garden).

Time allocations for agenda items are approximate and may be shortened or lengthened at the discretion of the President. Public comment will be taken for each motion as well as for any item in the consent agenda prior to Board action. The public is requested to fill out a "Speaker Card" to address the Assembly on any item of the agenda prior to the Assembly taking action on an item. Comments from the public on Agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the Agenda that is within the Assembly's subject matter jurisdiction will be heard during the Public Comment period. Public comment is limited to 1 to 2 minutes per speaker, at the discretion or unless waived by the Assembly. In the interest of addressing all items on the agenda, time limits for individual comments and discussion may be set at the discretion of the President. All items on the consent agenda will be determined by a single Committee vote and without Committee discussion. Committee members may request that any item be removed from the consent agenda and considered individually at any time prior to that vote.

Per Board of Neighborhood Commissioners Policy #2014-01, agendas are posted for public review at: 1) Woodbine Park Kiosk, 3409 S. Vinton Ave.; 2) Palms Neighborhood Council website, www.palmsnc.la .

In compliance with Government Code section 54957.5, non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority or all of the board in advance of a meeting may be viewed at Woodbine Park Kiosk, 3409 S. Vinton Ave, at our website: www.palmsla.org or at the scheduled meeting. In addition, if you would like a copy of any record related to an item on the agenda, please contact the Secretary at secretary@palmsnc.la

Palms NC Board and Committee members abide by a code of civility (http://empowerla.org/code-of-conduct/). Any person who interferes with the conduct of a Neighborhood Council meeting by willfully interrupting and/or disrupting the meeting is subject to removal. A peace officer may be requested to assist with the removal should any person fail to comply with an order of removal by the Neighborhood Council. Any person who resists removal by a peace officer is subject to arrest and prosecution pursuant to California Penal Code Section 403.

As a covered entity under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Los Angeles does not discriminate on the basis of disability and upon request, will provide reasonable accommodation to ensure equal access to its programs, services, and activities. Sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices, or other auxiliary aids and/or services may be provided upon request. To ensure availability of services, please make your request at least 3 business days (72 hours) prior to the meeting you wish to attend by contacting the Secretary at secretary@palmsnc.la

SI REQUIERE SERVICIOS DE TRADUCCION, FAVOR DE NOTIFICAR A LA OFICINA 3 DIAS DE TRABAJO (72 HORAS) ANTES DEL

EVENTO. SI NECESITA ASISTENCIA CON ESTA NOTIFICACION, POR FAVOR LLAME A NUESTRA OFICINA AL secretary@palmsnc.la

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
CALIFORNIA

Palms Neighborhood Council

Homelessness & Public Safety Committee

Pamela Leo, Chair & Homelessness Liaison
Eryn Block, Member
William Keith, Member
Scott Chase, Member
Hannah Murphy, Member

PALMS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

10008 National Blvd. #210
Los Angeles, CA 90034

www.palmsnc.la
facebook.com/PalmsLA
@palmsnc

Homelessness & Public Safety Committee Agenda Committee Report
Thursday, January 21, 2021 – 5:30 p.m.
Zoom Meeting Online
By telephone: 1(669) 900-6833

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: January 21, 2021

Committee Members: Chair: Pamela Leo, Members: Eryn Block, William Keith, Scott Chase, Hannah Murphy

Committee Members Present: Pamela Leo, Eryn Block, William Keith, Scott Chase, Hannah Murphy

Committee Members Absent: None

Call to Order: 5:34 PM **Adjournment**: 7:15 PM

Committee Updates

Hannah is meeting with the group Palms Pod this weekend. They set up a community fridge at St. Mary's to see how the NC/committee might be able to support them. She will continue to work moving our community fridge project going forward but it's been in a bit of a holding pattern. There was discussion about legality around the community fridges and potentially setting up a food/can drive at the Farmers Market.

William spoke about updates around CERT and Neighborhood Team Program. CERT is being offered as an online class through University of Utah and you can receive college credit. He is currently working with Mar Vista CC and Westside Village Homeowners Association to co-host a Neighborhood Team Program that would be four-classes over four months. Each class would be one hours long and would include learning skills such

as: first aid, fire safety, and organizing/getting to know your neighbors for emergency preparedness. He will provide more updates on the program once it is scheduled.

Hannah and Pamela took a meeting with Annie Bickerton and Cristin Lim (co-founders of Westside Friends) and a few other individuals to talk about Westside Friends expansion into new volunteer opportunities and building support mechanisms for unhoused folks on the westside. A follow up meeting will likely happen in February and they will report back in how the committee and NC can support their work or co-lead on projects.

William and Pamela will work on organizing and submitting resources on topics such as supporting unhoused folks and connecting them to resources, public safety and emergency preparedness resources to the Palms NC website.

In a similar vein, Pamela wants the committee to work on building stronger relations among unhoused and housed neighbors. In particular, focus on focus on two fronts (1) supporting positive and innovative changes at the city/systems level to decrease homelessness while treating unhoused folks more humanely. Additionally, Pamela is going to work on gathering resources and educational materials that can inform Palms residents on how to effectively report matters of safety/well-being without calling the LAPD and potentially perpetuating more harm to involved parties in nonviolent situations. Scott is concerned about service resistance of encampment residents and practices they have that may be a potential fire or safety hazard. He would like our committee to also figure out how to address that issue. We also had a discussion about the differences between calling 211 vs 311. Any helpful resources that residents may know should be sent to Pamela or any other committee member.

Westside Regional Alliance of Councils ask NCs to appoint a representative for homelessness committee. Palms NC can send a community member or committee member to represent. Neal Anderberg has expressed interest in repping. If Neal becomes Palms NC's WRAC rep, Pamela will get regular updates from him about those meetings.

Proposed Motions for General Assembly Adoption

Motion: To submit a CIS in SUPPORT of Council File 21-0031,which proposes a more humane alternative to CARE CARE+ sweeps of homeless encampments: draft of CIS (for additional context see (1) motion text and (2) case law cited).

A. **Committee Reasoning:**

Supporters of CIS Committee members who expressed support during the discussion thought that the motion put forth by Bonin and Raman describe an alternative to the current sweep processes that was more innovative, humane, and potentially less violent than the current sweeps system. In particular, they believe that regular clean-up schedules, removed involvement of LAPD, and

increased involvement of community members who do regular outreach at the encampments and who know the encampment residents well, will lead to (a) less violence, (b) increased trust between govt and unhoused folks, and (c) more human treatment of unhoused folks. The current sweep system has contributed to destruction of unhoused folks' property, continued displacement of those experiencing homelessness, physical harm to encampment residents, and further entrenchment into the criminal justice system that perpetuates homelessness. Long term, there is potential for more folks to be connected to housing and supportive services if the alternative clean up system builds trust among the encampment residents and less people living on the streets. This CIS expresses support for the proposed alternative to sweeps.

Opposers to the CIS Those in opposition expressed apprehension around the alternative to sweeps being voluntary and would not want encampment residents to refuse cleaning services that would increase trash and potential safety/fire hazards at the encampments.

Ultimately, more language was added to CIS to be more specific about supporting the exact alternative practices that would be employed during encampment clean ups. There was also discussion about regularly keeping up with activities going on at encampments, maybe getting reports from those who do regular outreach there.

B. **Committee Vote Count:** 4 in Favor, 1 Opposed, 0 Abstentions

Motion: To approve the following new name for the committee: Homeless Advocacy and Public Service.

C. **Committee Reasoning:** Our committee does more than just support issues around homelessness and public safety, such as food insecurity, so we would like to have a name that supports a wider umbrella of current and future projects. Additionally, the name would disassociate issues of homelessness and public safety, as they are not always tied and it perpetuates the harmful idea that those who are homeless might be a public safety threat to the community. This name won a community survey to rename the committee that was distributed late in 2020.

D. **Committee Vote Count:** 4 in Favor, 0 Opposed, 1 Abstentions

Motion: Funding request to ask Palms NC to provide an amount of $1,100 for two charging stations with 12V cables and two megaphones to be stored at the Disaster Cachs in Palms. Megaphones are for responder announcements and communication with displaced groups. Charging stations with 12V car charging cables are for temporary

lighting, hand-held radios and other mobile communication devices during a disaster response.

E. **Committee Reasoning:** Would be strictly to support Palms (not other communities). IMAN Center will provide keys to building for easy access to the stored items. Proposed amount accounts for shipping and taxes expenses.

F. **Committee Vote Count:** 5 in Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstentions

Motion: Funding Request, NPG from Friends of West Los Angeles in the amount of $2,000 for the production costs of the 3rd annual Westside Safety and Preparedness Fair on March 7th.

G. **Committee Reasoning:** Costs cover production and studio time to do the taping since the fair will be done virtually.

H. **Committee Vote Count:** 4 in Favor, 0 Opposed, 1 Abstentions

---

Confirmation of Next Meeting Date: February 18th, 2021 Time 5:30 Location Zoom (link to be included in agenda)

Time allocations for agenda items are approximate and may be shortened or lengthened at the discretion of the President. Public comment will be taken for each motion as well as for any item in the consent agenda prior to Board action. The public is requested to fill out a "Speaker Card" to address the Assembly on any item of the agenda prior to the Assembly taking action on an item. Comments from the public on Agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the Agenda that is within the Assembly's subject matter jurisdiction will be heard during the Public Comment period. Public comment is limited to 1 to 2 minutes per speaker, at the discretion or unless waived by the Assembly. In the interest of addressing all items on the agenda, time limits for individual comments and discussion may be set at the discretion of the President. All items on the consent agenda will be determined by a single Committee vote and without Committee discussion. Committee members may request that any item be removed from the consent agenda and considered individually at any time prior to that vote.

Per Board of Neighborhood Commissioners Policy #2014-01, agendas are posted for public review at: 1) Woodbine Park Kiosk, 3409 S. Vinton Ave.; 2) Palms Neighborhood Council website, www.palmsnc.la .

In compliance with Government Code section 54957.5, non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority or all of the board in advance of a meeting may be viewed at Woodbine Park Kiosk, 3409 S. Vinton Ave, at our website: www.palmsla.org or at the scheduled meeting. In addition, if you would like a copy of any record related to an item on the agenda, please contact the Secretary at secretary@palmsnc.la

Palms NC Board and Committee members abide by a code of civility (http://empowerla.org/code-of-conduct/). Any person who interferes with the conduct of a Neighborhood Council meeting by willfully interrupting and/or disrupting the meeting is subject to removal. A peace officer may be requested to assist with the removal should any person fail to comply with an order of removal by the Neighborhood Council. Any person who resists removal by a peace officer is subject to arrest and prosecution pursuant to California Penal Code Section 403.

As a covered entity under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Los Angeles does not discriminate on the basis of disability and upon request, will provide reasonable accommodation to ensure equal access to its programs, services, and activities. Sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices, or other auxiliary aids and/or services may be provided upon request. To ensure availability of services, please make your request at least 3 business days (72 hours) prior to the meeting you wish to attend by contacting the Secretary at secretary@palmsnc.la

SI REQUIERE SERVICIOS DE TRADUCCION, FAVOR DE NOTIFICAR A LA OFICINA 3 DIAS DE TRABAJO (72 HORAS) ANTES DEL

EVENTO. SI NECESITA ASISTENCIA CON ESTA NOTIFICACION, POR FAVOR LLAME A NUESTRA OFICINA AL secretary@palmsnc.la

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
CALIFORNIA

Palms Neighborhood Council
Planning and Land Use
Management Committee

Neal Anderberg, Co-chair
Kay Hartman, Co-chair
Alex Ogle, Member
Jamie Tully, Member

PALMS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

10008 National Blvd. #210
Los Angeles, CA 90034

www.palmsnc.la
facebook.com/PalmsLA
@palmsnc

Planning and Land Use Management Committee Report
Wednesday, December 9, 2021 – 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: January 13, 2021

Committee Members: Co-chairs: Neal Anderberg, Kay Hartman; Members: Alex Ogle, Jamie Tully

Committee Members Present: Neal Anderberg, Kay Hartman, Alex Ogle, Jamie Tully

Committee Members Absent: None

Call to Order: 7:01 p.m. **Adjournment**: 8:54 p.m.

Proposed Motions for General Assembly Adoption

MOTION to approve a CIS in support with amendments of Council File 20-1042 to create a ballot initiative to change the City's zoning in line with the TOC.

A. **Committee Reasoning:** The CIS was edited in place.

B. **Committee Vote Count:** 4-0

Summary of Agenda Item Discussion and Committee Updates

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item II – INTRODUCTIONS

- None.

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

- None.

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

- Jamie. None.
- Neal. Attending meetings. Documented opposition to 10401 Washington. Met with Lee about Weisman. Notice some of the things we asked for have happened and some have not. There are no teeth in the matter. On one of the projects we asked that the construction crew park away from the development. This is not happening on one of the Motor Ave projects. There are 20+ cars taking up spaces. Kay says we can contact the developer and ask what's up. Lee is not doing his normal action for this project. Kay thinks we should write a letter or call and asks Neal to provide the actual address.
- Alex worked with Kay on the project tracker and how we maintain it. Jamie, there isn't anything new this month. Planning to be gone for 2 months in a few weeks.
- Kay. Met with Alex to learn what he does for the committee. Please copy Kay on Alex emails so she can pick up Alex's piece while he's on his business trip.

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item IV.b. – Daniel Skolnick will provide a PLUM update from Councilmember Paul Koretz's office.

- The council has an adaptive reuse motion with an affordable component. Make these areas City-wide. It would make for ministerial adaptive result. It excludes hotels. Council file 11-1973-S1. Can provide a presentation at the next meeting.
- Councilmember Koretz is sponsoring resolutions against SB-9 and SB-10.

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

- None

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item IV.d. – ANNOUNCEMENT. The Board of Neighborhood Commissioners is requiring people who vote on PLUM committees to take Planning 101 training. The training must complete by December 17. New committee members will need to take the training before they can vote. There are multiple classes. Only the first one is required. People are free to take all of them. The required class is available in a live webinar this month. The second class is available in a live webinar in November. The third class is not scheduled yet. The classes are open to all who want to take them. https://planning.lacity.org/planning-101-series. All committee members have now completed the training.

- This is here just to document that we all completed the training.

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item IV.e. – DISCUSSION and POSSIBLE ACTION: Planning Department Policies and Procedures changes. https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/1478f98388eb4a8c92e78d0dc9914ae9

- Kay will check when comments are due and if it's after the next meeting, we will discuss it then.

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item IV.f. – DISCUSSION and POSSIBLE ACTION: There will be a new mixed use project at 10801 Venice. Bureau of Engineering's permitting division required additional lighting for the building and this new maintenance district would potentially allow the Bureau of Street Lighting to install a new street light as needed. This would mean that the City can collect higher property taxes from the property owner. This is allowed by Proposition 218 because the installation of a new street light would require maintenance by BSL. The property owner has to assess this new maintenance district in BSL's attachment and vote yes or no on what BSL is proposing. If they do not accept this, the property owner would have to go back to the plan check phase and work with BSL to figure out how else they can incorporate more lighting at the location. The question is, do we want to weigh in on this either way?

- Jamie asks how much does the property tax go up? Will it significantly impact the amount of rent? Neal says there's a light at the corner. On Glendon, there is a house behind and they might not want a real bright light there. Kay will reach out to the council office and copy the developer.

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item IV.g. – DISCUSSION: Neal will provide a summary of the December meeting about building housing on the Palms Middle School field.

- Neal. The meeting was a very early proposal about a public/private partnership that would bring in revenue and house teachers and staff. This exists in one or two places in the district. The results have been mixed. Teachers who had moved in, moved out. Other people not employed by LAUSD moved in. Staff found these rewarding residences. LAUSD said we had to rent it to someone. We can't leave them empty. This is a business branch to the LAUSD tree. Should LAUSD be in the residential property business? LAUSD is in a budget shortfall and they have land and they have staff that are in need of affordable housing. They are proposing 10 locations across the district that might be suitable. Palms Middle School is one of them. An impressive amount of people showed up to oppose the project. The overwhelming number of people were from Mar Vista with a small number of Palms residents. The Mar Vista people were unhappy about increased density, traffic, parking, reduction in play space. Can't recall anybody who liked the proposal. A lot of people suggested targeting Webster Elementary because it's under-enrolled and Palms Middle School is over-enrolled. The meeting was to discuss all the schools. Palms was the topic. The chat blew up.

- Alex. What did they say about how they determined those 10 locations? Neal. It was more like a where can we get away with it kind of a thing. Palms Middle School has land and is in a dense area. The part that upset Neal and others is that there's been a conversation for years to lobby for the Palms Middle School field to be opened up as a park because we're so parks poor. These LAUSD representatives were unaware of it.
- Jamie. What are the criteria for a teacher to move in? Can it be someone not affiliated with the school? Neal. LAUSD faculty and staff get priority. People have personal reasons for moving out. There were a lot of reasons. There did not seem to be a waitlist of people wanting to move in.
- Natasha. Are these for teachers and staff that cannot afford to live in Palms? Neal. The apartments would be open to teachers and staff across the district.
- Kay heard that teachers may not qualify for the housing. Neal said this was another reason for opposition. Kay. If teachers cannot qualify to live there, why are we building on school property. Neal says that LAUSD says that staff can qualify.
- Natasha. Why are we taking away from schools when we're building all of these luxury units? It's capitalism.
- Daniel. Encourage writing a statement. Working on a trust fund for open space. If LAUSD wants to declare that land surplus, maybe we can make it a park. Kay said she would prefer that the school have the land and the public uses it when school is not in session. Kay will write a letter about this to agendize next month.

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item IV.h. – MOTION to approve a CIS in support of Council File 20-1042. See letter following the agenda.

- Neal moves. Jamie seconds. Neal yes Kay yes Alex yes Jamie yes

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item IV.i. – Deep dive and possible CIS or letter. Kay will present in support of Council File 20-1314 and Neal will present in opposition.

- Kay presented for the motion. Neal presented against.
- Neal will write a CIS that will be agendized next month.

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item IV.j. – DECISION AND POSSIBLE CIS OR LETTER. Select a bill to deep dive in February. Do we want to write a CIS for any of these motions this month or next?

- Next month is 20-1477. Jamie will be against. Kay will be for.

Confirmation of Next Meeting Date: February 10, 2021 **Time** 7:00 p.m. **Location** Zoom

Time allocations for agenda items are approximate and may be shortened or lengthened at the discretion of the President. Public comment will be taken for each motion as well as for any item in the consent agenda prior to Board action. The public is requested to fill out a "Speaker Card" to address the Assembly on any item of the agenda prior to the Assembly taking action on an item. Comments from the public on Agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the Agenda that is within the Assembly's subject matter jurisdiction will be heard during the Public Comment period. Public comment is limited to 1 to 2 minutes per speaker, at the discretion or unless waived by the Assembly. In the interest of addressing all items on the agenda, time limits for individual comments and discussion may be set at the discretion of the President. All items on the consent agenda will be determined by a single Committee vote and without Committee discussion. Committee members may request that any item be removed from the consent agenda and considered individually at any time prior to that vote.

Per Board of Neighborhood Commissioners Policy #2014-01, agendas are posted for public review at: 1) Woodbine Park Kiosk, 3409 S. Vinton Ave.; 2) Palms Neighborhood Council website, www.palmsnc.la .

In compliance with Government Code section 54957.5, non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority or all of the board in advance of a meeting may be viewed at Woodbine Park Kiosk, 3409 S. Vinton Ave, at our website: www.palmsla.org or at the scheduled meeting. In addition, if you would like a copy of any record related to an item on the agenda, please contact the Secretary at secretary@palmsnc.la

Palms NC Board and Committee members abide by a code of civility (http://empowerla.org/code-of-conduct/). Any person who interferes with the conduct of a Neighborhood Council meeting by willfully interrupting and/or disrupting the meeting is subject to removal. A peace officer may be requested to assist with the removal should any person fail to comply with an order of removal by the Neighborhood Council. Any person who resists removal by a peace officer is subject to arrest and prosecution pursuant to California Penal Code Section 403.

As a covered entity under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Los Angeles does not discriminate on the basis of disability and upon request, will provide reasonable accommodation to ensure equal access to its programs, services, and activities. Sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices, or other auxiliary aids and/or services may be provided upon request. To ensure availability of services, please make your request at least 3 business days (72 hours) prior to the meeting you wish to attend by contacting the Secretary at secretary@palmsnc.la

SI REQUIERE SERVICIOS DE TRADUCCION, FAVOR DE NOTIFICAR A LA OFICINA 3 DIAS DE TRABAJO (72 HORAS) ANTES DEL

EVENTO. SI NECESITA ASISTENCIA CON ESTA NOTIFICACION, POR FAVOR LLAME A NUESTRA OFICINA AL secretary@palmsnc.la

Neighborhood Council Executive Committee

Eryn Block, Chair
Randell Erving, Vice Chair
Helen Tocco, Member
David Bocarsly, Member

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
CALIFORNIA

10008 National Blvd. #210
Los Angeles, CA 90034

www.palmsnc.la
facebook.com/PalmsNC
@palmsnc

PALMS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Joint Board and Executive Committee Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, January 27th, 2021 – 7:15 p.m.

Zoom Meeting Online at https://zoom.us/j/97617252455

or by telephone, Dial +1 669 900 6833 to join the meeting
Then enter this Webinar ID: 976 1725 2455 **and press #**

Press *9 to raise hand for public comment

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.

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 meeting will be conducted entirely telephonically.

Every person wishing to address the Neighborhood Council must dial +1 669 900 6833, and enter 976 1725 2455 *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*

- **CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**
  a. Call to Order 7:17 PM
  b. Roll Call everyone present
- **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT** (10 minutes)
  a. Limited to non-agenda items – subjects related to executive committee issues

- Kalani Whittington – She is very moved by Biden/Harris administration and she hopes that "the younger generation" will recognize the contrast between the last few administrations and identify which party is better for this country. She urges us to be ready for the community to insist on free rent and rent forgiveness.

- **INTRODUCTIONS**
    a. Introductions and welcome (5 minutes)
- **COMMITTEE BUSINESS**
    a. UPDATES:
        - **Vice President:** Standing Committees

- We are continuing to look for a Transportation Committee Chair. Kay is serving in the interim. Eryn says she connected Kay and Jeremiah with two folks who were interested. They did meet this month.
- Homelessness and Safety Committee had their first meeting this month and Pamela did a great job. Randell will be sure that she has the report template.

        - **Secretary**

- Notes Green Committee has a new pending member.
- Info email address has had a lot of inquiries coming in for Slow Streets.

        - **Treasurer**

- We allocated $8,500 for elections this year and Jeremiah says he doesn't think he is going to spend that much. We might have some extra money to spend and we haven't fully allocated our Palms Community Day money.
- Eryn notes that we should try to spend funds by April if possible.
- We should think about NPGs as ways to support the community. We should think about organizations we think are really valuable. NPGs can ask for up to $5,000 each.
- Helen notes that back in the mid-2000s there appeared to be a competitive process for NPGs.
- Kalani wants to ensure that the budget takes into consideration the beautification projects that Eliot and Kay have put forward – the overpass tunnel lighting project, and possible banners along Venice. She suggests we put a payment towards it and have the funds come from two separate years.
- Eryn notes that we already have the funding for the underpass lighting project, but it has been on hold with the pandemic. $5,000 has been allocated from our budget. The arts funds from the city have been allocated for the rest of the budget.
- Eryn asks if we have posted on our social media that we got funding for the overpass lighting project? Randell says we have not. Eryn will talk to Eliot about the messaging for that.

        - **President**

    - **Updates are in new business.**

- **NEW BUSINESS**
    1. DISCUSSION: Recruiting a new youth representative

- Eryn got one application so far. The interviews will be next month at this meeting on 2/24. Brendan did get in touch with her to get the poster and messaging for high schools.
- Helen notes that it should be first thing on the website so she will update a post about it.

- Kalani was looking for the agenda and couldn't find it. She doesn't like the way the calendar is formatted and it is too hard for her.

2. **DISCUSSION:** Elections updates

- Filing for our area opens 2/6.
- Helen says she is meeting Jeremiah at the storage unit tomorrow to get signs for the stickers.
- Kalani said she tried to fill out the application for mail-in ballots. She had to email and ask for a physical copy of the form to vote.
- Eryn says the mail-in ballot period isn't open yet for Palms, and it won't be until after filing closes. The mail-in application will be available online. Eryn recommends she reach out to Jeremiah.

3. **DISCUSSION:** Planning for the remainder of the 2019-2021 term and documenting our progress for a warm hand-off to next board (as needed) – What improvements could be made for next term? What would you do differently now that you've been in the position for 1.5 years?

- Eryn suggests we use the event form to document other things we have done.
- Each committee should review their folders.
- Helen notes that it would have been really nice to have transfer of accounts and passwords, and a document of the roles. Randell cautions against putting passwords into one document – maybe usernames go in one document and passwords go into another document. Maybe there is a way to encrypt or protect. Send email with username and password with text.
- Kalani Whittington – Notes that the new council need to know that we have items stored in different locations, and the inventory. She also notes that we should not sell ourselves short and the pandemic response from the Palms NC was really good. We should build from the planning that was done in the past.
- Helen asks about the annual report for 2021? Eryn says Kay and Josh planned to prepare the report up to June and then possibly hand it off. This would be a good thing for us to prepare before we leave potentially.
- Eryn says she will bring this up in the next GA meeting and we will revisit this later.

- **Adjournment** (End time is approximately 9:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter)

Time allocations for agenda items are approximate and may be shortened or lengthened at the discretion of the President. Public comment will be taken for each motion as well as for any item in the consent agenda prior to Board action. The public is requested to fill out a "Speaker Card" to address the Assembly on any item of the agenda prior to the Assembly taking action on an item. Comments from the public on Agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the Agenda that is within the Assembly's subject matter jurisdiction will be heard during the Public Comment period. Public comment is limited to 1 to 2 minutes per speaker, at the discretion or unless waived by the Assembly. In the interest of addressing all items on the agenda, time limits for individual comments and discussion may be set at the discretion of the President. All items on the consent agenda will be determined by a single Committee vote and without Committee discussion. Committee members may request that any item be removed from the consent agenda and considered individually at any time prior to that vote.

Per Board of Neighborhood Commissioners Policy #2014-01, agendas are posted for public review at: 1) Woodbine Park Kiosk, 3409 S. Vinton Ave.; 2) Palms Neighborhood Council website, www.palmsnc.la

In compliance with Government Code section 54957.5, non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority or all of the board in advance of a meeting may be viewed at Woodbine Park Kiosk, 3409 S. Vinton Ave, at our website: www.palmsla.org or at the scheduled meeting. In addition, if you would like a copy of any record related to an item on the agenda, please contact the Secretary at secretary@palmsnc.la

Palms NC Board and Committee members abide by a code of civility (http://empowerla.org/code-of-conduct/). Any person who interferes with the conduct of a Neighborhood Council meeting by willfully interrupting and/or disrupting the meeting is subject to removal. A peace officer may be requested to assist with the removal should any person fail to comply with an order of removal by the Neighborhood Council. Any person who resists removal by a peace officer is subject to arrest and prosecution pursuant to California Penal Code Section 403.

As a covered entity under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Los Angeles does not discriminate on the basis of disability and upon request, will provide reasonable accommodation to ensure equal access to its programs, services, and activities. Sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices, or other auxiliary aids and/or services may be provided upon request. To ensure availability of services, please make your request at least 3 business days (72 hours) prior to the meeting you wish to attend by contacting the Secretary at secretary@palmsnc.la

SI REQUIERE SERVICIOS DE TRADUCCION, FAVOR DE NOTIFICAR A LA OFICINA 3 DIAS DE TRABAJO (72 HORAS) ANTES DEL EVENTO. SI NECESITA ASISTENCIA CON ESTA NOTIFICACION, POR FAVOR LLAME A NUESTRA OFICINA AL secretary@palmsnc.la

CITY OF LOS ANGELES

CALIFORNIA

Palms Neighborhood Council
Venice Blvd Improvement Ad Hoc Committee

Kay Hartman, Co-chair
Nathan Pope, Co-chair
Natasia Gascon, Member
Eliot Hochberg, Member
Jessalyn Waldron, Member

PALMS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

10008 National Blvd. #210
Los Angeles, CA 90034

www.palmsnc.la
facebook.com/PalmsLA
@palmsnc

Venice Blvd Improvement Ad Hoc Committee Report
Tuesday, January 26, 2021 – 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: January 26, 2021

Committee Members: Chair: Kay Hartman; Members: Natasia Gascon, Eliot Hochberg, Jessalyn Waldron

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

Committee Members Absent: None

Call to Order: 7:01 p.m. **Adjournment**: 8:59 p.m.

Proposed Motions for General Assembly Adoption

MOTION:

A. **Committee Reasoning:**

B. **Committee Vote Count:**

Summary of Agenda Item Discussion and Committee Updates

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item II – Introductions and Welcome

- Kay, Eliot, Natasia, Jessalyn, Susan Herbertson, Jose Mendivil, Josh

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

- None

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

- Eliot. Approached the people about the LED trees. Solar power. Lights at night. There's a company called Color + Light. They are looking for a location in L.A. They are looking to promote their product so we have to be careful. Where could we support these? Thinking Media Park. They require power and Internet. This is a temporary installation to promote what they're selling. The utility box at Overland and Venice is completed. Several utility boxes will be grayed in the next month or so.
- Jose. Culver City is planning Media Park revitalization.
- Natasia. Renderings. Focused on medians between Gerard and Sepulveda. We need to provide a way to cross in this section. Create crosswalk islands. On the eastern side of Venice, closer to downtown Culver City, put artwork on the medians. Put up columns and invite artists to come in and decorate them like the utility boxes is a possibility.
- Jessalyn. Walkability projects. Hope to have something on the agenda next month. Green committee is working on trees. The green committee talked about solar powered benches. There were a bunch of questions.
- Kay. Talked Jay Greenstein about pedestrian safety and protected left turns.

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item IV.b. – Additional ideas. Ideas Spreadsheet

- Josh. Worked with Bureau of Street Lighting. They are putting electric vehicle chargers on light poles in the city. It costs $5K. Maybe the city could do a public/private partnership where they sell off the rights to the electricity to raise money. Been talking to city councilmembers and the mayor.

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item IV.c. – International Food District update.

- Eliot. Still formulating the concepts. Worked with Elizabeth. There isn't another area of the city that does this. More research to be done. Will talk to Elizabeth in the next week or so. The council office seems excited about this.
- Josh. Brought this to the B&B committee in 2019.
- Kay. Work out details in B&B committee and bring it back to us.

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item IV.d. – Survey update.

- Will have something for next month's agenda.

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item IV.e. – Parking garages update.

- Nothing new. Kay will ping Jay. Jay said that he has to talk to others and we haven't heard back.

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item IV.f. – Superbloom street lights update.

- Kay will ping BSL about where we are on getting on the list.
- Natasia. Attach the renderings when pinging him so the city gets excited.

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item IV.g. – ANNOUNCEMENT. Culver City is holding a meeting about Media Park. Link to meeting notice and registration. Committee members should attend.

- Jose. It's Thursday February 4 at 6:30.

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item IV.h. – DISCUSSION and POSSIBLE ACTION: There will be a new mixed use project at 10801 Venice. Bureau of Engineering's permitting division required additional lighting for the building and this new maintenance district would potentially allow the Bureau of Street Lighting to install a new street light as needed. This would mean that the City can collect higher property taxes from the property owner. This is allowed by Proposition 218 because the installation of a new street light would require maintenance by BSL. The property owner has to assess this new maintenance district in BSL's attachment and vote yes or no on what BSL is proposing. If they do not accept this, the property owner would have to go back to the plan check phase and work with BSL to figure out how else they can incorporate more lighting at the location. The question is, do we want to weigh in on this either way?

- Eliot and Kay don't care.
- Natasia says that they should turn it into a sculpture.
- Can we reach out with B&B to the business or the developer?
- Jose. The Superbloom light. Can they do a Superbloom equivalent?
- Eliot. It won't be automatically rolled out throughout the city. The city may prioritize places Olympic tourists will go.
- Josh. Superbloom is not revolutionary technology.
- Kay. Agree. They are pretty.

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item IV.i. – Which ideas are short/medium/long term? Continue through the ideas spreadsheet.

- Spreadsheet edited in place.
- Going forward each committee member will provide status on at least one idea in the ideas spreadsheet.

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item IV.j. – BRAINSTORM. Outreach ideas.

- Kay. Survey

- Eliot. The upcoming election is a good opportunity to connect with stakeholders. Will ask Freddy if you can put information on the ballot form.
- Kay. Get something into the Palms NC newsletter. Eliot. Can we pick 4 things that can be done and put it in the newsletter? Kay will propose a paragraph in the next meeting. Kalani. Say what we're working on. For example, we're working on crosswalks here. What do you think?
- Eliot. Send a message like you don't come to our meetings so you must be happy with the street lights or whatever. Or have a town hall on crosswalks.

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

- Kay. We're going to each pick something from the spreadsheet and report on each item each month.
- Jessalyn. Wants the lead on walkability. Eliot agrees.
- Natasia. Will connect with Jessalyn. Wants the renderings to be better.
- Kalani has sent emails about banners over Venice. Eliot has it.

Confirmation of Next Meeting Date: February 23, 2021 **Time** 7:00 p.m. **Location** Zoom

Time allocations for agenda items are approximate and may be shortened or lengthened at the discretion of the President. Public comment will be taken for each motion as well as for any item in the consent agenda prior to Board action. The public is requested to fill out a "Speaker Card" to address the Assembly on any item of the agenda prior to the Assembly taking action on an item. Comments from the public on Agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the Agenda that is within the Assembly's subject matter jurisdiction will be heard during the Public Comment period. Public comment is limited to 1 to 2 minutes per speaker, at the discretion or unless waived by the Assembly. In the interest of addressing all items on the agenda, time limits for individual comments and discussion may be set at the discretion of the President. All items on the consent agenda will be determined by a single Committee vote and without Committee discussion. Committee members may request that any item be removed from the consent agenda and considered individually at any time prior to that vote.

Per Board of Neighborhood Commissioners Policy #2014-01, agendas are posted for public review at: 1) Woodbine Park Kiosk, 3409 S. Vinton Ave.; 2) Palms Neighborhood Council website, www.palmsnc.la .

In compliance with Government Code section 54957.5, non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority or all of the board in advance of a meeting may be viewed at Woodbine Park Kiosk, 3409 S. Vinton Ave, at our website: www.palmsla.org or at the scheduled meeting. In addition, if you would like a copy of any record related to an item on the agenda, please contact the Secretary at secretary@palmsnc.la

Palms NC Board and Committee members abide by a code of civility (http://empowerla.org/code-of-conduct/). Any person who interferes with the conduct of a Neighborhood Council meeting by willfully interrupting and/or disrupting the meeting is subject to removal. A peace officer may be requested to assist with the removal should any person fail to comply with an order of removal by the Neighborhood Council. Any person who resists removal by a peace officer is subject to arrest and prosecution pursuant to California Penal Code Section 403.

As a covered entity under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Los Angeles does not discriminate on the basis of disability and upon request, will provide reasonable accommodation to ensure equal access to its programs, services, and activities. Sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices, or other auxiliary aids and/or services may be provided upon request. To ensure availability of services, please make your request at least 3 business days (72 hours) prior to the meeting you wish to attend by contacting the Secretary at secretary@palmsnc.la

SI REQUIERE SERVICIOS DE TRADUCCION, FAVOR DE NOTIFICAR A LA OFICINA 3 DIAS DE TRABAJO (72 HORAS) ANTES DEL

EVENTO. SI NECESITA ASISTENCIA CON ESTA NOTIFICACION, POR FAVOR LLAME A NUESTRA OFICINA AL secretary@palmsnc.la

CITY OF LOS ANGELES

CALIFORNIA

Palms Neighborhood Council Election Ad Hoc Comittee

Jeremiah Crane, Chair
Tina Chinakarn, Member

PALMS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

10008 National Blvd. #210
Los Angeles, CA 90034

www.palmsnc.la
facebook.com/PalmsLA
@palmsnc

Elections Ad Hoc Committee Report
Wednesday, January 13, 2021, 5:30 – 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: January 13, 2021

Committee Members: Chair: Jeremiah Crane, Members: Tina Chinakarn

Committee Members Present: Chair: Jeremiah Crane, Members: Tina Chinakarn

Committee Members Absent: None

Call to Order: 5:37 p.m. **Adjournment**: 6:57 p.m.

Summary of Agenda Item Discussion and Committee Updates

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item II. Introductions

- Four community members in attendance: Maria, Michael, Rebecca, and Josh.
- They are welcome to join the Elections Ad Hoc Committee if not running for a position. Email Jeremiah.crane@palmsnc.la or elections@palmsnc.la if interested in being a committee member so the motion can be approved at a monthly Palms NC General Assembly Meeting.
- They can still attend these meetings if running for a position.

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item IV.a. Announcements / Dates
Voting will be Mail-in Ballot only this year. Key dates:

a. Candidate Filings: **Feb 6, 2021 – March 23, 2021**
b. Mail-in Ballot Requests: **April 9, 2021 – June 1, 2021**
c. Ballots Sent Out: **May 10, 2021**
d. Election Day: **June 8, 2021**

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item V.a.i. Committee Business / Discussion and Possible Action: Update and discuss progress for soliciting a call for candidates advertising approach, designs, and avenues (i.e. Facebook ads, flyering, lawn signs, post cards, etc.) / Update on yard signs and stickers to update current yard signs

- Updated materials in Canva
- Jeremiah created sticker placard ("Sign up by March 23rd") for 35 yard signs.
- Jeremiah made slight revisions to existing signs: Added QR Code, removed year.
- **Action:** Jeremiah will place order on Palms NC credit card for 35 sticker placards and 200-35 = 165 more signs (English on one side, Spanish on the other side)
- **Action:** Jeremiah to email Josh Nadel what text needs to be translated into Spanish
- Jeremiah updated palmsnc.la/elections to include key dates and FAQs (via WordPress)
  Action: Tina to proof text
- Start social media campaign re: elections and include in newsletter.
  Action: Tina to coordinate this with Outreach Committee (Randell); lean on their expertise for design and frequency for postings (budget covered by outreach) to align with key dates (Section IVa); obtain map of where to post signs from Randell.
- LA City discouraging flyering because of COVID-19 but not prohibited. Flyers can be printed for committee members and Board members to post in apartment library (ask manager permission).
- **Action:** Jeremiah to inquire with clerk if we can we customize mail-in ballot (add url).
- **Action:** Jeremiah, Tina (and committee?) to post lawn signs.
- **Action:** Josh will email us rules for posting yard signs

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item V.b.b. Committee Business / Discussion and Possible Action: Update and planning for outreach for mail in voting in particular to make voters most aware of the change and deadlines / Producing a Video

- Commission a video (1-min animation)
- **Action:** Tina to contact Natasia Gascon, member of Beautification Committee. She has experience in developing video (Preferable for Board to have someone from Palms do this).
  - Potential topics: how to vote by mail, request mail-in ballot on time, no provisional ballots, up to three days to be postmarked, drop off locations, "Why Should I Run," difference between NC election and presidential election, eligibility to vote (can work in Palms and not live here; don't have to be a citizen).
  - Need pricing quote for video to bring to Board for approval at February GA meeting
- Review materials in 2019 Elections Ad Hoc (there's a Becoming a Candidate video). Nick Greif will do this training. Action: Jeremiah to email Helen to book

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item V.c.a. Committee Business / Discussion and Possible Action: Planning for Forum and Electioneering training / Forum

- To do two Candidate Forum for all candidates on Zoom (Breakout Rooms for Area Candidates).
- Need to schedule trial run
- **Action - Event:** Tina to email Helen to book and verbally announce at 1/17 GA meeting
    - Forum 1: Week of April 26th
    - Forum 2: May 26-28

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item V.c.b. Committee Business / Discussion and Possible Action: Planning for Forum and Electioneering training /Electioneering training

- Candidate Electioneering Training on how to run a campaign, regulations (can't campaign within 100 feet, posting restrictions, etc.)
- Nick Greif will conduct training (Alison Regan too?)
- Ask Nick for old agenda or create agenda. Review materials in 2019 Elections Ad Hoc folder (includes *Becoming a Candidate video*)
- April 9th: certified list of candidates published (60 days before election day)
- **Action - Event:** Tina to email Helen to book Candidate Electioneering Training for Wednesday, April 14th

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item V.d. Committee Business / Discussion and Possible Action: Using Feather flags for promotion of election

- Feather flags to promote election and promote voting by mail (walk around neighborhood, answer questions, hand out flyers).
- Sparse text with no date to be evergreen: "Palms Neighborhood Council," "Vote in Palms NC Election"
- Committee not comfortable walking flag around during public health emergency; Sight of flag can also be triggering given events at the Capitol.
- Discuss more at future meetings for motion at March General Assembly meeting ($400 for two 15' flags).
- Can mark polling place/drop-off location, meetings, farmers market table. Are there concerns of flag being taken without monitor.

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item V.e. Committee Business / Discussion and Possible Action: Work with local high schools to run an "assembly" type event to solicit participation from high schools to run and vote in election

- High school students are getting P.E. homework.
- Do 30-min presentation with DONE at Venice and Hamilton high schools
- **Action:** Josh will forward Principal numbers to Jeremiah
- **Action:** Jeremiah to email Principals first then follow-up call
    - Still doing remote school - would probably do presentation via Zoom.
    - We can be a guest speaker at their government class (probably no general assemblies now?)

    - Can Principals include this information in email correspondence and/or newsletter sent to all students.
    - Coordinate with Brendan as we would like to appoint a Youth Rep before elections.
- All NCs have a youth seat. Can reach out Mar Vista NC and SORO NC and Venice NC to also present. And to include this info in their email or newsletter distribution.

Palms NC Comments during January 17th General Assembly Meeting:

- Note that bylaws have changed and a quorum must have at least 50% of the committee present. So a committee of 2 needs 2 to be present.
- Board would like report on cost breakdown of budget/expenses
- Review bylaws - eligibility for those that can vote has changed
- Mar Vista recently did an outreach survey that can inform our efforts. They have a lot of success with door hangers to get individuals to committee meetings, etc.
- To select someone in Palms to do video.
- **Budget:** The Elections Ad Hoc Committee has an $8,500 budget for elections.
- Coordinate with Brendan as we would like to appoint a Youth Rep before elections.

Confirmation of Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, February 10, 2021, Time: 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Location: Zoom

Time allocations for agenda items are approximate and may be shortened or lengthened at the discretion of the President. Public comment will be taken for each motion as well as for any item in the consent agenda prior to Board action. The public is requested to fill out a "Speaker Card" to address the Assembly on any item of the agenda prior to the Assembly taking action on an item. Comments from the public on Agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the Agenda that is within the Assembly's subject matter jurisdiction will be heard during the Public Comment period. Public comment is limited to 1 to 2 minutes per speaker, at the discretion or unless waived by the Assembly. In the interest of addressing all items on the agenda, time limits for individual comments and discussion may be set at the discretion of the President. All items on the consent agenda will be determined by a single Committee vote and without Committee discussion. Committee members may request that any item be removed from the consent agenda and considered individually at any time prior to that vote.

Per Board of Neighborhood Commissioners Policy #2014-01, agendas are posted for public review at: 1) Woodbine Park Kiosk, 3409 S. Vinton Ave.; 2) Palms Neighborhood Council website, www.palmsnc.la .

In compliance with Government Code section 54957.5, non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority or all of the board in advance of a meeting may be viewed at Woodbine Park Kiosk, 3409 S. Vinton Ave, at our website: www.palmsla.org or at the scheduled meeting. In addition, if you would like a copy of any record related to an item on the agenda, please contact the Secretary at secretary@palmsnc.la

Palms NC Board and Committee members abide by a code of civility (http://empowerla.org/code-of-conduct/). Any person who interferes with the conduct of a Neighborhood Council meeting by willfully interrupting and/or disrupting the meeting is subject to removal. A peace officer may be requested to assist with the removal should any person fail to comply with an order of removal by the Neighborhood Council. Any person who resists removal by a peace officer is subject to arrest and prosecution pursuant to California Penal Code Section 403.

As a covered entity under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Los Angeles does not discriminate on the basis of disability and upon request, will provide reasonable accommodation to ensure equal access to its programs, services, and activities. Sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices, or other auxiliary aids and/or services may be provided upon request. To ensure availability of services, please make your request at least 3 business days (72 hours) prior to the meeting you wish to attend by contacting the Secretary at secretary@palmsnc.la

SI REQUIERE SERVICIOS DE TRADUCCION, FAVOR DE NOTIFICAR A LA OFICINA 3 DIAS DE TRABAJO (72 HORAS) ANTES DEL

EVENTO. SI NECESITA ASISTENCIA CON ESTA NOTIFICACION, POR FAVOR LLAME A NUESTRA OFICINA AL secretary@palmsnc.la