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**Representative Assembly General Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, June 2nd 2021 – 7:00 p.m.**

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I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

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

II. COMMUNITY & GOVERNMENT REPORTS

- a. Office of Councilmember Paul Koretz – Rob Fisher rob.fisher@lacity.org
- b. Office of Mayor Eric Garcetti – Brad Fingard brad.fingard@lacity.org
- c. LA Police Department – Juan Ceja
- d. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment – Freddy Cupen-Ames freddy.cupen-ames@lacity.org
- e. Office of County Supervisor Holly Mitchell – Armine Sargsyan
ASargsyan@bos.lacounty.gov
- f. Office of State Senator Sydney Kamlager– Josef Siroky josef.siroky@sen.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)

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. **Palms NC Election Important Dates:**
 - i. Last day to submit mail-in ballot: **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 5/5/2021 General Assembly meeting. [[Click here](#) for minutes]
- b. **MOTION:** To approve the April Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) [*See supplemental materials for summary – full report available [here](#)*]
- c. **MOTION:** To approve the attached thank-you letter for Ron Diamond and Acme Filmworks Inc. [*see supplementals for letter*]
- d. **MOTION:** To appoint Kristen Chiarello and Helen Tocco as Palms NC Liaisons to the NCSA
- e. **MOTION:** To remove Eryn Piper Block from the HAPS and R&SJ Committees

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

- a. **President’s Report** (Block – eryn.block@palmsnc.la)
 - i. Report on tablets and wifi hotspot
- b. **Treasurer’s Report** (Bocarsly – david.bocarsly@palmsnc.la)
- 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** (Cato – kaili.cato@palmsnc.la)

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS & COMMUNITY RECOGNITION

- a. **Elections Ad Hoc Committee**
- b. **Venice Blvd Improvement**
- c. **Transportation & Infrastructure**
 - i. **DISCUSSION:** Speed limit increase on Overland Blvd.
- a. **Business and Beautification**
- d. **Racial and Social Justice**
 - i. **MOTION:** To authorize the Palms NC to submit a letter to APHEN to reinstate LAUSD Parent Committees
- e. **Communications & Outreach**

- f. **Green**
- g. **Homelessness Advocacy and Public Services**
- h. **Planning & Land Use**

- i. **MOTION:** To approve a CIS in support of Council File [20-1184](#). This council file prohibits counting hotel units in the calculation of affordable units and the linkage fee. *[see supplementals for full CIS] ??*

- i. **Executive**

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **FUNDING MOTION:** To allow the Palms NC to spend \$40 on a replacement City Hall parking pass.

IX. NOTICE: Next GA Meeting will be Wednesday, July 7th at 7:00PM

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

Abbreviations Used in this Agenda:

DONE – [Department of Neighborhood Empowerment](#)

CIS – [Community Impact Statement](#)

PLUM – Planning and Land Use Meeting

NCSA – Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance

APHEN – Arts, Parks, Health, Education, and Neighborhoods Committee

LAUSD – Los Angeles Unified School District

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Monthly Expenditure Report



Reporting Month: April 2021

Budget Fiscal Year: 2020-2021

NC Name: Palms Neighborhood Council

Monthly Cash Reconciliation					
Beginning Balance	Total Spent	Remaining Balance	Outstanding	Commitments	Net Available
\$30253.31	\$4647.63	\$25605.68	\$2903.64	\$0.00	\$22702.04

Monthly Cash Flow Analysis					
Budget Category	Adopted Budget	Total Spent this Month	Unspent Budget Balance	Outstanding	Net Available
Office	\$34249.55	\$2091.09	\$19105.68	\$155.00	\$16952.04
Outreach		\$777.16		\$1998.64	
Elections		\$1779.38		\$0.00	
Community Improvement Project	\$6000.00	\$0.00	\$4000.00	\$750.00	\$3250.00
Neighborhood Purpose Grants	\$15000.00	\$0.00	\$2500.00	\$0.00	\$2500.00
Funding Requests Under Review: \$0.00		Encumbrances: \$0.00		Previous Expenditures: \$24996.24	

Expenditures						
#	Vendor	Date	Description	Budget Category	Sub-category	Total
1	HOO HOOTSUITE INC	04/01/2021	HootSuite Monthly Expense (The invoice shows two monthly expenses in one. This is for the 4/1 charge)	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$45.00
2	GOOGLE GSUITE_palmsla	04/02/2021	Email Monthly Expenses - **To come from encumbered funds designated for Google LLC**	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$135.67
3	MAILCHIMP MISC	04/03/2021	Mailchimp monthly payment - **To come from encumbered funds designated for Mailchimp ? the Rocket Science Group, LLC**	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$30.99
4	SP JACKERY INC	04/04/2021	To allocate up to \$1,100 for two charging stations with 12V cables and two megaphones to be stores at the Disaster Caches in Palms.	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$649.89
5	AMZN Mktp US 3L9CP8U53	04/05/2021	To allocate up to \$1,100 for two charging stations with 12V cables and two megaphones to be stores at the Disaster Caches in Palms. **This is charge 2 of 2 listed on the receipt**	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$85.30

6	AMZN Mktp US KB63S4V63	04/06/2021	To allocate up to \$1,100 for two charging stations with 12V cables and two megaphones to be stores at the Disaster Caches in Palms. **This is charge 1 of 2 listed on the receipt**	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$262.70
7	FACEBK DKZT827R62	04/08/2021	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	\$181.90
8	SIGNSONTHECHEAP.COM	04/11/2021	To authorize the Palms NC to spend up to \$3000 on NC elections lawn signs	General Operations Expenditure	Elections	\$721.23
9	DRI UPRINTING	04/11/2021	To authorize the Palms NC to spend up to \$3000 on NC elections lawn signs	General Operations Expenditure	Elections	\$498.60
10	WWW.1AND1.COM	04/12/2021	Website support monthly expense - **To come from encumbered funds designated for 1&1 Ionos Inc**	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$8.71
11	PSS NATIONAL BLVD.,LLC	04/15/2021	Storage Unit Monthly Fee - **To come from encumbered funds designated for Price Self Storage National Blvd, LLC**	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$261.00
12	FACEBK L7LX52KQ62	04/18/2021	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	\$175.00
13	FACEBK RUT7V5FNG2	04/20/2021	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	\$75.00
14	MARINA GRAPHIC CENTER	04/20/2021	To allocate up to \$1,000 for printing and delivery services of NC election outreach materials	General Operations Expenditure	Elections	\$210.24
15	AMZN MKTP US DD2D49343	04/20/2021	To authorize the Palms NC to spend up to \$1000 to purchase up to two tablets, screen protectors, shatter-resistant cases and external keyboards	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$51.22
16	STAPLES 00114272	04/21/2021	To authorize the Palms NC to spend up to \$520 to make "Happy Art Kits" for neighborhood children.	General Operations Expenditure	Outreach	\$29.56
17	CRISP IMAGING INGLEWOO	04/21/2021	To authorize the Palms NC to spend up to \$500 for print advertising materials for One Year In Pandemic Town Hall	General Operations Expenditure	Outreach	\$65.70
18	APPLE.COM/US	04/22/2021	To authorize the Palms NC to spend up to \$1000 to purchase up to two tablets, screen protectors, shatter-resistant cases and external keyboards **We ordered 2 iPads, and Apple made multiple charges of the card to fulfill this whole order. This is for the delivery fee.**	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$9.00

19	APPLE.COM/US	04/22/2021	To authorize the Palms NC to spend up to \$1000 to purchase up to two tablets, screen protectors, shatter-resistant cases and external keyboards **We ordered 2 iPads, and Apple provided a receipt for both of them together. However, they charged them individually. This is for the iPad with cellular capability plus tax.**	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$506.61
20	FACEBK 5UTNS4TNG2	04/24/2021	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	\$75.00
21	FACEBK 8JGB42XQ62	04/26/2021	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	\$175.00
22	MARINA GRAPHIC CENTER	04/27/2021	To allocate up to \$1,000 for printing and delivery services of NC election outreach materials	General Operations Expenditure	Elections	\$349.31
23	HOO HOOTSUITE INC	04/30/2021	Hootsuite monthly payment	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$45.00
Subtotal:						\$4647.63

Outstanding Expenditures						
#	Vendor	Date	Description	Budget Category	Sub-category	Total
1	Charnock Road Elementary School	04/26/2021	As part of the Palms NC's Covid-19 relief efforts, allocate up to \$999.32 to Palms Elementary School and \$999.32 to Charnock Road Elementary for the purchase of reusable water b...	General Operations Expenditure	Outreach	\$999.32
2	Palms Elementary School	04/26/2021	As part of the Palms NC's Covid-19 relief efforts, allocate up to \$999.32 to Palms Elementary School and \$999.32 to Charnock Road Elementary for the purchase of reusable water b...	General Operations Expenditure	Outreach	\$999.32
3	Oliver Lan	04/30/2021	To approve up to \$500 to pay Oliver Lan to update the Palms NC website	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$155.00
4	Vidi Volo Inc.	05/05/2021	To authorize the Palms NC to spend up to \$750 for Palms-located business, Vidi Volo, to install 25 dog waste bag dispensers **This has been approved by the City Clerk* #x2...	Community Improvement Project		\$750.00
Subtotal: Outstanding						\$2903.64

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June 2, 2021

Ron Diamond
Executive Producer
Acme Filmworks Inc.
3347 Motor Ave
Los Angeles, CA 90034

Dear Mr. Diamond,

The Palms Neighborhood Council would like to thank Acme Filmworks, an award-winning film studio in the Palms Community, for producing an outstanding [voter education video](#) for the 2021 Palms Neighborhood Council elections. It features beloved landmarks in Palms and educates our stakeholders on the all Vote-By-Mail process this year due to the pandemic. Since April 15th, there have been 15,000 views on Facebook, and we have received accolades from our Board, the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, the City Clerk's Office, Councilmember Paul Koretz's Office and the public at-large. A comment notably said, "Really great video. Surely one of the best (if not the best) ever made for NC elections." We deeply appreciate Acme's neighborly generosity in supporting elections for their local neighborhood council.

An animated production like this, customized to our specifications (script, visuals and ideas), is more than most annual neighborhood council budgets. We are appreciative of Acme agreeing on a neighborhood price with significant cost savings. Acme was gracious to release the video on

April 12th before an agreed upon contract with the City and receipt of full payment. We are grateful to maximize its use with the launch of mail-in ballot requests on April 9th for our June 8th Election Day. The video will undoubtedly raise awareness about elections and get out the vote! Thank you again on behalf of the Palms Neighborhood Council.

Sincerely,

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Eryn Block,
President

Cc:

Holly L. Wolcott, City Clerk

Mike Feuer, Los Angeles City Attorney

Raquel Beltran, General Manager, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment

Rob Fisher, Field Deputy, Councilmember Paul Koretz, Fifth District

Jay Greenstein, Chief Field & Transportation Deputy, Councilmember Paul Koretz, Fifth District

Jeffrey S. Brill, Senior Management Analyst, Office of the City Clerk

Shawna Priscila Dungo, Funding Representative, Office of the City Clerk

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**Venice Blvd Improvement Ad Hoc Committee Report
Tuesday, May 25, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.
Zoom Meeting**

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Committee Meeting Date: May 25, 2021

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

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

Committee Members Absent: Jessalyn Waldron

Call to Order: 7:08 p.m. **Adjournment:** 8:41 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 I – Introductions and Welcome

- None

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

- None

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

- Kay talked to Rob Fisher to let him know about the Media Park discussion.
- Natasia is working on the California Arts Council. She hopes to use what she's learning here.
- Eliot. Rachel completed her utility box and Venice and the intersection by Enterprise.

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item III.b. –Media Park update.

- Elaine did not join us. We continued the conversation without her.
- [Letter](#) to Councilmembers Koretz and Lee to make them aware of the project and Palms's position on it.
 - Worked on letter, editing in place. Will continue to work on it.

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

- None this month

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item III.d. – International Food District update.

- No update until discussed at the next Business and Beautification meeting

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item III.e. – Survey update – Kay.

- Draft questionnaire at <https://drive.google.com/file/d/18pynZYaFTXDtx1NuWAdStcdf0CFjxUH/view?usp=sharing>
- Received 2 comments.
 - Josh asks for age brackets and race.
 - Josh says it will let us know if the respondents are representative of the population.
 - Natasia wants more context.
 - Eliot. We're asking what the stakeholders want to do with Venice Blvd. If we don't do it with care, the respondents may not represent the population.
 - Kay is uncomfortable with the race question. It's impossible to list them all.
 - Eliot. Have an "other" box.
 - Jose. Add a statement about inclusivity. Make the question optional.
 - Kay. Would need to explain how we intend to use the data.

- Natasia. We need to be careful with how we use this data. Feels uncomfortable. Need more context before we ask for this data.
- Eliot. Ask the social justice committee.
- Kay left the meeting at 8:07 and returned at 8:17. The meeting was suspended during Kay's absence.
- Kay will ask Randell to agendaize in June.

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item III.f. – Walkability projects update – Jessalyn.

- Jessalyn's input delivered via email. The guy who will be designing the walkability signs is a little hard to get ahold of and slow, I'm trying to finalize dog stations with him first and then will move into the details and design of the signs then go to print and install. I'm hoping dog stations can be installed in the next week and then if I have it my way, the signs will be done in a month. But that's not in my control.

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item III.g. – Decorating Venice Blvd businesses update – Jessalyn.

- Flyer for businesses introducing the Palms NC and showing examples of beautification on Venice Blvd that can be done for very little money.
 - Jessalyn's input delivered via email. I can't take on the business brochures any longer, would anyone else like to please take lead on that project? I apologize, I bit off more than I can chew and I need help.
 - Eliot will see what, if anything, Jessalyn has, and will report on his ability to pick this up.
 - Kay offers to help.

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item III.h. – Creating a committee report to share with the NC Board – All

- [Eliot's Report](#)
- [A PowerPoint from Eliot's input](#)
- [Working Document reviewed last month](#)
- Natasia showed a report that she started developing. She will take a stab at the next report version.
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/13g04La9bZVVYaKTARoqB-IXoGd0tWKsJ/view?usp=sharing>
- Kay is meeting Helen to look at the trees on Venice between Overland and Keystone. That block will be torn down. An apartment will be built. If we can figure out what we want in the tree wells before the developer comes to the PLUM committee, we can try to get him to agree to do it.
- Kay. If we have a report, it will help us define what we want to do.

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item III.i. – BRAINSTORM. Outreach ideas.

- Kay thinks the survey is the first piece of outreach and the report will help inform the second.
- Eliot says don't bring the survey back to the board until we're ready.
- Josh. What is the end product? It's an ad hoc committee. It shouldn't go on indefinitely.

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item III.j. – Ideas spreadsheet updates – All.

- Look at it after we have a draft of a report.

Confirmation of Next Meeting Date: June 22, 2021 Time 7:00 p.m. Location Zoom

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Committee Meeting Date: April 27, 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:** 8:53 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 I – Introductions and Welcome

- Kay, Eliot, Kalani
- Also present Farshid Ghazavi, Amanda Sauler

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

- Kalani. We need to get the homeless off the streets. Our streets, especially Venice, should remain homeless encampment free. Graduate students living here promote utopian ideals and those who live here permanently have to live with the results.

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

- Kay. Worked on report. Sherman Oaks got \$1.5 million for their vision.
- Eliot. Got permission from color and light to use their image. It's in the report.
- Natasia. Jessalyn and Natasia working on sculptures or projects for a Covid memorial. Worked with artist to create signs with motivational messages. We're still working on where we want the signs. Jessalyn wants it at the fire station. Natasia wants it on Venice Blvd. Dedicating efforts to high visibility cross-walks.

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item III.b. –Media Park update.

- Eliot. They have a lot of work to do. They have the money to do the research. They do not have the money to implement the vision.
- Kay. The designs seem to be by Culver City for Culver City. We need to educate Councilmembers Koretz and Lee. Agendize a letter. Ask Rob to come.
- Natasia. Does L.A. City Council have to approve the plan? We should also advocate to CC Council.
- Kay. For example, the food court and the concrete are contrary to what people attending the meetings from both L.A. and Culver City want, but they stay in the plan, because the Culver City City Council want them. Natasia will talk to her people on the Culver City City Council.
- Kalani. Mention we want 360 degree renderings. All their renderings were from the CC side. Has impression the food court will help support the maintenance. Wants something more interactive like salsa dancing at the park.
- Kay. Elaine admitted that they needed renderings from the L.A. side. I expect that to come.
- Eliot. The park doesn't feel safe at night. It seems like their theory that if there was a café, there would be more people and that would make it safer. If they insist on having food there, rotate existing restaurants so they can promote themselves and the café doesn't detract from their business. The green wall will help buffer Venice noise. Can we make the concrete areas fake grass instead?

- Natasia. Agrees with fake grass. There is a wall on the Culver City side. It defines a boundary.
- Kalani. Better lighting could also help with security. It would be nice to get food at In N Out and bring it to the park and eat. Restrooms at the Actor's Gang can't accommodate large crowds.
- Kay. They said restrooms could be added to the café.
- Kalani. They said that people could use restrooms from nearby businesses. They cannot. They should not eliminate the parking.
- Jessalyn. We should not focus on car parking. We should focus on bicycle parking. Palms and Culver City are walkable.
- Eliot. The park should be designed for residents and employees. We should not focus on parking. Late at night there are a lot of young people at In N Out. Are they planning to make this safe for teenagers at night?
- Natasia. Agree. Parking is not what we want to focus on. We want the park to be a safe place for all ages. We need to push Culver City so we are not forgotten. Talk to both L.A. and Culver City.

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

- Natasia. New street hole covers.
https://twitter.com/Culture_LA/status/1382712732491808770
 - They are already implementing the roll out of these. Ask them to start with Venice. Natasia will write a letter for us to discuss next month.

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item III.d. – International Food District update.

- Eliot. Discussed at last B&B. Josh is passionate. Josh took in comments and will present again, probably next month.
- Kalani. Josh did detailed work, tremendous good work. He needs to scale back.

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item III.e. – Survey update – Kay.

- Draft questionnaire at
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/18pynZYaFTXDtx1NuWAdStcduf0CFjxUH/view?usp=sharing>
- Kay. Not discussed yet at the Board due to time constraints.
- Natasia. Can we move forward?
- Kay. We should wait for the new board before taking action.

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item III.f. – Walkability projects update – Jessalyn.

- The guy I'm working with was out of town. I'm back talking with him. Waiting on a design from him. We got the invoice from David so it should be paid for. Working with them on the dog waste stations.

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item III.g. – Decorating Venice Blvd businesses update – Jessalyn.

- Flyer for businesses introducing the Palms NC and showing examples of beautification on Venice Blvd that can be done for very little money.
 - Jessalyn. Need committee help on this.
 - Eliot can help with layouts if someone can get him what should be in it.
 - Natasia. Do we need to get graphics?
 - Eliot. What is the layout we want?
 - Jessalyn. Don't want actual Venice Blvd photos. Would love input from Natasia.

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item III.h. – Ideas spreadsheet updates – All.

- [Working Document](#)
 - Kalani. You are talking about a Champs-Elysees. I approve. Lend lease art program that West Hollywood uses. Love the LED palm trees. Need a crosswalk between Sepulveda and Midvale. Would also like a water feature.
 - Natasia. Manhattan Beach had a similar lend lease program. The issues are security. We would be liable for any damage to them. In Manhattan Beach there was a \$2k honorarium. It's possible, but considering the resources, it would be difficult. We're trying to get our sidewalks fixed. This would be difficult.
 - Eliot. Doing quick research. Historical look is not pretty. The streets are wide with the medians because of the electric trains.
 - Natasia. If we can beautify, people can enjoy here without driving to a park or something nice.
 - Eliot. When you get off the train at Culver City, can we do something to be more inviting from there?
 - Natasia. Ivy station will change the landscape of the area. Culver City has glitzy stuff. If we have welcome to Palms at the Del Taco, what does that really say? We need to think of this part of Palms also.
 - Kalani. The true history and beauty of Venice is east of here.
 - Kay. How do we move forward?
 - Eliot. We can describe in words what we want or we can have a visual representation and then write words first.

- Natasia can advise on the general look. Wants to look at the Sherman Oaks.
- Eliot volunteers to write something for the next meeting. He will let us know when it's there.
- Kalani. Looking at Pasea de la Reforma and Champs-Elysee. They are on grand scale. This will require effort. Willing to help. We should think about all of Venice Blvd by building alliances with the other NCs.
- Kay. Once we have our vision, we should present to every NC along Venice. Kalani agrees.
- Natasia. The City partitioned Venice among the NCs. What about Venice For All?
- Eliot. Don't share with the other NCs. Let them be inspired by what we accomplish. And let's make sure we can get our share of the funds. Talk to the NCs if there's a benefit to us. Once we have a commitment from the City, then we can share.
- Natasia. Agree with Eliot. It would be nice to have consistency. This is a good opportunity to highlight the various communities and get unique perspectives. Our responsibility is to our stakeholders.
- Kay. Once we have a commitment, we can present at the Congress.
- Kalani. In reviewing Venice For All, they are a mass transit group to get more people to use mass transit. Kalani agrees. Venice For All, the only part of Venice given the City, is from Lincoln to Cadillac.
- Kay. DOT is going to make a dedicated bus lane.
- Farshid. Changing a lane for bus transit or a bike lane. We shouldn't look at Venice Blvd as just a transit corridor. If we lose the lane, do people walk more? I use public transport. If LADOT is pushing this, we should let it happen.

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item III.k. – Creating a committee report to share with the NC Board – Kay

- Kay shared the first draft of a report that she would like to present to the Board in June which would mean a committee vote in May. Kay asked the committee to review the draft and make additions/corrections. She asked everybody to contribute at least one item. The report should focus on what we really want to deliver, weeding out other ideas that we will not.

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item III.l. – BRAINSTORM. Outreach ideas.

- Kay. We're working on the survey.
- Eliot. A postcard survey could be a separate different thing.

- Eliot. Create a small card to include in to go order bags. When things open up, put it on the tray with stuff.

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**Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Report
Thursday, May 13, 2021 – 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Zoom Meeting Online at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84188897855>**

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Committee Meeting Date: May 13, 2021

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

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

Committee Members Absent: None

Call to Order: 7:33pm **Adjournment:** 9:02pm

Committee Updates

- The speed limit on Overland Avenue is being raised by 5mph. Raising the speed limit is not the preferred outcome, but it will enable the LAPD to enforce speed limits where they were previously unable to (due to state speed trap laws). This action follows a recent, fatal collision at Overland and Olympic.
- Street sweeping occurs every other week now, but the signage will not be updated. The LADOT has made improvements for the notification system for street sweeping. Stakeholders report that the system is functioning better than previously. Stakeholders can sign up for notifications at <http://www.streetsla.lacity.org/sweeping>

Summary of Agenda Item Discussion and Committee Updates

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item III: General Public Comment

- Natasia from the public expressed concern about the slow street signs being abandoned by LADOT.

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item IV.a: Committee member updates

- Christopher: There's a new Metro bike stand at Regent and Motor. Christopher struggled to get it to work despite being highly-motivated.

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item IV.b.: Updates from Jay Greenstein, CD5 Transportation Deputy

- [Council File 19-0453](#): The city council is tapping into TIMP fees to address the backlog of signal installation requests. Among several others, the City has identified a HAWK signal crossing as Jasmine and Palms for development. We're still several years away, but this project has funding and is moving to subsequent phases (e.g. design). The signal will be designed to only allow right-turn movements from Jasmine onto Palms. The location was selected because of the long gap between signals and the adjacent Big Blue Bus stop.
- National and Clarington: The council office has heard our complaints about traffic collisions in the area. They've met with the DOT to discuss it. The DOT service request system the council office uses to make requests has been down for a year and they're trying to figure out how to work around it (Jay acknowledges this is unacceptable). Collision data at the intersection is a year old, but doesn't show any issues.
- Bikeway project: The Northvale gap segment of the Expo Line bike path is moving forward. They're currently acquiring right-of-way and easements. It is 50% designed. There was a presentation on May 19.

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item IV.c.: Discussion on Street Sweeping Changes

- The city is not adjusting the signs, but we cannot post signage ourselves. Kay reports that Rob in the council office says the LADOT notification system is working better than previously. Stakeholders on Facebook confirmed to her. Stakeholders should consider signing up to be notified when street sweeping will occur: <http://www.streetsla.lacity.org/sweeping>

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item IV.d.: Discussion and possible action on Council File [17-1183-S1](#) regarding speed limits on Overland Avenue

- The council file was closed by the time we considered it. The city council has approved.
- Jay provided background: This motion was originally considered several years ago, but the council office put changes on Overland and other westside streets on hold. The reason the limit was being considered was due to the California speed trap laws, which mandates that speed surveys must be conducted every 10 years and the speed limit must be set at the 85th percentile speed on the street. If the city does not update the speed limit, the limit cannot be enforced by radar systems (which is

how LAPD conducts speed enforcement). The City was hoping the state law would be changed, but it hasn't yet. Given the recent fatal collision at Overland and Olympic, the council office reconsidered their previous hold on encouragement by LAPD, so that at least a high speed limit can be enforced.

The City is more confident than in the past that the state law will be updated. Changes on the key committees in the state legislature make a change likely in the future. If such a change is made (see: AB-43), the City intends to lower the speed limit back. In the interim, Jay intends to work with the traffic division to conduct focused enforcement, especially at the bottom of the Overland hill.

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item IV.e.: Discussion and possible action on Council File [21-0002-S106](#) regarding parking minimums

- There is a state bill which would restrict municipalities' ability to set parking minimums for construction near certain public transportation infrastructure. The council file is to oppose that bill (i.e. in support of the City's ability to set parking minimums). The council resolution was introduced by Cm. Koretz.
- Christopher brings a CIS in opposition to the council file (i.e. in support of the state bill to restrict municipalities from setting parking minimums).
- Natasia from the public supports, saying it will help get us out of the housing crunch.
- Kasey argues it is a money grab for developers, who will build luxury housing with insufficient parking, creating a negative externality in the neighborhood. Kay agrees.
- Christopher moves to adopt the CIS as written. There is no second.

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item IV.f.: Discussion and possible action on Council File [21-0002-S80](#) regarding a state bill to allow automated speed enforcement in school zones

- Cm. Koretz introduced this council resolution, which supports a state bill which would allow automated speed limit enforcement in school zones.
- Kasey and Kay express concern that this is a slippery slope to automated enforcement everywhere. Kay expresses concern about surveillance.
- Christopher argues that this has a proven track record in Europe of saving lives.
- Kasey volunteers to bring a CIS in opposition to the next meeting. The motion as written is tabled.

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item IV.g.: Discussion and possible action on Council File [20-1074](#) regarding the Los Angeles al fresco dining program

- Natasia and the committee are in support
- The committee recognized that the council resolution was adopted that day, the council file was thus closed, and the committee took no action

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item IV.h.: Discussion regarding Media Park Revitalization and accessibility from Palms

- The committee discussed involvement regarding a traffic signal to improve access from Palms to the park
- Kay contended that action was premature, given that Culver City has not decided on their course yet. We generally would like Culver City to make the park more inviting to Palms, stakeholders are activated on this, and we can take up the issue when the final design is clear.

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Board and Business Relations & Public Beautification Virtual Committee Meeting Report
Wednesday, May 19, 2021 – 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Zoom Meeting Online at <https://zoom.us/j/95072686582>
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Committee Meeting Date: May 19, 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:** 8:20

Committee Updates

Spent most of the meeting discussing advising stakeholders about murals and compliance rules, debated what could be included in a guide to same.

Proposed Motions for General Assembly Adoption

None

Summary of Agenda Item Discussion and Committee Updates

- I. **CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL** (5 min)
 - a. Call to Order (Hochberg)
 - i. Meeting called to order at 7:04 PM
 - b. Roll Call (Hochberg)
 - i. Gascon – Present
 - ii. Hochberg - Present
 - c. Review of code of conduct (Hochberg)
 - d. Agenda preview (Hochberg)
- II. **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT/ FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS** (10 min)
 - a. Concerned stakeholder commented on the mural on Palms/Motor. She mentioned that the graffiti and vandalism was making her angry – not because it defaced the mural, but because it did not cover up what she considered the “creepy” mural. She asked if the NC would be able to contact the building owners to change the mural into “something more contemporary” such as the “Super Nurse” mural across the street.
- III. **REPORTS** (10 Minutes each)
 - a. Gascon
 - i. Gascon has been chosen to sit on the Impact Projects grant panel for the California Arts Council to help decide which non-profit arts organizations throughout the state will receive over 1 million in state funding. Hochberg advised her to check in with the NC to make sure that no conflicts arise from her participating in a state funding body.
 - b. Hochberg
 - i. Hochberg reiterated that the Palms NC elections are still going on, and that stakeholders should request their paper ballots ASAP so that stakeholders have enough time to fill out the ballots and mail them in, or to drop them off at the Palms/Rancho Park library on election day.
 - ii. Hochberg also shared that the new Ford 150 Lightning fully electric truck was announced, and that anyone interested in electric vehicle futures should look into it as an environmentally friendly alternative for current gas trucks.
 1. Kalani Whittington chimed in saying that President Biden test drove the new F150 and that Ford has committed to going all electric by 2035.
- IV. **COVID 19 MEMORIAL SCULPTURE** (20 min)
 - a. Gascon had been working with artist Scott Froschauer and fellow Venice Ad Hoc Committee member Jessalyn Waldron to create a public sculpture that honors residents who passed away during the Covid19 pandemic. The sculpture is a stylized road sign reminiscent of a yield sign, but is yellow and black in the shape of a heart. Gascon had been discussing price and installation fees for the artwork

with Froschauer and working with Waldron on finding an appropriate location for the work.

- b. Gascon noted that the final approved location of the work would determine whether or not the work will need to be LADOT compliant (If put in the public right-of-way) or be more of a stylized sculpture (on private land)
- c. Waldron stated that she liked the project as is, although maybe modify the sculpture where the wording is switched around from the heart and the memorial plaque. She also mentioned that she would like to see this project expanded to other NCs.
- d. Josh Nadel made a public comment asking if the quoted “installation fees” were the total costs to LADOT for installing the sign, or to the artist. Gascon clarified that the fees were paid to the artist, and that depending on the final location for the art, a portion of the funds may go to LADOT to install if the sculpture was to be put in the public right-of-way.
- e. Kalani Whittington commented that she was concerned that the art seemed too similar to existing road signs and inquired where the art would be installed. Gascon reiterated that the location was not determined as of yet.
- f. Nadel inquired if the installation and artwork costs could be separated. Gascon said that is possible, but prefers to have the artist himself install the work.
- g. Hochberg reiterated how public funds are allocated and suggested having a proposal ready for this public art piece once the new city budget is approved and the new NC board is seated.

V. **UTILITY BOX PROGRAM (20 min)**

- a. Hochberg stated that Greg Gould finished his art work and will go back to do graffiti coating at Overland/National.
- b. Not all artists have responded for the deadlines to submit invoices. Hochberg reiterated that the artists need to get paid before the end of the fiscal year.

VI. **WOODBINE PARK KIOSK REPAIR AND UPGRADE (20 min)**

- a. Hochberg had bought the wrong kind of paint for the material the kiosk is made of. He will be testing paints on the kiosk prior to painting the whole thing.
- b. Opportunity to volunteer once the plan to paint the whole kiosk will go ahead.

VII. **DISCUSSION: PALMS INTERNATIONAL FOOD DISTRICT (30 min)**

- a. Nadel is gathering a list of restaurants who would be interested in the Food District Idea.
- b. Whittington reiterated that the new council will be seated soon, and that she hopes these projects will go forward and not be abandoned in the new council.

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

- a. General discussion on the state of murals in the Palms neighborhood.
 - i. Gascon was concerned about the amount of graffiti on existing murals and worried that reporting them to the city may get many of them whitewashed, since some (including the Vox Humana mural mentioned in public comment) are technically considered illegal due to them being made during the mural moratorium and not having the proper permits as required through the DCA.
 - ii. Hochberg and Nadel encouraged dialog between businesses to get their murals repaired and/or replaced and reiterated that the NC should not serve as a “watchdog” for non-compliant art that risks getting businesses fined or artwork destroyed, but act as an intermediary to give business information and instructions from the City.

- IX. **PALMS FOOD MAP SURVEY PROJECT (2 min)**
 - a. No update
- X. **PALMS GATEWAY LIGHTING PROJECT (2 min)**
 - a. No update
- XI. **MANAGEMENT COMPANY WELCOME PROJECT (2 min)**
 - a. No update
- XII. **COMMUNITY SCHOOL PARKS (2 min)**
 - a. No update
- XIII. **CLOSING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT(5 minutes, time permitting)**
- XIV. **Adjournment**
 - a. 8:20 PM

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May 27, 2021

Arts, Parks, Health, Education, and Neighborhoods Committee
Los Angeles City Hall
200 N. Spring Street, Room 425
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Subject: The Palms Neighborhood Council requests that the City of Los Angeles request that the LAUSD encourage stakeholder participation by reinstating the Parent Engagement Committee.

Members of the APHEN Committee:

When the LAUSD closed campuses due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it also suspended all School Board Committees. With these closures more than a year old, Board Member Scott Schmerelson has requested that the Parent Engagement committee be allowed to resume work. Before the shutdown, Schmerelson chaired this committee. Unfortunately, this request was turned down by Kelly Gonez, the new Board President.

The pandemic has caused unprecedented disruptions to our children's education. Parent and community input is important as the district maneuvers through the reopening of our schools and plans are made for the choice of a new superintendent. This committee is essential for providing a means for this feedback to be given to the people elected to represent the community's interests.

Please let me know if you have any questions about this information or about our request.

Thank You,
Eryn Block
President
Palms Neighborhood Council

On June __, 2021, the Palms Neighborhood Council (Palms NC) board voted _____ (__ yes, __no __ absent) to request that the City of Los Angeles request that the LAUSD encourage stakeholder participation by reinstating the Parent Engagement Committee.

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**Palms Neighborhood Council
Outreach Committee**

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

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**General Assembly and Communications & Outreach Committee Report
Tuesday, May 18, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.
Virtual Zoom Meeting, Los Angeles, CA 90034**

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Committee Meeting Date: May 18, 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, Kristen Chiarello, Danya White, Brendan Patterson

Committee Members Absent: None

Call to Order: 7:05 p.m. **Adjournment:** 8:31 p.m.

Proposed Motions for General Assembly Adoption

Motion:

Summary of Agenda Item Discussion and Committee Updates

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item I – Introductions were done

- What kind of mural would you want?
- Randell – Palms NC mural
- Danya – An NC board in anime mural
- Eliot – wants to do this under the 10 overpass, LED light mural combo with light changing possibilities
- Josh – Kehinde Wiley, went to school at Hamilton Music Academy, Painted official Obama portrait, doing a Kobe & Gianna Bryant mural in his normal floral style

- Kristen – various murals that connect to tell a story
- Brendan – modern abstract mural that provokes thought

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

- Kay wants us (Outreach Committee) to start an annual report

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item III (A) – Committee Member Project Updates

- Eliot looked into password managers. Says that there is a challenge of organization vs personal password accidentally getting combined. Dashlane appears to have a system that can separate it. \$3-5/month/person is average price
- Sticky password is one service. Can allocate passwords to specific people (unique)
- RoboForm is another. Emergency access feature for recovery
- 1Password is the cheapest of full featured ones
- Randell has been posting a lot
- Josh has been doing outreach with food businesses
- Danya wondered about putting postings on cars. Entering survey results into a spreadsheet
- Kristen has been posting a lot too
- Election Committee has made facebook frames for voting. We should implement

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item III (B) – Documenting the committee’s work to transition to the next board

- Eliot wants us to write up institutional knowledge. A debrief. Why did we do things? How did they work out?
- Danya said that Rachel may have made a form for this
- Josh said we could make a form
- Eliot found some templates
- We should document the various activities we do
- Randell wants us to get a lot of this done next meeting

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item III (C) – NC Election Outreach

- Randell has been working with them
- Eliot helped them buy feather flags. Also heard from Palms-Rancho Park Library for placing them there. With a stand. Or spikes into a planter. “vote” & URL “palmsnc” is other one was in the \$295 + shipping price range for the 2
- Analytics on the video –7,500 organic reach, 10,600 views, being promoted. 8,321 people reached from boost, 5,136 engagements – all from FB 22,835 reached 5,000+ post engagements. 81 twitter views.

- Instagram 8,436 accounts reached 479% increase

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item III (D) – Website update – documenting our progress to pass on to the next board

- Randell hopes we have a smooth transition
- Eliot has some work from this

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item III (E) – Items for discussion + followup

- Annual Report
- Website
- Work time for documentation

Committee Updates: see above

New Business – Agenda for next meeting:

- Annual Report
- Website
- Work time for documentation

Adjournment: 8:08 pm

Confirmation of Next Meeting Date: June 15, 2021 **Time** 7:00 p.m. **Location** Zoom

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Homeless Advocacy & Public Service Committee Report
Thursday, March 18, 2021 – 5:30 p.m.

Zoom Meeting Online

By telephone: 1(669) 900-6833

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Committee Meeting Date: April 15, 2021

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

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

Committee Members Absent: None

Call to Order: 5:34 PM **Adjournment:** 7:01 PM

Presentation

AB-71 Bring California Home Act by Alex Visotsky, Associate Director, Policy and Legislative Affairs at Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority.

The presentation included the following information/covered the following points about AB-71. Alex did not use slides during the presentation but sent them to HAPS chair later, so please see these [slides](#) for the most accurate numbers/information.

- 2.4B annually - from increased corp tax rate 8.4 to 9.6% to largest companies and from closing tax loophole (tax breaks on intangible assets). That wasn't going fly, so the increased corp tax rate part was scrapped. Now that money comes out of the General Fund.
- Set to hit the Assembly budget committee April 19 ---> then to housing committee the next week
- 60% for counties and COCs
- 40% for the 13 largest CA cities

- Evidence-based uses for the funds
- Use of fund for: Rental subsidies, housing, supportive housing, employment services, addiction services, re-entry and diversion programs, construction and rehab of housing
- Accountability
- Require every jurisdiction that receives money to conduct a “gaps analysis” - what are you investing in NOW and what do you NEED to be investing in?
- Work with the state on goals and if goals are not met, funding shifts to another entity

Q&A:

- Kalani W.: Why should we trust LAHSA (because of the shown high price per unit, almost 700k per unit) and why can't we build housing outside of the expensive areas within Los Angeles?
- Alex: The subsidies from Prop HHH maxes out at \$140k per unit; expensive parts of town has blocked efforts to build housing, pushing the problem to other communities to solve; we've been housing upwards of 20k people per year in the past few years; 200 people have been getting OUT OF homelessness every day, but 220 people have fallen INTO homelessness in the same day; more housing IS built in poorer parts of town (ie: South LA) because of fewer NIMBY opposition and cheaper land prices;
- Eryn: clarifying that money won't go into prison system, but rather reentry and diversion programs
- William: how do we “prevent” people from going into homelessness?
- Alex: for THIS bill, “prevention” can include: “The Problem Solving Program” - counseling and cash if one's housing is threatened (could be used for car repair or new apt deposit); Legal Aid;
- Neal: Please explain the process of going from Assembly floor TO committee, what support this bill needs, and where it goes from next week beyond. Also, are we able to weigh in on this at all? Assemblymember Burke isn't our representative.
- Alex: Not sure of the politics, but any way the PNC can spread the word to other groups in Burke's district...
- Melissa M, stakeholder in Chatsworth: will any “Mental Institutions” ever open up as a result of these funds?
- Alex: Under this bill, counties are allowed to spend up to 20% of the money on Board & Care - which could include mental health issues addressed. Critical that usage of services is voluntary.
- Kalani Whittington - Why are we not mandating institutionalization?
- Neal: For those out there with questions about mental health, please listen to a KQED story about the history of funding and treating mental health. - <https://www.kqed.org/news/11209729/did-the-emptying-of-mental-hospitals-contribute-to-homelessness-here>

General Public Comment

- Kalani W: Re: the KQED article, that's from the 1980s and I believe things have changed. We need to mandate institutionalization for mental healthcare.
- Neal: the article is from 2016.

Proposed Motions for General Assembly Adoption

a) MOTION: To authorize the Palms NC to submit a [letter](#) to City Council, the Mayor, and the Police Commission in response to the events that occurred at Echo Park Lake on March 24th and 25th, 2021.

Public Comment:

Kalani W: No brutality seen by police. Echo Park got out of hand and the neighborhood lost its green space.

Discussion: Committee members discuss the facts/details around this incident- some ask for the author (Pamela) to double check the facts outlined in the letter. Some committee members disagree with facts around brutality and the context around the sweep and protests. Eryn and Hannah expressed support for the letter. In particular, they like the call for transparency around Project Roomkey.

Outcome: Pamela decided that the letter is not ready to be voted so it will not be brought to a vote. She will make some changes and check sources for the accuracy of information and may bring an updated draft back to the committee at a later time.

Committee Business & Updates *Topics on the agenda were not discussed due to time constraints.*

Confirmation of Next Meeting (SPECIAL) Date: May 24^h, 2021 Time 7:00PM Location Zoom (link to be included in agenda)

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**Palms Neighborhood
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Green Committee**

Jessalyn Waldron, Co-Chair
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**Joint Board and Green Committee Meeting Report
Tuesday, May 11th 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 #
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Committee Meeting Date: May 11th, 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: 6:06 PM **Adjournment:** 7:33 PM

Proposed Motions for General Assembly Adoption

None

Committee Vote Count: N/A

Summary of Agenda Item Discussion and Committee Updates

II. Announcements:

[New Committee Community Standards and Ground Rules](#)

III. Introductions: Rachel O'leary – Director of City Plants

Bryce Lewis-Smith – California Climate Action Corps Fellow, Outreach and Communication Fellow for City Plants

IV. General Public Comment:

- Kay Hartman – Wants us to do phase 1 and phase 2 of taking care of the trees on Venice Blvd. Phase 1 should be a survey of every tree well and whether we like what is there or not, and is the tree well big enough.
- There is a developer coming to PLUM in June and he is going to make an apartment building on Venice Blvd from Overland to Keystone. This will be in Area B. Her question is about the trees planted there now – where the building will go? She would like to visit that block with someone from the Green Committee. If we are happy with what is there we will ask to preserve it, and if we are unhappy with it we should ask to change it.

V. PRESENTATION: CA Climate Action Corps Trees Presentation – Bryce Lewis-Smith (10 minutes)

- How do we address for renters? They encourage folks to ask landlords permission. She says as long as you are committing to care for the tree, it is the city's property. She suggests saying, "The City is planting trees here and I am going to water it."
- The property owners might want to get involved too.
- Helen asks about the trees that were recently planted and if there is anything we should do to help them?
- She says they can help us figure out who planted them.
- City Plants is building a bridge with the inventory program's software so they can identify who planted the trees and who will maintain them. They are working towards centralizing and proactive maintenance.
- She says if someone is offering to water a tree, say yes. She is hoping they can create community tree care teams.
- Funds for concrete cutting in the city are reserved according to state grant centers and allocated to disadvantaged communities. We would need to talk about what it would look like.
- If it is a business district is it city property or do we still need block leaders? Along Venice?
- Rachel suggests we go door to door asking the businesses to be part of the process. They do canvassing for grant projects. "Congratulations, trees are coming to Venice." She suggests if we have the funding to contract a vendor to pay the maintenance, we just need to notify them. The "opt out" is when you have outside funding. "Opting in" is when you need the resident or building owner to agree to water.
- Jessalyn asks if she happens to have an idea of the budget?
- Rachel says the price for planting and maintenance is about \$2,000 per tree.
- Jessalyn mentions the "adopt a tree" program. Seems like Rachel agrees that is a good strategy.
- Jessalyn asks about overgrowth of trees on Motor and trucks snagging them and the City isn't able to keep up with maintenance. Asks if there is anything City Plants would suggest for this?
- Rachel says the ideal trimming cycle is every 5-7 years. The City's actual trimming cycle is 20-25 years. She has seen budgets increasing citywide. Suggests we reach out to the Streets LA Urban Forestry Division. Elis Lee – Community Engagement Manager.
- Jessalyn and Helen to look at Venice and start canvassing and identifying tree locations.
- Rachel says she can help print door hangers with our logo. She suggests targeting locations with open parkways.
- Rachel says they are a really small team – 3 full time staff and a small army with 3 state fellows.

- Jessalyn notes that she helped work on the Mayor's Green New Deal Toolkit. Rachel says she also helped write some of that document.

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item VI. a. NC Green Biz

- The first kick off training is at the end of the month. If anyone wants to attend let Jessalyn know.

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item VI. b. NCSA

- Discussion of whether we should all be liaisons? Agreed yes, we should ask for that at the next GA meeting.

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item VI. c. Trees Planting Initiatives

- Tree Summit: May 21, 9:30 AM - 12 PM
- Next CFAC Meeting: June 3, 1:00-3:00 PM
- Next NCSA Trees Committee will be in June
- Trees for Venice Blvd.

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item VI. d. Dog Waste Stations

- Jessalyn emailed the guy and a check has been sent to pay for the installation and Jessalyn will pay for the brackets and then it is just a matter of coordinating dates and times to get it done. Jessalyn still needs to get stickers printed within \$30 budget.

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item VI. e. Kids Recycled Art Projects

- Helen still has 60 bags. Suggests giving it to the schools. Jessalyn suggests we table again. Helen reached out to Lee. We have also reached out to SPY to ask if they would be interested in extra bags.

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item VI. f. Community Gardens

- Jamiah's ([Crop Swap](#)) vertical gardens (post photos).
- Girl Scouts with potted plants
- Holding off on making funding motions until we have the next new board. Mimi suggested large pots near the community fridge. Helen confirmed there is a water source there. The idea is that the Girl Scouts would do the maintenance. Kristen has an email chain with a representative from the organization that does the fridge and will reach out. Kristen will reach out to David about it as well. Kristen suggests we consider the Lutheran Church property.

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item VI. g. Citizen Science Programs

- Share [Mayor's Green New Deal](#) Toolkit
- Share Green Biz Ambassador Program

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item VII. a. Adopt1street.org

- This is like what we already do in cleaning up a street. This is something to consider in our next cleanup. Possibly motivate and empower our neighbors to do this on their own.

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item VII. b. Streets for All

- Tabled until next month.

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item VII. c. Water Equity Survey from Tree People

- Tabled until next month.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned 7:33pm

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

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PALMS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

**Planning and Land Use Management Committee Report
Wednesday, April 14, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.
Zoom Meeting**

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Committee Meeting Date: May 12, 2021

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

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

Committee Members Absent: Jamie Tully

Call to Order: 7:06 p.m. **Adjournment:** 8:32 p.m.

Proposed Motions for General Assembly Adoption

MOTION to approve adding these area representative responsibilities to the Standing Rules.

A. **Committee Reasoning:** Responsibilities were edited in place.

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

Summary of Agenda Item Discussion and Committee Updates

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item II – INTRODUCTIONS

- Kay, Neal, Alex, Kay
- Grace Hancock
- Natasia
- Kalani

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

- Kalani. Champions green roofs. They help save energy and they are aesthetic from the air. Our area looks like a warehouse district from the air. We are in an extreme drought situation again. Do we want to spend money on desalination or toilet to tap?

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

- Kay. Worked with this month and next month's developers. Next month is Wiseman.

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

Did not join us.

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

- Jason Friedman will present a project at [9958 Regent / 3710 Dunn](#).
 - Had to postpone after the agenda was sent. He will come to our next meeting.

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item IV.d. – Motor Avenue Improvement update (3 minutes)

No update this month.

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item IV.e. – The PLUM committee approved these Area Representative Activities in February (see text at the end of the agenda) and it was reviewed by the Board in March. The Board found them unclear and wants them to have more or less. Refer to the existing [Ground Rules](#) and make these more consistent.

- Updated the document in place.
Neal moves. Alex seconds. Neal yes. Kay yes. Alex yes. Passes 3-0.

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item IV.f. – Review and update [Guidelines for Neighborhood Appropriate Development](#).

Looked at the guidelines. Discussed that it is time for an update. Did not make changes. Will discuss more next month.

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item IV.g. – DEEP DIVE AND POSSIBLE CIS OR LETTER.

- None

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item IV.h. – DEEP DIVE AND POSSIBLE CIS OR LETTER. Do we want to write a CIS for any of these motions this month or next? Which motion do we select for our next deep dive?

- Postponed until next month.
- [AB-387 to authorize building social housing based on the model used in Vienna](#)
- [AB-1401](#) to prohibit a local government from setting a requirement for a minimum number of parking spaces for any parcel within 1/2 mile walking distance of public transit
- [ACA-7](#) to make land use and zoning issues local
- [SB-5](#) to float general obligation bonds for emergency, farmworker, and multi-family housing, home ownership for very low income and low income and down payment assistance for first time homebuyers.
- [SB-6](#) to require each county and city to develop a comprehensive, long-term general plan. If the plan does not accommodate 100% of the need for low income and very low income housing, other sites must be rezoned to accomplish the goal.
- [SB-477](#) to require local planning agencies to include in their annual report costs, standards, and applications for proposed housing development projects.
- [SB-478](#) to prohibit local agencies from imposing specified standards including minimum lot size for projects
- [11-1973-S2](#) to amend the Adaptive Reuse Ordinance to include supportive and transitional projects as eligible conversion projects.
- [17-1432-S1](#) to change the Interim Motel Conversion Ordinance to convert underutilized commercial and office buildings into housing.
- [21-0002-S18](#) to opposes [SB-9](#) that allows by-right division of parcels with a duplex on each without public hearings
- [21-0002-S21](#) that opposes [SB-10](#) that allows the upzoning of single-family parcels for up to 10 units
- [21-0002-S81](#) To require owning an apartment building for a minimum of 5 years before allowing Ellis Act evictions.

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item IV.i. – NOTE: Council Files we're watching but not yet commenting on.

- [19-0999-S1](#) to allow micro-unit housing and hotel conversions for micro-unit housing
 - Noted.

Confirmation of Next Meeting Date: July 14, 2021 Time 7:00 p.m. Location Zoom

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I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

- a. Call to Order 7:18 PM
- b. Roll Call

Entire committee is present

II. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT (10 minutes)

- a. Limited to non-agenda items – subjects related to executive committee issues

- Kalani Whittington – She attended the homelessness meeting this past week and was concerned that the committee is “forgetting about the 99% of people who actually live here”. There was a discussion about removing the center armrest on bus benches.

Complains that the committee chair didn't live here when those armrests were put in. Said "she just wants homeless people will have a place to sleep." Hopes our council will take advantage of legacy knowledge in the community.

III. INTRODUCTIONS

- a. Introductions and welcome (5 minutes)

IV. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

a. UPDATES:

• Vice President: Standing Committees

- Committees are going great. We will be advising committees to continue to meet in June regardless of the election.
- Eryn notes that she spoke with Pamela about trying to get more members because it is a huge topic and she needs more help to get things done. This will be a priority for the next council. The new president has the ability to take everyone off committees and put people back on. This is a time when we can ask people if they can still commit to participating. In July the new president will re-appoint and ask about membership commitments. She hopes that we will continue institutional knowledge and document now things like how the art boxes are done.
- Randell says in Outreach they shared a document for activities that we can use as a template to document notes or items related to the last two years. In Outreach they agendize worktime for documentation and he suggests other committees do this too.
- Eryn will send an email to committee chairs and will send it after this meeting.
- Eryn asks where we should store the documentation – in each committee's drive or in a general shared drive? Randell says there is a folder called "Activities Documentation" and he suggests we use that location.

• Secretary

- Accounts – Helen notes that we will need to transition accounts from one person's name to another. In the future we can try to set accounts to generic emails and not people's names.

• Treasurer

- David says we are in a really good position. \$41,500 is what we have spent of our \$55,000 and we may spend \$6,500 more which would leave us with \$7,500 to roll over. We might have more than that depending on whether we spend our full budget on social media. He asks if anyone has seen anything come through that he doesn't know about? The committee says no. David says we are almost certainly going to tap into the roll over. We can use the credit card until June 20th. We shouldn't need to spend or lose any more money. David lists off remainder of items of what we owe. Walkability signs, dog stations, etc.
- Randell asks what is the latest he could buy the lawn signs? David says by credit card until June 20th.
- Kalani comments that David has done an excellent job and says the other NCs that are spending every penny and not leaving anything for the next council.

- **President**

- Discussion of outstanding items from last meeting – Venice survey and 1 CIS from the PLUM agenda items.
- Kay asked us to vote on area rep activities to add to standing rules. She is wondering if that is something we should allow the new board to vote on?
- Helen agrees with Eryn that it is more appropriate to let the next board determine their responsibilities.
- Randell agrees with this.
- Eryn says she doesn't want to start anything new and suggests other similar items should be pushed to the new board.
- Helen suggests the retreat might be a good time to discuss these items.

V. NEW BUSINESS

a. **DISCUSSION:** Committee and Board Member Transitions, closing out the term

- Eryn is going to email everyone after this to have them either use the activity records sheets to submit documentation on the things they have been doing.
- We'll have individual meetings.
- Helen asks if there is anything that needs to get turned over in the transition? Randell says the Outreach team has it on their agenda for June.
- Randell says Eryn could provide a reminder of the annual report in her email to help jog people's memories.

b. **LANC MOTION:** The Palms Neighborhood Council is opposed to having the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment be responsible for the Youth Council. DONE does not currently have the bandwidth, staffing, or funding to take on another project because of budget and staffing cuts. DONE cannot currently provide the support to the Neighborhood Council System it is mandated by City Charter to do. The Youth Council has always been under the guidance of the Mayor's Office, which provided staffing support and funding. If the City Council wants to have a Youth Council of their own, then the City Council should provide their own funding and staffing to support their own Youth Council or a separate city department for the Youth Council and to sufficiently fund such a department. The Palms Neighborhood Council demands that the City Council eliminate gender binary language to include language that recognizes that gender is a spectrum.

This item has already been adopted so won't be discussed.

c. **LANCC MOTION:** The Palms Neighborhood Council opposes City Council File [21-0407](#) as an attack on the independence of Neighborhood Councils and their ability to self-govern as defined in the Plan.

- This was something that Kay submitted. This is about NC elections and about the City Council looking into whether it makes sense to standardize NC elections. Right now NCs can do elections. Our neighborhood is self-affirmation which means that folks

just have to say whether they are a stakeholder. Some others are documentation style where people have to submit official paperwork to prove that there are stakeholders. This CF is looking into ways that things could be standardized and whether that could save money.

- Kay says Councilmember Rodriguez says requiring documentation is voter suppression.
- Kay doesn't want the City Council to continue to erode the ownership of our bylaws.

Public Comment:

- Kalani Whittington – Says she does support some documentation because she is finding many activist groups have gotten very good at what they do and try to invade with their votes so some documentation is necessary. But not to the point where we are like the GOP where we are trying to dissuade an entire group about voting. Kalani says she applied for a Palms ballot even though she doesn't live here and said it was easy. She says she made a statement that she moved in December and is still actively involved.

Committee Discussion:

- Eryn says she is on the fence about this too as it is just to look into this item, but says that having to submit paperwork like utility bills and things like that is a big barrier. She has spoken to people who felt pretty disenfranchised about the process.
- We do still ask people to write in their address but not an official document.
- What it means to be a “community stakeholder” has already been standardized and Eryn believes that will make it more difficult to get a bunch of people to vote who are not stakeholders.
- Randell concurs with the hesitation and uneasiness with this particular CF. He appreciates and is in support of – NCs that require documentation it should not be more stringent than what the State of California requires. Why this is coming up right now? There was an issue in an election but that does not mean that all 99 NCs should have to change their rules. He is also concerned about City Council reaching too far on our autonomy. In Palms we appreciate self-affirmation. He does agree with Kay and he would be OK with opposes what is going on. The required documentation element could be standardized, but NCs that have self-affirmation.
- Eryn says she can see why it would make some NCs nervous to remove documentation. She isn't opposed to researching these things – looking into it maybe makes sense but it would be good for us to comment on it. We care about voter enfranchisement, we are worried about standardization.
- Helen comments that there are a lot of hurdles already for voters and the process is already complex and we don't want to make it more complicated. If she had to submit a lease or something like that it would feel very intrusive to vote in an election where the voting body is not even paid.
- Randell says he is in favor of the standards being self-affirmation. He says the Racial and Social Justice Committee can work on a CIS about this in June.
- Eryn says she is worried about the City Council getting involved.

Adjournment (End time is approximately 9:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter) 8:12 PM

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