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**PALMS NEIGHBORHOOD
COUNCIL**

**General Assembly Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, February 2, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.
Zoom Webinar Online at**

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VIRTUAL MEETING TELECONFERENCING NUMBER FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN CONFORMITY WITH THE SEPTEMBER 16, 2021 ENACTMENT OF CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY BILL 361 (RIVAS) AND DUE TO CONCERNS OVER COVID-19, THE PALMS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED ENTIRELY WITH A CALL-IN OPTION OR INTERNET-BASED SERVICE OPTION.

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1) CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL:

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

2) ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. We are accepting applications for Palms NC Area E and Youth Representatives [*email president@palmsnc.la for the application materials*]
- b. Sepulveda Transit Corridor Scoping Meetings and Opportunity to Comment Before February 11 Deadline- Metro has a plan to make it easier to get around. The natural barrier created by the Santa Monica Mountains makes traveling between the Valley and the Westside challenging, and Metro has several projects in this area. Metro is beginning the environmental review phase for the Sepulveda Transit Corridor project, which would provide a high-quality transit service between the Valley and the Westside. As part of the project’s environmental process, a formal public comment period was initiated on November 30, 2021 and will run through February 11, 2022. To get involved visit the [interactive story map](#) and [provide a comment](#).

3) GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS & MULTIPLE AGENDA ITEM PUBLIC COMMENT

4) 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 – Vishesh Anand vishesh.anand@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
 - i. Budget Advocates Report
 - ii. Budget Tribunes Report
 - iii. Motor Avenue Improvement Association

5) SHOUT OUTS & COMMUNITY RECOGNITION

6) OLD BUSINESS

7) NEW BUSINESS

8) COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. **Transportation & Infrastructure**
- b. **Business & Beautification**
- c. **Racial & Social Justice**
 - i. **MOTION:** To appoint Ryan Oda as a Committee Member
 - ii. **MOTION:** To authorize the Palms NC to submit a CIS in support of Council File [CF 02-0264](#) (Hate Crimes / Asian American Community / Cultural Sites / Coronavirus Pandemic)
 - iii. **MOTION:** To authorize the Palms NC to submit a CIS in support of Council File [CF 21-0263](#) (Street Harassment / Transit Systems / Metropolitan Transit Authority / Its Off Limits Campaign / Public Safety Advisory Committee)
- d. **Green**
 - i. **MOTION:** To authorize the Palms Neighborhood Council to submit a CIS in support of LA Zoo Project Alternative (the Reduced Project Alternative).

- The Palms Neighborhood Council supports the LA Zoo project alternative 1 (the Reduced Project Alternative) and opposes both the original proposed project and alternative 2 (the Multi-modal Transportation Alternative) as described in the environmental impact report (EIR) (in Council File 21-0828). While the LA Zoo’s general manager wrote that the vision for the zoo’s “proposed infrastructure and animal facility improvements prioritize animal welfare, conservation, sustainability, operational excellence and being a community resource,” we disagree, and we do think the improvements should prioritize animal welfare, conservation, and sustainability, in addition to biodiversity. Removing native habitat at the scale proposed in the project (21 acres) does not strike us as consistent with the stated vision, and, if given the choice between the proposed project and alternatives 1 and 2, we would much prefer alternative 1, which is identified in the EIR as the “environmentally superior alternative.”

ii. **MOTION:** To purchase 1 box of dog station bags for \$152.43 from Dog Waste Depot

e. Homeless Advocacy & Public Service

f. Outreach

g. Renter Support & Affordable Housing Advocacy

h. Planning & Land Use Management

i. **MOTION:** To approve the development of a 5 story, 27 unit apartment building with 5 affordable units at 3730-3736 Kelton with the following conditions.

- Resolve parking offsite or on the property during construction.
- Provide 6 months of TAP card for all units.
- Find a way to increase the setback to 20 feet.
- Provide information about which level of EV charging (e.g., 2 or 3) is planned for the spots.

ii. **MOTION:** To approve a [CIS](#) to support [CF 21-1385](#) if amended. This council file seeks to improve notification of development projects.

i. Ad Hoc Venice Blvd. Improvement

j. Ad Hoc Bylaws

k. Executive

9) EXECUTIVE REPORTS

a. President:

i. **MOTION:** To authorize the Palms NC to be listed as a member of the Sepulveda Transit Corridor Coalition.

- a. The Sepulveda Transit Corridor For All (STC4All) is a coalition of organizations and individuals from across Los Angeles advocating for an accessible and equitable Sepulveda Transit Corridor that includes a direct stop on the UCLA campus and seamless connection to the Purple/D Line Westwood Station. As a WRAC motion supporter, the Palms NC has been invited to join this new coalition.
- b. The goal of STC4All is to have a broad and inclusive group of members that are both representative of the Westside region and the San Fernando Valley, that support accessible and equitable transportation, and that ensure connectivity across our major transit corridors. A website is under development that will serve as a landing

page for the coalition and will include communication and advocacy tools and resources to help organizations like yours stay involved and engaged in the Metro planning process; it will be launched in early January 2022.

- c. The coming months are critical in the development and selection of a proposal by Metro. An environmental review is currently underway, which includes a public scoping phase that will run through February 11, 2022. This is just the beginning of Metro’s project development process for the Sepulveda Transit Corridor.
<https://www.metro.net/projects/sepulvedacorridor/#latest-updates>
- d. We hope your neighborhood council will consider joining STC4All and be part of a broader collective voice to bring accessible and equitable transit solutions to the Westside region and beyond.

b. Vice President

c. Secretary

d. Treasurer

i. MOTION: To approve the [November MER](#)

ii. MOTION: To approve the [December MER](#)

10) REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

a. Youth Representative

b. Business Representative

c. Business Representative

d. Community Based Organization Representative

e. Area A Representative

f. Area B Representative

g. Area C Representative

h. Area D Representative

i. Area E Representative

11) ADJOURNMENT

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