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PALMS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Special Representative Assembly General Meeting Agenda Wednesday, August 4, 2021 – 6:45 p.m.

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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 (Erving)
- b. Roll Call (Tocco)

II. COMMUNITY & GOVERNMENT REPORTS (written reports in supplementals)

- a. Office of Councilmember Paul Koretz – Rob Fisher rob.fisher@lacity.org contact Debbie Dyner Harris debbie.dynerharris@lacity.org or James Ingram james.ingram@lacity.org until further notice
- b. Office of Mayor Eric Garcetti – Brad Fingard brad.fingard@lacity.org
- c. LA Police Department Pacific Division Senior Lead Officer (SLO) – 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 (2 minutes)
 - ii. Budget Tribunes Report (2 minutes)
 - iii. Motor Avenue Improvement Association (2 minutes)

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Hear Los Angeles City District 5 candidates speak and answer questions about community health and homelessness! The NWWNC Homelessness and Community Health Council is hosting the Los Angeles Council District 5 Forum on Homelessness, which will take place virtually Thursday, 8/5/2021 5:30-7PM PT. Please register [here](#) to participate
- b. Overland Ave speed limit increase will be effective August 7. The speed limit will increase by 5mph in Palms.
- c. Bike theft is up in our neighborhood. Register your bicycle with [Bike Index](#) so that if it is lost or stolen you can increase chances of recovering your bike.
- d. Keep Palms Clean! If you notice public waste receptacles that are full and have not been emptied please email Randell randell.erving@palmsnc.la and create a service request at [My 311 LA](#). Our neighborhood should be serviced by LA Sanitation on Tuesdays & Thursdays.
- e. Save the Date: The annual [Congress of Neighborhoods](#) will be held virtually on Saturday September 25, 2021
- f. On Monday, August 10th, Alzheimer's Los Angeles and Councilmember Koretz are hosting a free educational Zoom event for family caregivers of people with Alzheimer's. There will be a presentation on dementia-related behaviors and a Q&A session with Dr. Andrew Chan, a geriatrician and dementia care expert. Register [here](#)
- g. The Los Angeles Triathlon will be held Sunday, October 24, 2021. See the route map [here](#) for street closure information
- h. Curious about the de-escalation strategies that law enforcement and peace officers should be trained in and using? Check out this training [guide](#).
- i. Emergency preparedness is vital for our community. Visit [Ready LA](#) to learn how to create a plan for your home.
- j. LA County Department of Public Health is hosting a virtual town hall Wednesday, August 4 at 6pm to discuss COVID-19 and measures being taken to reopen schools. Watch on Twitter, YouTube and Facebook at [@lapublichealth](#). Submit your questions at tinyurl.com/LACSchoolsTownHall

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

V. COMMUNITY SHOUT-OUTS AND RECOGNITION (3 minutes)

VI. CONSENT AGENDA (4 minutes)

- i. **MOTION:** To change the name of the Outreach & Communications Committee to the Outreach Committee
- ii. **MOTION:** To remove Randell Erving and appoint Kristen Chiarello as Member of the **Outreach & Communications** Committee

- iii. **MOTION:** To appoint Hannah Murphy and Neal Anderberg as Members of the **Homeless Advocacy & Public Service Committee**
- iv. **MOTION:** To remove Grace Hancock as Member of the **Planning and Land Use Management Committee**
- v. **MOTION:** To create the **Renter Support & Affordable Housing Advocacy Committee** and appoint Randell Erving as Chair, Markhum Stansbury as Member, Lee Wallach as Member, Gabriela Sotomayor as Member, and Natasía Gascón as Member
- vi. **MOTION:** To appoint Josh Nadel as Vice Chair of the **Business & Beautification Committee**
- vii. **MOTION:** To approve the [June Monthly Expenditure Report](#) (MER)
- viii. **MOTION:** To appoint Randell Erving as our primary representative to the Western Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC)

VII. OLD BUSINESS (3 minutes)

- a. None

VIII. NEW BUSINESS (10 minutes)

- i. **MOTION:** To authorize the Palms NC to submit the following [CIS](#) to the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners opposing proposed changes to the Code of Conduct that would allow the General Manager to remove elected Board Members from office without providing due process or a an appeal process
- ii. **MOTION:** To authorize the Palms NC to submit the following [letter](#) to Wiseman Management & Development requesting that the safety violations and complaints from the owner of Treehouse Preschool be addressed immediately related to the development on Motor Avenue in Palms
- iii. **MOTION:** To authorize the Palms NC to increase the budget of the Utility Box program to \$350 per box, and require anti-graffiti coatings for new boxes.
- iv. **MOTION:** To authorize the Palms NC to submit the following [CIS](#) opposing Council File [20-1376-S2](#) which would criminalize the unavoidable act of sitting, lying, or sleeping at night while involuntarily experiencing houselessness
- v. **MOTION:** To authorize the Palms NC to submit the following [CIS](#) opposing rescinding [Council File 20-0147](#) as amended by motion 72-P-A relative to suspending enforcement of the provision of 56.11 that requires that tents belonging to people experiencing houselessness are taken down during daytime hours

IX. RETREAT & TRAINING TOPICS

- a. President's Vision & Making Our Mark on Palms **(5min, Randell)**
- b. [Palms NC Board Draft Priorities](#)
- c. What can NC's do? What have NC's accomplished? **(5min, Randell)**
 - i. Working with the Motor Avenue Improvement Association **(3min, Lee)**
 - ii. [Monthly Outreach](#) at the Motor Avenue Farmers Market **(3min Randell)**
- d. Ground Rules & Bylaws **(30min Helen 10min Randell)**
 - i. **MOTION:** To form an ad hoc committee to revise the Palms NC Bylaws and Ground Rules. Who would like to be on this committee?
 - ii. DISCUSSION: Should we form an ad hoc committee or subcommittee for Community Resilience plan work **(5min, William)**
 - iii. What does it mean to be an effective board member? Executing the role that you have been elected for. **(5min, Randell)**
 - iv. Committees **(5min, Randell)**

1. What does it mean to be an effective committee member?
2. Recruiting membership
- v. Area Rep Activities Discussion **(10min, Randell)**
- e. Staying Current on Trainings **(5min, Helen)**
- f. The Brown Act & Agenda Posting **(10min, Kay)**
- g. The Anatomy of a Motion **(5min, Josh)**
- h. Running Committee Meetings and Robert's Rules Basics **(15min, Danya)**
- i. Navigating public comment in meetings and online **(5min, Randell)**
- j. Community Impact Statements **(10min, Kay)**
- k. Alliances & Groups that the Palms NC is a part of **(20min, Randell)**
 - i. [Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition \(LANCC\)](#)
 1. Meets on the first Saturday of every month at 10am-1pm
 2. Representative:
 - ii. [Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance \(NCSA\)](#)
 1. Meets on the 2nd Sunday of the month from 6:30 to 8:30 pm
 - iii. Western Region Alliance of Councils (WRAC)
 1. Meets on the third Monday of the month 6:00pm-8:00pm
 2. Randell is our representative
 - iv. Neighborhood Council Emergency Preparedness Alliance (NCEPA)
 1. The purpose of the NCEPA is to gather information and educate neighborhood councils about their responsibility to organize the communities they represent. The NCEPA representatives hear from city department managers and their representatives regarding the city's plans for coping with a variety of local and major emergencies.
 2. Meets the 4th Saturday of every month from 10:00 am to 12:00pm
 - v. PlanCheckNC LA
 1. PlanCheckNC was created by Neighborhood Council stakeholders to promote more stakeholder participation in planning and land use issues and make government more responsive to local community needs. The purpose of PlanCheckNC is to help Neighborhood Councils and their stakeholders have the knowledge and tools to develop a vision reflective of the values of neighborhood residents and to develop and implement a land use framework that enables all stakeholders to feel that they are a part of the community– supported, safe and valued by the community.
 2. Meets 2nd Saturday–10:00am
 - vi. Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates (NCBA)
 1. Meets twice a month: first Mondays at 7:00pm and third Saturdays at 9:30am [Budget Day](#) is August 21 at 9:30am
 2. Kay is our representative
 - vii. Budget Tribunes
 - 1.
 2. Josh is our representative
 - viii. Congress of Neighborhoods
 1. Planning Committee meetings are held monthly on the first Saturday of the month from 1:30pm to 3:30pm
 - ix. Board of Neighborhood Commissioners
 1. Meets 1st Tuesday at 6:00p.m. and 3rd Monday each month at 1:00pm

- 2. Josh is alternate
- x. Los Angeles Department of Transportation Pedestrian Advisory Committee
 - 1. Meets the 3rd Thursday of the month 9:30am-11:30am on odd numbered months
 - 2. We need a representative for Council District 5
- xi. Los Angeles Department of Transportation Bicycle Advisory Committee
 - 1. Meets every other month (even numbered months) on the first Tuesday at 7:00 p.m
- xii. LADWP Advocacy Committee
 - 1. Meets 1st Saturday – 8:30 am (odd months)
 - 2. The DWP Advocacy Committee was formed to give Neighborhood Councils an opportunity to take a position on issues. The DWP Advocacy Committee takes positions on issues related to the safe and economic delivery of water and power, engaging Neighborhood Councils on those positions and then broadcasting them to the DWP, the City Council, and the Mayor.
- xiii. LADWP MOU Committee
 - 1. The DWP MOU Committee meets at 8:30 AM on the first Saturday of even months.
- I. Outreach & Canva Basics (**5min Randell, 15 min Danya**)
 - i. The importance of outreach
 - ii. Generating content for social media, website, and the newsletter
- m. Funding Motions and Submitting Financial Documents (**10min, Kay**)
- n. DISCUSSION: Goal Setting (**15min, Randell**)

X. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

- a. Treasurer (Hartman)

XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS (White) (see supplementals)

- a. Business and Beautification
- b. Communications & Outreach
- c. Green
- d. Homeless Advocacy & Public Service
- e. Planning & Land Use Management
- f. Transportation & Infrastructure
- g. Racial & Social Justice
- h. Executive

XII. UPCOMING Palms NC General Assembly MEETING: September 1, 2021 at 7:00pm on Zoom (the link will be in the calendar at <http://palmsnc.la/calendar/>) Visit our [website](#) for minutes from prior General Assembly meetings

XIII. Adjournment (End time is approximately 10:00 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.

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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.palmsnc.la 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

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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

Overall the Palms Area is trending in the right direction in regards to crime reduction.

We are currently 19.5 % down in violent crimes. * There was a homicide at the Media Park, where a homeless person was shot. We believe that we have the suspect in custody (another homeless person). Even though we have the possible suspect in custody, the investigation is still ongoing.

We are slowly decreasing in property crime. We are currently 4.3% up year to date. The leading property crime is the theft of bicycles. If you can, please remind all of our community via your newsletter to secure their bicycles inside their garages or inside their apartments. Also remind them to continue to remove all loose items out of sight in their vehicles.

**CITY OF LOS ANGELES:
COUNCILMEMBER PAUL KORETZ - 5th DISTRICT**

**Case Manager/Acting Field Deputy James Ingram
Palms/ Beverlywood/ Pico-Robertson
July 30th, 2021 Neighborhood Council Report**

- **Council is back from recess and voted on an ordinance that would prevent sidewalk camping in many areas. The ordinance goes to the Mayor who has 10 days to respond. They are still working on how to enforce the ordinance.**
- **The councilmember Paul Koretz along with Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell put in a motion requesting updates and reports. As well as improving public notification on the 17-million gallon sewage spill from the Hyperion plant in El Segundo.**
- **Council is discussing the appropriation of funds for a guaranteed basic income pilot. This funding will come from the mayor's budget and will be directed to those who have been affected by pandemic.**
- **On Monday, August 10th, Alzheimer's Los Angeles and Councilmember Koretz are hosting a free educational Zoom event for family caregivers of people with Alzheimer's. There will be a presentation on dementia-related behaviors and a Q&A session with Dr. Andrew Chan, a geriatrician and dementia care expert. For those of us who have a loved one with Alzheimer's disease, this should be a very helpful and educational event. We hope you'll join us and that you'll spread the word to your contacts. Please see the flyer below. You can register to participate at:**

https://www.lyyti.fi/reg/Behavioral_Challenges_in_Dementia_Ask_the_Doc_7911
- **In response to a current increase in cases of COVID-19, the Melrose Action Neighborhood Watch and Los Angeles City Councilman Paul Koretz, 5th District, will hold a vaccination clinic on Tuesday, Aug. 3, from 4 to 8 p.m. at Poinsettia Park.**



PALMS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL



Isaac Cohanzad
Wiseman Residential
11601 Santa Monica Blvd Suite #100
Los Angeles, CA 90025

July 27, 2021

Dear Isaac Cohanzad,

I am reaching out to you from the Palms Neighborhood Council regarding the development project currently under construction on Motor Avenue in the neighborhood. I have been in contact with the owner of the Treehouse Preschool and I am frustrated and concerned by the flagrant disregard of the safety of children, staff, families, and residents of the Palms Neighborhood by your contractors and employees.

The Palms Neighborhood Council requests immediate action to remedy the following complaints and safety concerns that have been expressed to you previously by the owner of Treehouse Preschool and other Palms stakeholders:

1. Immediately erect a protective barrier between your development project and the Treehouse Preschool to protect children and staff from falling debris.
2. Ensure there is a barrier that prevents employees or others who access your project (trespassing or otherwise) from accessing the preschool.
3. Provide prior written notification to residents and businesses in the immediate vicinity of any approved development projects in Palms before beginning any demolition work so that people can make adjustments as necessary for their residence or business.
4. Secure construction sites in Palms at all times for the safety of Palms residents and stakeholders.
5. Remove any construction materials currently placed in the 15-minute drop-off zone located in front of the Treehouse Preschool. Commit to keeping this area clear so that families can facilitate travel to school safely for their young children.
6. So that students can rest and sleep without disruptions or distractions, per California preschool licensing regulations, cease work for one hour at 12:45pm on schooldays.

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7. Adhere to general safety and protective measures keep Palms residents, pedestrians, and children and families at the Treehouse School safe during the construction of your project.

Please provide a written response both confirming receipt of this message and detailing how and when the items above will be addressed. The Palms Neighborhood Council will continue to monitor the project on Motor and we will take additional actions if necessary to ensure that approved developments are constructed safely and that developers in our neighborhood listen to and respond to the needs of residents and businesses.

The Palms Neighborhood Council Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee and Board sincerely hope that you will work to mitigate these issues and prevent them from occurring both at this development site in Palms and any others that are planned or anticipated in the future. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

On behalf of the Palms Neighborhood Council

Sincerely,
Randell Erving, Jr.
President

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Motion to Oppose Council File 20-1376-S2

On July 1, 2021 Councilmember Joe Buscaino introduced the following Motion (Seconded by John S. Lee) which proposes to add an amendment to the Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 41.18 to add the following language:

“At no time shall any person who has been offered shelter sit, lie or sleep in or upon any street, sidewalk, or other public right-of-way, or publicly owned property. Violations of this section may be eligible for referral to any applicable prosecutorial-led diversion program.”

The Municipal Code 41.18 (d) establishes “No person shall sit, lie or sleep in or upon any street, sidewalk or other public way.” An injunction of this code section was upheld in the Court of Appeal case [Jones v. Los Angeles 444 F.3d 1118 \(2006\)](#). The Court of Appeal held that “so long as there is a greater number of homeless individuals in Los Angeles than the number of available beds, the City may not enforce section 41.18(d) at all times and places throughout the City against homeless individuals for involuntarily sitting, lying, and sleeping in public.”

At that time, the Court stated plainly “Because there is substantial and undisputed evidence that the number of homeless persons in Los Angeles far exceeds the number of available shelter beds at all times, including on the nights of their arrest or citation, Los Angeles has encroached upon Appellants' Eighth Amendment protections by criminalizing the unavoidable act of sitting, lying, or sleeping at night while being involuntarily homeless.”

There has been no evidence provided that there is enough shelter to support the amount of homeless people that this is meant to be enforced upon. We cannot punish people for doing something we hope as society we can prevent.

There is likewise no fair or reasonable way to apply this proposed amendment. The statements “offered,” “shelter,” “eligible for referral” and “any applicable prosecutorial-led diversion program” are vague. Would a person sitting on a park bench who was offered a tarp to stand under be forced into a diversion program if they refused? Would Los Angeles offer reasonably furnished 500 sq. ft. studios for each person who might be unable to find shelter for the morning/afternoon/night? This amendment lacks data to support whether or not this bold approach is a reasonably cost-efficient way to help this problem, nor is it in any way workable as written.

Los Angeles residents are already facing financial tragedies resulting from COVID-19 and an otherwise challenging homelessness problem. We do not agree with this approach to these complex issues. Furthermore, it is extremely expensive for taxpayers and the city to criminalize the unhoused who violate this ordinance. It would be cheaper to put this tax money towards housing and wrap-around services.

Resolved, the Palms Neighborhood Council opposes the Motion (Council File 20-1376-S2). We also urge the City Council to work toward a feasible approach that is constitutionally permissible, safe, cost-effective, and humane.

We, the Palms Neighborhood Council, urge the City Council to include language to CF 20-0147 providing FREE and convenient storage options to Angelenos for personal belongings. *Martin v. Boise* allows unhoused individuals and families the option to erect temporary housing in public spaces when indoor shelter opportunities are available.

Unhoused individuals and families have the same living requirements -- obtaining food, medical needs, accessing government services, employment opportunities, and utilizing public transportation to travel to/from these locations. By rescinding CF 20-0147 as amended by motion 72-P-A relative to suspending enforcement of the provision of Municipal Code 56.11, the City Council requires this population to carry all their worldly possessions through the day.

Given the new mask requirements as of 7/18, we find that this motion provides additional burdens on this population that are unacceptable.

As a neighborhood, we cannot stand by and watch the City Council remove the only option to store personal belongings without providing a realistic option to replace this basic need. We encourage you to use the powers vested in you by the people of the city to create adequate housing and other resources for our unhoused neighbors, rather than criminalizing poverty.

For the above reason, we urge you to oppose the rescinding of CF 20-0147 as amended by motion 72-P-A relative to suspending enforcement of the provision of 56.11 that requires tents to come down during daytime hours.

Monthly Expenditure Report



Reporting Month: June 2021

Budget Fiscal Year: 2020-2021

NC Name: Palms Neighborhood Council

Monthly Cash Reconciliation					
Beginning Balance	Total Spent	Remaining Balance	Outstanding	Commitments	Net Available
\$18676.16	\$9211.79	\$9464.37	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$8714.37

Monthly Cash Flow Analysis					
Budget Category	Adopted Budget	Total Spent this Month	Unspent Budget Balance	Outstanding	Net Available
Office	\$34249.55	\$2573.79	\$10144.04	\$0.00	\$10144.04
Outreach		\$588.00		\$0.00	
Elections		\$1300.00		\$0.00	
Community Improvement Project	\$6000.00	\$1250.00	\$2320.33	\$750.00	\$1570.33
Neighborhood Purpose Grants	\$15000.00	\$3500.00	\$-3000.00	\$0.00	\$-3000.00
Funding Requests Under Review: \$0.00		Encumbrances: \$0.00		Previous Expenditures: \$36573.39	

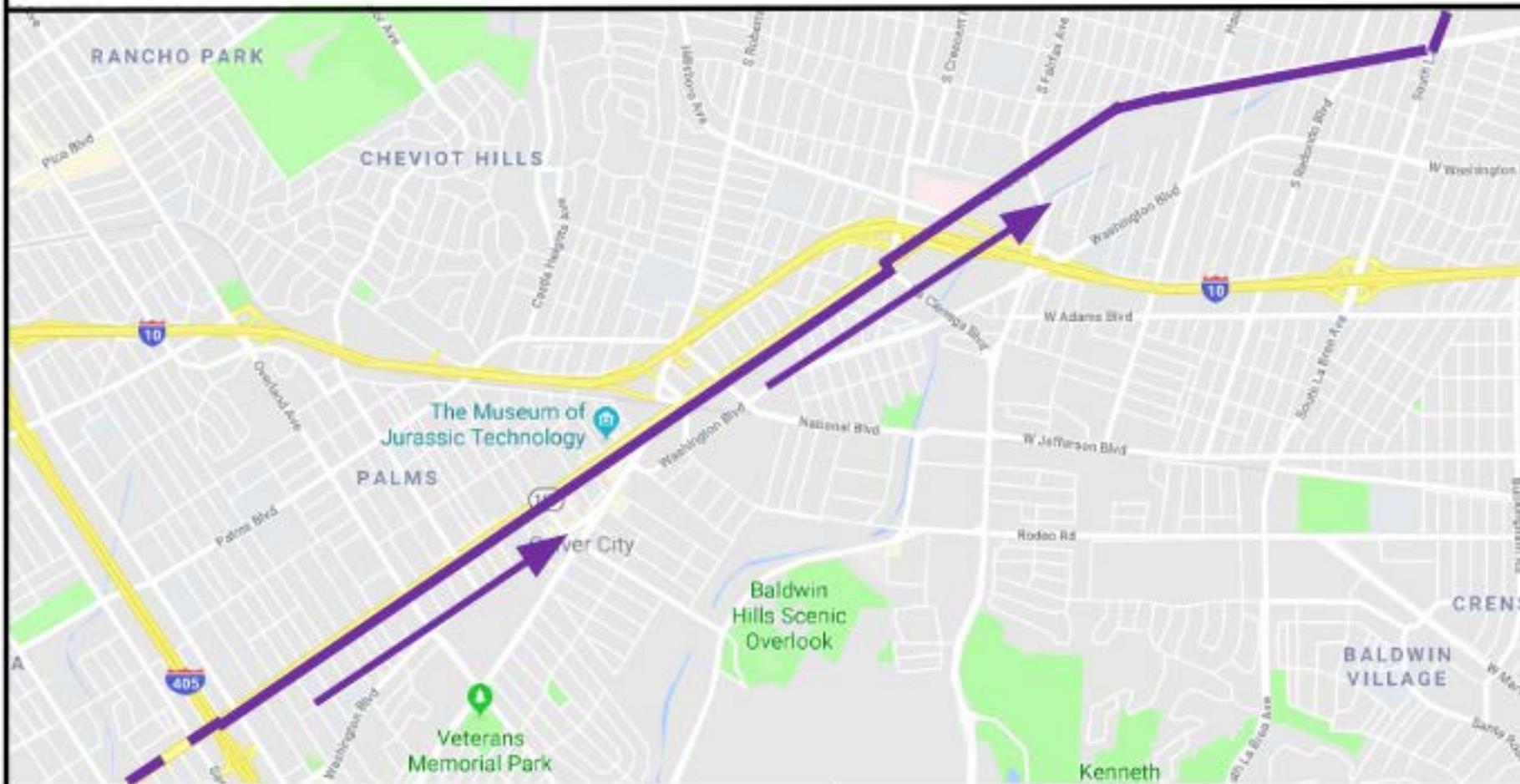
Expenditures						
#	Vendor	Date	Description	Budget Category	Sub-category	Total
1	GOOGLE GSUITE_palmsla	06/02/2021	Email Accounts Monthly Expense - **To come from encumbered funds dedicated for Google LLC**	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$132.00
2	FACEBK PVC972PQ62	06/02/2021	To authorize the 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	\$88.00
3	MAILCHIMP MISC	06/03/2021	Mailchimp monthly fee - **To come from encumbered funds designated for Mailchimp c/o the Rocket Science Group, LLC**	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$30.99
4	EASYCHARGE CONSUMER	06/03/2021	To authorize the Palms NC to spend up to \$200 for a Wi-Fi hotspot	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$34.99
5	AMZN Mktp US 2X71Z43L2	06/08/2021	To authorize the Palms NC to spend up to \$30 for rust spray	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$6.34

6	SQ VIDI VOLO INC.	06/08/2021	To authorize the Palms NC to spend up to \$250 for Walkability Signs. AND To allocate \$305 for brackets for Dog Waste Stations. (We have two separate invoices, but they made one charge)	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$481.00
7	WWW.1AND1.COM	06/09/2021	Website maintenance monthly fee	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$8.71
8	FACEBK 7Z3LY5PMG2	06/09/2021	This was an erroneous charge. It has been refunded (see uploaded documentation)	General Operations Expenditure	Outreach	\$166.30
9	Amazon.com 2X7L611X2	06/10/2021	Accidental Purchase - Vendor is Refunding Amount to Card	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$26.91
10	PSS NATIONAL BLVD.,LLC	06/15/2021	Storage Unit Monthly Fee - **to come from encumbered funds dedicated for Price Self Storage National Boulevard LLC**	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$261.00
11	CRISP IMAGING INGLEWOOD	06/16/2021	To authorize up to \$1,000 to purchase lawn signs to welcome people to Palms and to promote mask wearing.	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$994.26
12	FACEBK 7Z3LY5PMG2	06/16/2021	Accidental charge - refunded by vendor	General Operations Expenditure	Outreach	-\$166.30
13	FACEBK T7ACE7FNG2	06/17/2021	Erroneous Charge - Refunded by Vendor	General Operations Expenditure	Outreach	\$166.30
14	FACEBK T7ACE7FNG2	06/17/2021	Erroneous Charge - Refunded by Vendor	General Operations Expenditure	Outreach	-\$166.30
15	BOBCO METALS LLC	06/18/2021	To authorize the Palms NC to spend up to \$600.00 on materials to build a platform to store our Palms Emergency Preparedness Coalition CERT supply cache containers.	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$405.37
16	BOBCO METALS LLC	06/18/2021	To authorize the Palms NC to spend up to \$600.00 on materials to build a platform to store our Palms Emergency Preparedness Coalition CERT supply cache containers.	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$15.00
17	UNITED WELDING SUPPLY	06/18/2021	To authorize the Palms NC to spend up to \$600.00 on materials to build a platform to store our Palms Emergency Preparedness Coalition CERT supply cache containers.	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$78.18
18	Amazon.com	06/18/2021	Mistaken Purchase - Refunded to account	General Operations Expenditure	Office	-\$26.91
19	ANAWALT LUMBER	06/20/2021	To authorize the Palms NC to spend up to \$600.00 on materials to build a platform to store our Palms Emergency Preparedness Coalition CERT supply cache containers.	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$125.95

20	Palms Action Collective c/o People Organized for Westside Renewal	05/14/2021	To approve an NPG for \$3,500 for People Organized for Westside Renewal (POWER)	Neighborhood Purpose Grants		\$3500.00
21	Rachel Hrbek	05/27/2021	To approve grants to paint 7 utility box decorations at \$250 each, totaling \$1,750.00. Locations and artists are: Overland & National – Greg Gould "Lov...	Community Improvement Project		\$250.00
22	Ashley Dutka	06/01/2021	To approve grants to paint 7 utility box decorations at \$250 each, totaling \$1,750.00. Locations and artists are: Overland & National – Greg Gould "Lov...	Community Improvement Project		\$250.00
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26	City of Los Angeles Congress of Neighborhoods - Event	05/11/2021	To approve \$500 to the Congress of Neighborhoods	General Operations Expenditure	Outreach	\$500.00
27	Acme Filmworks	06/10/2021	To allocate up to \$2,500 for the production of a voter education video for NC elections	General Operations Expenditure	Elections	\$1300.00
Subtotal:						\$9211.79

Outstanding Expenditures						
#	Vendor	Date	Description	Budget Category	Sub-category	Total
1	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						\$750.00

HERBALIFE 24 TRIATHLON Los Angeles



Street Closures

These are the street closures for the Sunday event. During the closures, only medical emergencies will be allowed passage. We will make every effort to open the roads as quickly as possible. Please check <http://trafficinfo.lacity.org/> for traffic info and www.Herbalife24Tri.la.

Event Day Timeline

- 5:30am Soft Street Closures Begin
 - 6:00am Event Starts (Venice Beach)
 - 6:00am Hard Street Closures Begin
 - 6:20am First Athlete on S. Venice Blvd
 - 9:00am Eastbound Venice Blvd Re-Opened
- Note: Westbound Venice Blvd will remain open

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Zone 4 – 405 to La Brea Ave

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Join Alzheimer's Los Angeles and LA City's 5th District for this free educational event for family caregivers. Enjoy opening remarks from City Councilmember Paul Koretz, followed by a presentation on dementia-related behaviors and Q&A session with Dr. Andrew Chan, a geriatrician and dementia care expert.



Councilmember Paul Koretz took the oath of office to begin his first term representing the 5th District in July of 2009. He was re-elected in 2013 and again in 2017. During his years of elected service, Councilmember Koretz has always delivered on his commitment to governmental efficiency, transparency, accountability, and accessibility – principles that have guided his life of activism, service, and leadership.



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Homeless Advocacy & Public Service Committee Report

Thursday, July 15, 2021 – 5:30 p.m.

Zoom Meeting Online

By telephone: 1(669) 900-6833

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Committee Meeting Date: July 15, 2021

Committee Members: Chair: Pamela Leo, Members: William Keith, Scott Chase, Josh Nadel, Gabriela Sotomayor, Grace Hancock

Committee Members Present: Pamela Leo, Members: William Keith, Josh Nadel, Gabriela Sotomayor, Grace Hancock

Committee Members Absent: Scott Chase

Call to Order: 5:35 PM **Adjournment:** 7:00 PM

Public Comment:

- Jeff Shea – commented on being verbally harassed near the homeless encampment on Durango Ave. next to Sprouts
- Kalani Whittington – spoke to personal history of homelessness

Committee Business & Updates:

a. Committee member check-ins

1. Outside meeting updates (WRAC, PEPC, CD5 Homelessness Working group etc.)

- William spoke on Palms Emergency Preparedness Coalition (PEPC) and Neighborhood Team Program.
- Pamela spoke on the CD5 Homelessness Working Group
- Hannah Murphy - Palms Action Collective: The refrigerator project may move to another location.

2. State of Homelessness updates/takeaways

- Pamela: Encampment Best Practices document, Project Roomkey, Law Enforcement role in Homelessness and the training needed.

3. Other Updates:

- William: Recent history of City L.A. homelessness crisis and the studies by the City Controllers office headed by Ron Galperin.
- Josh: spoke to his other work outside of the committee (with USC) and past tax preparations for people experiencing homelessness, can help other folks going forward if they need it
- Pamela: There could be a new day and time of the HAPS committee meeting starting September 2021.

***went out of order on the agenda at chair's discretion*

Proposed Motions for General Assembly Adoption:

a. MOTION: To authorize the Palms NC to submit a CIS in OPPOSITION of Council File 20-0147 as amended by motion 72-P-A relative to suspending enforcement of the provision of Municipal Code 56.11 that requires tents to come down during daytime hours. See draft CIS language [here](#). See City Council motion language [here](#).

Discussion: William proposed some changes to the original language to include language around asking the City Council to provide storage for unhoused folks. Pamela added language about the new mask mandate.

Vote: Josh brought the motion, William second.

For: Pamela, William, Josh, Grace 4-0-0 (Gabriela left the meeting before the vote, Grace arrived before the vote)

Motion is Approved, to be sent to GA.

b. MOTION: To authorize the Palms NC to submit a CIS in OPPOSITION of Council File 20-1376-S2 which would amend Municipal Code 41.18 ordinance to include language around “prosecutorial-led diversion programs” See draft CIS language [here](#). See City Council motion language [here](#).

Discussion: Committee members discussed the tension between ADA compliance and not wanting to criminalize/forcibly removed the unhoused – specifically discussed Sprouts encampment. Pamela commented that although the ADA piece is not mentioned in the motion text, it is worth sending this CIS anyway. Pamela and Josh agree that Buscaino’s proposed motion was too vague. Josh added language around this kind of enforcement around taxpayer money/expensive to enforce this kind of law.

Vote: Josh brought the motion, Grace second.

For: Pamela, Josh, Grace

Against: William

Motion is Approved, to be sent to GA

Committee Business & Updates:

b. Brief discussion and possible action to review (10 min)

1. Current homelessness and community relief and resilience resources and how to expand some of these resources in Palms, or actively procure them if they don't already exist, within Palms NC boundaries (see for current SPA 5 homeless/food insecurity resources [here](#) as a starting point).

Unable to finish the conversation & remaining pieces of the agenda.

Confirmation of Next Meeting: Thursday, August 19th 5:30PM

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PALMS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Board and Business Relations & Public Beautification Virtual Committee Meeting Report Wednesday, July 17, 2021 – 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

**Zoom Meeting Online at <https://zoom.us/j/95072686582>
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Then enter this Webinar ID: 950 7268 6582 and press #
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VIRTUAL MEETING TELECONFERENCING NUMBER FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

In conformity with the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 (MARCH 17, 2020) and due to concerns over COVID-19, the Palms Neighborhood Council meeting will be conducted entirely virtually. Every person wishing to address the Neighborhood Council must follow the instructions above to join the meeting. Instructions on how to sign up for public comment will be given to participants at the start of the meeting.

Committee Meeting Date: July 17, 2021

Committee Members: Chair: Eliot Hochberg, Members: Natasia Gascon, Josh Nadel, Nick Smith, Gabriela Sotomayor

Committee Members Present: Eliot Hochberg, Natasia Gascon, Josh Nadel, Nick Smith, Gabriela Sotomayor

Committee Members Absent: None

Call to Order: 7:07 **Adjournment:** 8:59

Committee Updates

Quickly welcomed new committee members, discussed Utility Box Decoration Program, Woodbine Kiosk, Palms Int'l Food District, possible Business Communications Plan, Palms Business Resource Map

Proposed Motions for General Assembly Adoption

Increase the budget of the Utility Box program to \$350, and require anti-graffiti coatings for new boxes.

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 7:07 PM**
 - b. Roll Call (Hochberg)
 - i. Hochberg – Present
 - ii. Gascon – Present
 - iii. Nadel – Present
 - iv. Smith – Present
 - v. Sotomayor - Present
 - c. Review of code of conduct (Hochberg)
 - i. Hochberg commented to new committee members that they are encouraged not to respond to public comment unless there is an immediate need to clarify information or to address a very specific question. If anything of note comes up in public comment, they will be agendized for the next meeting.
 - d. Notes regarding Joint nature of committee meetings
 - i. Hochberg clarified that since four of the five committee members are also members of the Palms NC board, that the meeting must be titled as a Joint meeting of both the Board and the B&B Committee.
 - e. Agenda preview (Hochberg)
- II. **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT/ FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (10 min)**
 - a. Kalani Whittington commented that many Palms-based restaurants and businesses are attributing their locations to Culver City. She would like some sort of action – whether in this committee or the Outreach and Communications Committee, to try and educate these businesses and get them to recognize Palms.
 - b. Valerie Washburn – a member of the Mid City, West Neighborhood Council, came to sit in. She shared that they just created an Economic Development committee, of which she is taking charge of, and asked Hochberg to sit in the meeting to get a sense of what it is our committee does for the community.
- III. **REPORTS (10 Minutes each)**
 - a. Gascon
 - i. Gascon shared that she had gotten word that the mural on Motor/Palms on the side of the 'Boom Bang' business, is slated to be whitewashed and possibly replaced. She stated that she would prefer the business partner with the NC to go through the proper channels for city approval of a new mural, as that mural has not been well-received by the community and there have been several complaints about it. For now, she does not have a timeline of when the mural will be whitewashed, or what will replace it.

- ii. Gascon stated that she too is aware of the incorrect attributions that Palms businesses are giving to Culver City, and that she is working on a project to address that – a postcard making businesses aware of their location and encouraging them to use correct branding.
 - iii. Gascon also stated that she is working on turning her Cultural Asset Map project into an official city-sanctioned project. She mentioned that since she started the project in 2017, many people in the Arts and Culture sector in California have heard of the Palms Culture Asset Map, making the Palms community known to others in California. She stated that her project is basically the same thing as the Palms International Food District project that Nadel is working on, and sees no reason why it cannot be recognized by the city at the same level.
- b. Hochberg
- Hochberg mentioned that a business stakeholder used the business@palmsnc.la email, which made him aware of Venice Bakery on 10943 Venice Blvd. The business has had city-issued Take-Out Pick-Up signs placed on the curb to designate two parking spots as temporary parking for their business. They've had their signs continuously stolen and cars parking in their designated spots. Hochberg is working with representatives from CD 5 to get the curb in front of the business painted Green to designate it as Temporary parking.
 - Brief update on the Palms Gateway Lighting Project. Hochberg is communicating with the Bureau of Street Lighting, CD5 Office and the Department of Cultural Affairs on a revised budget for the project, and has submitted their requested information to forward the process
- c. Nadel
- i. Nadel states that he is working on figuring out a way to get more business in Palms involved with future Community Day events.
- d. Smith
- i. Smith stated that as a new committee member, he has nothing to report but is eager to absorb information and participate.
- e. Sotomayor
- i. Sotomayor shared similar thoughts to Smith.

IV. **DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE MOTION: UTILITY BOX PROGRAM STIPEND INCREASE (20 min)**

- a. Review of history of current policy
 - i. Gascon and Hochberg briefly explained the current Utility Box Program, wherein the city allows a budget of \$250 for a legal permit for a stakeholder to decorate an LADOT Utility Box using paint. This was to encourage community identity and to reduce blight. Gascon clarified that the works on the Utility Boxes are not considered 'Public Art' but as Temporary Decorations. The program does not commission public art, nor does it guarantee preservation or restoration of the Utility Boxes.
- b. Discussion of amounts offered by other L.A. City entities
 - i. Other communities offer substantially more money for their utility box programs, but Gascon pointed out, such in the case with North Hollywood, that their program was done with the support of a non-profit and was commissioning artworks from professional artists.
 - ii. Hochberg stated that the original program was started in Palms, and that Nick Grief, former Palms NC President, brought the program to CD7, who raised the stipend to \$350.

iii. PUBLIC COMMENT – Kalani Whittington inquired if the artists are required to put up anti-graffiti coatings on the boxes.

1. Hochberg responded that it is not a requirement, but they are greatly encouraged to do so.

c. Discussion of proposed amount.

- i. Nadel proposed reducing the amount offered to \$150-200. He reasons that since the program does not adequately compensate an artist for their time and materials, and the fact that the boxes are frequently vandalized and the decorations replaced, that reducing the budget would allow for more decorations on more boxes more often.
- ii. Nadel also cited the Palms NC's low budget, and that reducing the amount would help stretch the budget.
- iii. Hochberg responded that it has already been difficult to find artists to participate in the program with the current budget.
- iv. Gascon stated that most of the artists are residents of the community and not professional artists. Their goal is not to be paid, but to help beautify the community. Gascon is in favor of an increase to \$350 to keep up with the cost of materials for the artists.
- v. Hochberg pointed out that in surveying past and current artists, they estimated their materials costs at anywhere from \$150-\$300.
- vi. Smith wanted clarification on the amount of boxes that needed decoration vs the amount of artists that had submitted during the last budget round. Hochberg stated that they had 4 boxes with 8 artist proposals under the current budget.
- vii. **Gascon proposes a motion to increase the budget of the Utility Box program to \$350, and to require anti-graffiti coatings for new boxes.**

Sotomayor seconds.

1. **Gascon – Yes**
2. **Hochberg – Yes**
3. **Nadel – No**
4. **Smith – Yes**
5. **Sotomayor – Yes**

a. Motion passes

V. **WOODBINE PARK KIOSK REPAIR AND UPGRADE (5 min)**

- a. Hochberg stated that he did a test on the primer for the Woodbine Park Kiosk two weeks ago, and that the primer had held up to the elements. He states that he now feels comfortable priming and painting the entire kiosk.
- b. Hochberg clarified that nothing about the repair has changed since the budget was approved for the repair (colors, supplies, etc.)
- c. Opportunity to volunteer
 - i. Gascon and Sotomayor expressed interest in volunteering to paint the kiosk. A date and time will be decided offline.
- d. Current status
 - i. Scheduling will be done offline with those who have volunteered, additional volunteers are welcomed

VI. **DISCUSSION: PALMS INTERNATIONAL FOOD DISTRICT (20 min)**

- Nadel shared that he and Smith have been going around to Food businesses and letting them know of the plan for the Palms International Food District. According to him, they have been getting a lot of support for the program.
- Nadel stated that he has identified 14 different 'clumps' of restaurants that he wishes to identify and designate for the program.
- Gascon had some concerns about the outreach and wanted Nadel to clarify exactly what he is proposing to these businesses, as he is doing this outreach on behalf of the

NC, she wanted everyone on the committee to understand what exactly is being communicated to the businesses.

- Nadel stated that he is proposing the creation of an “International Food District” listing the locations and information of these restaurant clusters, and designating this district through feather flags, painted intersections and official city marketing material.
- Hochberg clarified that the proposed program is similar to the Hollywood Theater Row, wherein the city provided signs and marketing materials and it was up to the businesses to decide if they wanted to participate by using the designation in their marketing materials.

VII. DISCUSSION: BUSINESS COMMUNICATIONS PLAN (NADEL) (5 min)

- a. Nadel discussed ways to get more business participation in the NC. He suggested that Area reps build rapport with the businesses in their areas and act as a connection between the business and the B&B committee.
- b. Nadel stated that the best way to get participation is to meet business owners face-to-face, citing his recent meetings with food businesses for the International Food District.
- c. Sotomayor commented that, as an Area Rep, she would be open to assisting Nadel in his outreach with businesses.
- d. Hochberg suggested that it would be a good idea for Nadel to partner up with as many other board members as possible, so they can see how to cold approach businesses.
- e. Danya White suggested to the new committee members that they read the NC Bylaws to get a sense of each person’s responsibility to the NC to better help and coordinate outreach efforts.

VIII. DISCUSSION: PALMS RESOURCE MAP (5 min)

- a. Expanding current Food & Business Map program
 - Gascon reiterated that she would like to integrate her Asset Map project into future Mapping projects by the NC.
- Nadel mentioned other possible mapping projects, such as Resources for the unhoused.

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

IX. MURALS (2 min)

- a. Danya White expressed sadness at the fact that the Jummy Wahrol mural on Venice Blvd. had been painted over. Gascon shared her sadness and expressed the desire for business owners to go through the proper channels to mural permitting so that they can better preserve murals in the future.

X. PALMS GATEWAY LIGHTING PROJECT (2 min)

- a. n/a

XI. MANAGEMENT COMPANY WELCOME PROJECT (2 min)

- a. n/a

XII. COMMUNITY SCHOOL PARKS (2 min)

- a. Hochberg mentioned again the possibility of using Los Angeles Olympic Beautification funds to petition the creation of public parks using LAUSD land for after-school use.

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

- a. Kalani Whittington again stated that the large PALMS mural on Overland Ave needs to be washed and maintained.

XIV. Adjournment

- a. Adjourned at 8:59 PM

Confirmation of Next Meeting Date: 8-18-21 Time: 7pm Location: Zoom

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Venice Blvd Improvement
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**Venice Blvd Improvement Ad Hoc Committee Report
Tuesday, July 27, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.
Zoom Meeting**

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Committee Meeting Date: July 27, 2021

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

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

Committee Members Absent: Jessalyn Waldron

Call to Order: 7:02 p.m. **Adjournment:** 8:29 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:

- Kalani. People are riding bicycles seem to be unaware of the Ballona bike path. We need to inform people how to get to the Ballona Creek bike path.

- Susan. Received an email from the Culver City mayor. Written to Garcetti. Says it supports the Venice Blvd for All plan. Jay was inquiring with Culver City about getting involved. Kay said that this should go to the Palms NC Transportation Committee and appreciated the information.
- Kalani talked to Jay. Jay thinks the community supports this based on what Nathan said.
- Eliot. The issue is that there isn't sufficient community engagement to find out if the community is interested.
- Kay. There was action around restriping Venice to try a protected bike lane. It fell apart when Nathan left.
- Natasia. Contacts in Culver City are asking her when we're going to put Venice on a road diet. She said Palms's needs are not the same as Culver City's. Mar Vista and Playa del Rey's road diets are not popular.
- Susan. They presented to the City Council.
- Kay. Metro is very likely to put Venice on a road diet for a dedicated bus lane. We should require a dedicated bike lane at that time.

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

- Kay. Put Venice Blvd on the priority list for repaving.
- Eliot. Working with Venice Blvd. business. They put up legitimate signs for pick up and take away. People are taking them down. Working with James Ingram from Koretz's office to get a 15 minute designation or paint the curb. The bar next door operates at different hours and has a white zone that looks abandoned. Maybe that can be leveraged.
- Want to raised the stipend for the utility boxes from \$250 to \$350.
- Natasia. Can the business make a sturdier holder for their signage? Eliot will ask.

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

- [Letter](#) to Councilmembers Koretz and Lee to make them aware of the project and Palms's position on it.
- Letter edited in place.
- Kay will talk to Neal Anderberg about his list for Media Park.
- Natasia. We should make sure our interests are represented before the Culver City City Council. Kay. When we finish the letter to Los Angeles, we can make a version for Culver City.

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

- Eliot. London has medallions to designate places of historical significance that are no longer there.

- Kalani. Certificates of recognition for the mural at the dry cleaners. Eliot. The City Council can give recognition but we cannot. Kalani. But the NC can petition Koretz to do it.

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

- Josh. 50 businesses have said yes. There are other clumps of restaurants are not touched. Went with Nick and Grace to businesses in their areas. Kay would try to keep it smaller. Josh. Green committee asked that we mention the Green Business Program during the outreach.

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

- Draft questionnaire at <https://drive.google.com/file/d/18pynZYaFTXDtx1NuWAdStcduf0CFjxUH/view?usp=sharing>
- Received 2 comments.
 - Kay asked Tina to agendize the demographics question and she said she would.

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

- Started the application with Gerry from the City.
- Kalani. Please add the Exposition bike path.
- Jessalyn. Good idea.

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item III.g. – Decorating Venice Blvd businesses update – Can Eliot pick this up?

- Flyer for businesses introducing the Palms NC and showing examples of beautification on Venice Blvd that can be done for very little money.
 - Eliot will give this a shot. He will bring it up at next month’s meeting.

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

- [Natasia's report](#) reviewed in May
 - Reviewed the current report.
 - Kay. Beautiful. Natasia should ask us for help with estimates.
 - Nancy. Are the businesses responsible for maintaining the parkways. There are weeds. It doesn’t matter what we do if we don’t clean up. Manuel’s Body Shop is an example of a good neighbor.
- [Eliot's Report reviewed in May](#)
 - Will work with Natasia to merge text and pictures.

- [A PowerPoint from Eliot's input](#) reviewed in May
- [Kay's first attempt](#) reviewed in April

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item III.i. – BRAINSTORM. Outreach ideas. – Postpone until after the survey

- 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.

Confirmation of Next Meeting Date: August 24, 2021 **Time** 7:00 p.m. **Location** Zoom

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Joint Board Outreach

Call to Order & Roll Call

A. Meeting called to order at 7:04pm

B. Roll Call- Danya White, Committee Chair, present Randell Erving, Member Present

Introductions

General Public Comment

Committee Business

A) Thank previous committee members, Josh Nadel and Eliot Hochberg

B) Discussion: What are we going to call the committee?

Public comment: Kalani Whittington, encouraged the committee to use buzzwords in the committee name that are easily found through a Google search. It would help the public find the committee, especially since there are still a lot of people who aren't aware of that the neighborhood councils exist.

1% awareness/participation is an accomplishment, 10% is a pipe dream, Kalani

Keep buzzwords that will make the meeting come up in a Google search.

Marketing, Public Relations, not necessarily Communications

The committee has decided to shorten the name to "The Outreach Committee."

Motion/Discussion item will be submitted to the Executive Committee, then submitted to GA.

C) Kristen Chiarello will be returning as a committee member, discussion advanced to the Executive Committee then to the GA.

D) Once reinstated Kristen Chiarello will be the official note taker for the committee.

E) Discussion : Vision/Goals for the Committee

- make more people aware that the PalmsNC exists
- get more people involved in the committees
- Updating the public on community issues
- Making the public aware of community issues and community resources
- Mobilize the community to get involved
- Awareness of the neighborhood council in general

Public Comments: Kalani Whittington & Kristen Chiarello from

F) Discussion: Committee Projects/Business

- 1) Social Media FB-Randell will continue to post on social media
- 2) Kristen does the regular social media posts through our Hootsuite account, also posts on Nextdoor

- 3) Randell, Helen, Eliot submit blog posts to the PalmsNC webpage, the posts usually correspond with major events and social media posts, mainly to get people to back to the website for more details
- 4) Randell ordered PalmsNC signs for the neighborhood, getting the community familiar with the PalmsNC
- 5) Newsletter continues to be produced by Danya
- 6) Annual Report, will email a request to committee chairs requesting the highlights of the previous year. Submissions to be received by mid-September
- 7) 2019 Survey is not a priority

G) Ideas to promote committee membership

Let committee chairs know that they should email us about events they are participating in or our aware of for promotion on our social media platforms, using outreach@palmsnc.la

Committee chairs can use Canva to create graphics, possibly create new graphics

Possible Canva tutorial if people want to learn to use it

Meeting Adjourned at 8:05pm

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PALMS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Executive Committee Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, July 28, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.

Zoom Meeting Online at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8298797115> or by telephone,

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Committee Meeting Date: July 28th, 2021

Committee Members: Chair: Randell Erving, Members: Danya White, Helen Tocco, Kay Hartman

Committee Members Present: Chair: Randell Erving, Members: Danya White, Helen Tocco, Kay Hartman

Committee Members Absent: None

Call to Order: 7:03 PM **Adjournment:** 8:22 PM

Proposed Motions for General Assembly Adoption

Motion: Motion to approve that the Palms NC submit a letter in response to Wiseman development concerns and violations

Committee Reasoning: The Executive Committee supports sending this letter regarding the Wiseman development concerns in support of neighborhood residents and stakeholders. This is especially timely as this developer has caused safety issues for preschools. This letter will go in front of the full Palms NC Board in our 8/4 meeting.

Committee Vote Count:

Motion: Danya White

Second: Kay Hartman

Motion passes with 4 yes votes

Proposed Motions for General Assembly Adoption

Motion: Discussion and possible action: [BONC Code of Conduct Amendments](#)

Committee Reasoning: The Department is recommending amendments to BONC's Code of Conduct policy. Among the amendments is if someone is accused of violating the code of conduct, the General Manager of DONE can remove a member from the board. There is no appeal or process to review this. Raquel should not have unilateral authority to remove board members with no hearing and no appeal process. These are elected officials and this is not democratic.

Committee Vote Count:

Motion: Kay Hartman

Second: Danya White

Motion passes with 4 yes votes

Proposed Motions for General Assembly Adoption

Motion: Discussion and possible action: motion to approve a name change for the Outreach & Communication Committee to the Outreach Committee

Committee Reasoning: If someone is looking up a way to communicate with the committee, if they Google us it should be something easy to find. Communications is really broad.

Committee Vote Count:

Motion: Danya White

Second: Randell Erving

Motion passes with 4 yes votes

Summary of Agenda Item Discussion and Committee Updates

I. **CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**

A. Call to Order 7:03 PM

B. Roll Call Full committee present

II. **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT (10 minutes)**

None

III. **COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

A. Discussion and possible action: **Motion to approve that the Palms NC submit a letter in response to Wiseman development concerns and violations**

- Kay introduces the issue. 2-3 developments on Motor, there is a new development on Venice Blvd, and this is a developer who doesn't care about the community. He is the one responsible for the development on Motor next to a preschool. The NC, MAIA, and the Council Office have been trying to get charges brought against the developer. The problem they had was that they didn't have good documentation of the faults. This developer has a bad reputation all over the city. Every day an issue persists it is necessary to open a 311 ticket. They started doing that at the

reputation of the prosecutor. Building & Safety has gone out, and things improved somewhat, but the issue is still not resolved.

- Randell says there is only so much we can do, but a letter from the NC addressing the concerns from neighbors and the preschool may be helpful and requests input on a draft letter. His goal is to name the specific complaints and concerns.

Public Comment:

- Josh says he thinks it is important that we weigh in and share specific concerns.
- Lee Wallach says he got a call from the director of the preschool on Motor. She is feeling alone. He says she reached out to the Council Office and no one is getting back to her. The construction is impacting her business. Lee loves the idea of the letter and wants to review it to make sure the details are included and that the Council Office knows the issues are still there.
- The letter will also go to Koretz, PLUM Committee, the prosecutor we are working with, and the director of the preschool.
- Kay clarifies that the one we are talking about in the letter is not the same one Randell responded to. She isn't sure which one Lee is talking about - Lee says he is talking about the old project not the new project that hasn't started yet.
- Kay says she can ask the City Planner if she can put this letter in the file for the new development so that it will be shared

Motion: Danya White

Second: Kay Hartman

Committee Discussion:

- Helen clarifies whether we are voting to submit the letter or voting to send to the full board in our next meeting? Randell clarifies that this is to go to the board in our next meeting.
- Kay encourages people to continue to submit 311 tickets for these projects so there is a body of data that the prosecutor can use.
- Josh suggests we may want to make "Palms Call 311" signs to put up around things like this. Randell says to put this in front of the Outreach Committee.
- Motion passes with 4 yes votes and will come up in the GA meeting on 8/4

Please send any edits or suggestions to Randell before Sunday.

B. Discussion: Palms NC budget and submitting required financial documents and receipts

- Kay says she hasn't updated the budget yet but this will be on the agenda for discussion at the retreat so people understand what to do if they spend money.
- The credit card was activated today and she paid for the storage unit today and also paid for the business cards today.
- By the next board meeting she will be able to talk about where we are with respect to the budget.
- Kay says she doesn't feel comfortable sharing the credit card information freely with everyone. When we are paying for something online the email address should be treasurer@palmsnc.la to make things easier for the successor.

C. Discussion: Palms NC Retreat agenda + facilitation

- Proposed Agenda

- President's Vision - Randell
- Palms NC History
- Mark on Palms by our board
- Ground Rules and Bylaws - Helen
- Whether we should form an Ad Hoc Committee for Bylaws - Helen
- Staying Current on Trainings - Helen, Kay notes all Planning members need to take Planning 101
- Brown Act and Agenda Posting - Kay
- Leading Committee and other meetings - Danya and Helen
- Virtual meetings - Randell
- Robert's Rules - Randell
- BONC Rules
- Handling Public Comment in meetings and email and social media
- Anatomy of a Motion - Josh
- CIS - Kay
- Alliances and groups that support the NC
- Relationship with MAIA and projects we have done together
- Committees
- Events (maybe not a priority)
- Canva tutorial - Danya
- Josh asks what the format and timing will be? Randell says we will try to go broad rather than deep. Randell will send the document for people to sign up for items. The Board will be asked to do some pre-work on each agenda item.
- Kay asks if she can announce and explain Budget Day and the Congress at the retreat. Randell says we discussed the Congress last month.

D. Discussion and possible action: [BONC Code of Conduct Amendments](#)

- Kay introduces this. The Department is recommending amendments to BONC's Code of Conduct policy. Among the amendments is if someone is accused of violating the code of conduct, the General Manager of DONE can remove a member from the board. There is no appeal or process to review this. LANCC Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition - all 99 NCs are members. Terrance said he wanted a combination of the CIS and the things that Tony said in his letter. This document represents that combination. Kay says there are a few parts that make her uncomfortable that she suggests we remove for our CIS.

Public Comment:

- Josh says at the last two BONC meetings, they requested the Budget Tribunes to look into budget and services of DONE. The current version of the Code of Conduct is unenforceable as far as DONE is concerned. The bottom performing 11 NCs eats up half of their time and there is nothing they can do about it. Some have some very serious structural issues. He doesn't support this policy but does think some power is needed to support the Code of Conduct. Some NCs have people buying assets and keeping them for use, for example their own MacBooks not being stored in storage. He thinks it is "a bit much" but that was some of the rationale for this.
- Kay says this letter does say that we agree on the need of some ability to enforce, but Raquel should not have unilateral authority to remove board members with no hearing and no appeal

process. These are elected officials and this is not democratic. Kay has been arguing that we should have a recall ability for the NC board members. Kay is concerned about the lack of appeal.

- Randell agrees that due process is expected at all levels and everyone should be entitled to it. There should always be a way to appeal decisions. Randell had some problems with some of the language as well and agrees with making changes.

Motion: Kay Hartman

Second: Danya White

Motion passes with 4 yes votes

E. Discussion and possible action: [WRAC pending motions](#) for Board Consideration

- Randell is our new WRAC representative - Westside Regional Alliance of Councils. There is a space for an alternate representative as well. The meetings are the third Monday of each month. WRAC passes motions on behalf of all the Westside Councils. Randell joined because we were not being represented consistently and he didn't want to be looped into the rest of the Westside's positions without weighing in. If you go to the link he posted on the agenda, WRAC keeps a list of the motions they passed that they are hoping their member councils will also pass. He is not sharing this because he believes we should pass any of these in particular but he is sharing this so we can be aware of what is coming up.

Public Comment:

- Josh thinks this is great and thinks it would be fantastic to hear about these more. Not sure if we would agree with all of them but it would be great to see these on the consent agenda if there is a standardized form.
- Kay says she has brought things from WRAC to the board in the past but she brings them to the committee. She doesn't think any of these should go on the consent agenda. In PLUM and Transportation they have modified them and passed them, then she communicates with the Secretary of WRAC that the motions have been amended. Kay goes to the WRAC meeting every month. They do not allow public comment, which is why she refuses to be a representative. She says there is public comment at the end after everyone has voted. There are 14 member NCs in WRAC. 8 must approve something before they consider it approved. Matt, the Chair of WRAC, takes the motions and goes to politicians and takes an active position. Kay says she knows Randell voted yes on the UCLA stop but she is bothered that the whole picture wasn't presented and the one stop will cost \$1.2 billion dollars.
- Randell suggests if there are any motions that folks feel strongly about, alert a committee chair and the potential to pass the same version or an amended version.

F. Discussion: PLUM Area Rep Duties

- The PLUM Committee came up with a list of things they think Area Reps should be involved in with respect to development in their areas. They are asking that the list get added to the Ground Rules.

Public Comment:

- Josh Nadel says he thinks the Area Reps might need to take Planning 101. Kay says they don't, because they are not voting on the committee. Josh says he thinks it is important that the Area Reps have all the information.
- Danya says regarding the last point - she asks what Kay is visualizing with the last point? Kay says what they visualize is that the Area Reps engage with the folks in their area and keep an eye on the development for things such as sidewalks, trees, trash, etc. It is better if a neighbor does it than if they do it.
- Helen says she did the Planning 101 session when it was initially launched. She didn't feel it was particularly useful. Agrees that the area reps should have the opportunity to weigh in on the changes to the ground rules before these are set in stone.
- Randell says he believes this should be part of a larger discussion and that it is important to recognize that we are asking more from folks than what is currently in the Ground Rules. He hopes to continue the conversation and asks if we had a committee looking at Bylaws if they could also look at Ground Rules?
- Josh says Silver Lake has a better set of Ground Rules and suggests we look at theirs as a template.
- Randell says the way the Ground Rules and Bylaws are structured very differently across NCs. He suggests we discuss whether we should form a committee to cover both.
- Kay says she is fine with having the same committee do one and then the other, but some things come up in the Bylaws that should really be in the Ground Rules and she would not approve either one until both are done.

G. Discussion: Bylaws Amendment, do we want to form an ad hoc committee?
Who will chair it?

- Helen and Josh will chair.
- Kay says before we form a committee we should talk to Freddy about when they are making a new template and when that will be ready so that we don't waste our time.

H. Discussion: Draft goals for 2021-2023

- Skipping the discussion of this but it will be presented at the retreat.

I. Discussion and possible action: motion to approve a name change for the Outreach & Communication Committee to the Outreach Committee

- Danya noticed that on some of our posts the name is not consistent and wants the marketing to be consistent across every platform.

Public Comment:

- Josh says he is a big fan of shorter/more consistent names for all of the committees as this will make things easier for the public.
- Helen notes that we want to get the committee names consistent for all of the committees across all of the platforms.
- Danya says Kalani made a really good point in the Outreach Committee meeting - if someone is looking up a way to communicate with the committee, if they Google us it should be something easy to find. Communications is really broad.

Motion: Danya White
Second: Randell Erving
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