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PALMS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Representative Assembly General Meeting Agenda Wednesday, December 1, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.

Zoom Meeting Online at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84494145422>

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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 844 9414 5422 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

- a. Office of Councilmember Paul Koretz – Rob Fisher rob.fisher@lacity.org contact 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 (or another representative during his absence)
- 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 Assemblymember Isaac Bryan-
- g. Office of State Senator Sydney Kamlager– Josef Siroky josef.siroky@sen.ca.gov
- h. Other Government Departments and Community Organizations
 - Budget Advocates Report
 - Budget Tribunes Report
 - Motor Avenue Improvement Association

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Holiday Toy Drive to support Vista Del Mar and Uplift Family Services (both of which serve families in and around Palms)
 - Drop-off Gifts at the Motor Ave Farmer's Market on 12/12 or 12/19
 - All new unwrapped gifts are welcome, but we are in particular need of gift cards and gifts for about 40 teens. Target, Amazon, Starbucks, food joints, etc.
 - You can also donate to Uplift Family Services through their Amazon Wishlist here: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/16GN344LW7U4V?ref=wl_share or their website here: <https://upliftfs.org/holiday-giving-2021/>
 - You can find more information about Vista Del Mar here: <https://www.vistadelmar.org/>
- b. COVID-19 vaccine booster doses are available to anyone 18+ in LA County, learn more [here](#)
- c. We need volunteers for the Greater LA Homeless Count in Palms on Wednesday, January 26, 2022 at 8pm. Sign up [here](#)
- d. Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian, Senator Ben Allen & Dr. Lucy Jones will hold a virtual [Earthquakes & Seismic Resiliency Town Hall](#) on December 7 from 7:00-8:30pm. The Zoom link will be provided to those who RSVP and the event will be live-streamed via [Facebook](#).
- e. [Metro](#) will resume front door boarding and [fare collection](#) on January 10, 2022. Riders who qualify can apply for the [Low Income Fare is Easy \(LIFE\) program](#)
- f. [LA Now Shuttle](#) service has resumed as of November 1. The on demand shared-ride shuttle travels between Palms, Mar Vista, Venice, and Del Rey 6am-7:30pm (excluding holidays)
- g. Emergency preparedness is vital for our community. Visit [Ready LA](#) to learn how to create a plan for your home
- h. We are accepting applications for Palms NC Area B and Youth Representatives [[email president@palmsnc.la](mailto:president@palmsnc.la) for the application materials]

IV. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS & MULTIPLE AGENDA ITEM PUBLIC COMMENT

V. COMMUNITY SHOUT-OUTS AND RECOGNITION

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. **MOTION:** To approve the [October, 2021 Monthly Expenditure Report](#) (MER). [*See supplemental materials for summary*]
- b. **MOTION:** To appoint Emily Mayoock as Secretary of the Racial & Social Justice Committee

- c. **MOTION:** To appoint Catalina Langen as Member of the Racial & Social Justice Committee
- d. **MOTION:** To appoint Manaf Alsudaney as Member of the Palms NC Homelessness Advocacy & Public Safety Committee

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS (White)

- a. **Ad Hoc Bylaws Amendment**
- b. **Ad Hoc Venice Blvd Improvement**
- c. **Business & Beautification**
 - **FUNDING MOTION:** To approve a grant to paint a decoration of the utility box at Venice Blvd. and Bagley Ave. for \$350 with the work from Carol Templeton, "Palms Station"
- d. **Outreach**
 - **FUNDING MOTION:** To authorize the Palms NC to spend up to \$400 to purchase stencils of the Palms NC logo and painting supplies
- e. **Green**
 - **MOTION:** To appoint Helen Tocco as the designated Tree Liaison to represent the Palms Neighborhood Council in the event of tree removal notices that need to be acted upon within three days, provided the Green Committee is notified when action is taken
- f. **Homeless Advocacy & Public Service**
 - **FUNDING MOTION:** To authorize the Palms NC to approve a [Neighborhood Purpose Grant](#) \$2,440 to supply winter [kits](#) to unhoused and vulnerable Palms residents *[see supplemental materials for application]*
 - **MOTION:** To authorize the Palms NC to submit a [CIS](#) in support of [Council File 21-1264](#) which supports the Play Streets & People Street programs
 - **MOTION:** To authorize the Palms NC Racial & Social Justice committee and the Palms NC Homelessness & Public Safety Committee to put on a candidate forum for CD5 candidates on issues related to their committees in April 2022 for the June 2022 Primary Election
 - **MOTION:** To authorize the Palms NC HAPS Committee to put on a "Connect Day" for homeless residents with the assistance of CD5 & SD2
- g. **Planning & Land Use Management**
 - **MOTION:** to approve a CIS in support of Council file [21-0002-S186](#)
 - **MOTION:** to approve an amendment to the liquor license for Smart and Final at 10113 Venice Blvd to allow alcohol tastings
 - **MOTION:** to approve a Conditional Use Permit for the sale and service of a full line of alcohol at a new restaurant at 9901 Washington Blvd on the condition that the restaurant includes Palms in its branding
 - **MOTION:** to approve a letter documenting the conditions for approval for a new development at 10626 Venice Blvd. The letter is attached.
 - **MOTION:** to approve a letter requesting a CEQA review for a new development at 10626 Venice Blvd along with any changes the Council office proposes to strengthen it
- h. **Racial & Social Justice**

- **MOTION:** To authorize the Palms NC to submit a CIS in support of Los Angeles Reforms for Equity and Public Acknowledgement of Institutional Racism (L.A. REPAIR) Innovation Fund - [CF 21-1187](#)
- **MOTION:** To authorize the Palms NC to submit a CIS in support of Digital Modernization - [CF 21-1255](#)

- i. **Renter Support & Affordable Housing Advocacy**
- j. **Transportation & Infrastructure**
- k. **Executive**

VIII. EXECUTIVE BOARD & REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

- a. **President's Report** (Erving randell.erving@palmsnc.la)
 - **FUNDING MOTION:** To approve the [budget](#) for Palms Community Day, authorizing the Palms NC to spend up to \$10,700 on the annual block party planned for Saturday, May 14, 2022 [*see supplementals materials*]
 - **MOTION:** To authorize the Palms NC to hold a Special Board Meeting Thursday, January 20, 2022 at 7pm to encourage alignment and collaboration and among Area Representatives
- b. **Vice-President's Report** (White danya.white@palmsnc.la)
- c. **Secretary's Report** (Tocco helen.tocco@palmsnc.la)
- d. **Treasurer's Report** (Hartman kay.hartman@palmsnc.la)
- e. **Community-Based Organization Rep** (Wait matthew.wait@palmsnc.la)
- f. **Residential Rep. A** (Smith nick.smith@palmsnc.la)
- g. **Residential Rep. B** (Hancock grace.hancock@palmsnc.la)
- h. **Residential Rep. C** (Sotomayor gabriela.sotomayor@palmsnc.la)
- i. **Residential Rep. D** (Waldron jessalyn.waldron@palmsnc.la)
- j. **Residential Rep. E** (Chiarello kristen.chiarello@palmsnc.la)
- k. **Business Rep. 1** (Nadel josh.nadel@palmsnc.la)
- l. **Business Rep. 2** (Gascón natasia.gascon@palmsnc.la)
- m. **Youth Rep** (Vacant)
- n. **Emergency Preparedness Liaison** (Keith william.keith@palmsnc.la)
- o. **Representative Updates:** Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC) , Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC), Western Region Alliance of Councils (WRAC), Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance (NCSA)

IX. OLD BUSINESS

- a. **DISCUSSION and POSSIBLE ACTION:** [Sign ups](#) for and Committee Volunteer Outreach at the Motor Ave Farmers Market on December 12 and December 19, 2021 and winter 2022 dates

X. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **DISCUSSION and POSSIBLE ACTION:** To authorize the Palms NC to hold a Special Board Meeting (Retreat) Saturday, January 29, 2022 10am-1pm in lieu of the January 5, 2022 General Assembly Meeting
- b. **FUNDING MOTION:** To authorize the Palms NC to approve a Neighborhood Purpose Grant (NPG) of \$1,000 for the Pacific Area Booster Association's annual toy drive for children [*see supplemental materials for the application*]

XI. UPCOMING Palms NC General Assembly Meeting: January 5, 2022 at 7:00pm on Zoom
(the link will be in the calendar at <http://palmsnc.la/calendar/>)

XII. Adjournment

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