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PALMS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

**General Assembly Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, April 6, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.**

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1) CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL:

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

2) ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Join us for **free appetizers** at our [neighborhood social hour](#) April 19, 2022 5:30-7:30pm at The Garage on Motor Ave. Invite a neighbor, bring a friend!

- b. The Green Committee will be hosting a neighborhood cleanup along the Exposition Bike Path to celebrate Earth Day 2022. The cleanup will be on Saturday 4/23 from 2-4 PM. More information will be posted on the Palms NC calendar and on our social media. (Green Committee)
- c. We are accepting applications for Palms NC Area E and Youth Representatives [email president@palmsnc.la for the application materials]
- d. [The Herbalife Triathlon](#) will be held May 15, 2022 portions of Venice Blvd will be impacted. Reach out to Michael Burbank (michael@citystage.com) if you have questions or concerns about the event. See the event map [here](#)
- e. The Palms Gateway Lighting Project has been shelved at this time (Business & Beautification Committee)

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

4) COMMUNITY & GOVERNMENT REPORTS

- a. Office of Councilmember Paul Koretz – James Ingram james.ingram@lacity.org
- 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 Sheila Kuhel –Zac Gaidzik zgaidzik@bos.lacounty.gov
- f. Office of State Assemblymember Isaac Bryan- Michelle Persoff michelle.persoff@asm.ca.gov
- 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) CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- a. MOTION to approve the [February 2022 MER](#)
- b. MOTION to add Jennifer Vasquez as a Member of the Outreach Committee

6) OLD BUSINESS

- a. DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION: Recommendations for a backup date for the Palms Community Day block party should we have to postpone the event
- b. MOTION: To spend up to \$850 on food and outreach for the Palms NC mixer at The Garage on Motor Ave

7) NEW BUSINESS

a. Transportation & Infrastructure Committee

- i. MOTION [supporting](#) the implementation of Slow Streets Phase 2 in Palms
- ii. MOTION [supporting](#) the implementation of the Mobility Plan 2035

b. Racial & Social Justice Committee

- i. MOTION To authorize the Palms NC to submit a [CIS](#) in opposition of [Council File 21-1115](#) (Bicycle Chop Shops / Stolen Bicycle Disassembly / Public Right-of-Way / Prohibition)
- ii. MOTION To authorize the Palms NC to submit a [CIS](#) in support of [Council File 21-1083](#) (Cannabis Licensing Process / Social Equity Applicants / Existing License Relocation / Phase 3 Round 1 / Deadline Rescission)

c. Green Committee

- i. **MOTION** To spend up to \$200 on printing costs and packaged refreshments for a neighborhood cleanup

d. Outreach Committee

- i. **MOTION** To spend up to \$600 on the annual membership to Hootsuite.
 - This amount is a 33% discount vs a monthly membership (see supplemental materials for pricing info)

8) EXECUTIVE REPORTS

9) REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

10) ADJOURNMENT

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Monthly Expenditure Report



Reporting Month: February 2022

Budget Fiscal Year: 2021-2022

NC Name: Palms Neighborhood Council

Monthly Cash Reconciliation					
Beginning Balance	Total Spent	Remaining Balance	Outstanding	Commitments	Net Available
\$34383.25	\$507.28	\$33875.97	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$33875.97

Monthly Cash Flow Analysis					
Budget Category	Adopted Budget	Total Spent this Month	Unspent Budget Balance	Outstanding	Net Available
Office	\$30714.37	\$462.28	\$25595.97	\$0.00	\$25595.97
Outreach		\$45.00		\$0.00	
Elections		\$0.00		\$0.00	
Community Improvement Project	\$6000.00	\$0.00	\$6000.00	\$0.00	\$6000.00
Neighborhood Purpose Grants	\$4000.00	\$0.00	\$2280.00	\$0.00	\$2280.00
Funding Requests Under Review: \$0.00		Encumbrances: \$0.00		Previous Expenditures: \$6331.12	

Expenditures						
#	Vendor	Date	Description	Budget Category	Sub-category	Total
1	GOOGLE GSUITE_palmsla	02/02/2022	To authorize the Palms NC to spend up to \$2,016 for Google Suites to host Neighborhood Council email addresses.	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$144.57
2	MAILCHIMP MISC	02/03/2022	To authorize the Palms NC to spend up to \$600 for Mail Chimp as the digital newsletter vendor.	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$34.00
3	HOO HOOTSUITE INC	02/07/2022	To authorize the Palms NC to spend up to \$405 for Hootsuite.	General Operations Expenditure	Outreach	\$45.00
4	WWW.1AND1.COM	02/09/2022	To authorize the Palms NC to spend up to \$70 for the palmsnc.la domain.	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$8.71



Invoice

Invoice number: 4067338064

Google LLC
1600 Amphitheatre Pkwy
Mountain View, CA 94043
United States
Federal Tax ID: 77-0493581

Bill to

Randell Erving
Palms Neighborhood Council
10008 National Blvd., #210
Los Angeles, CA 90034
United States

Details

Invoice number4067338064
Invoice dateJan 31, 2022
Billing ID0954-1313-7366
Domain namepalmsla.org

Google Workspace

Total in USD **\$144.57**

Summary for Jan 1, 2022 - Jan 31, 2022

Subtotal in USD	\$144.57
Tax (0%)	\$0.00
Total in USD	\$144.57

You will be automatically charged for any amount due.

Plan and Features

Billing Info

Your Hootsuite Account

Full Name:

palmsnc

Email Address:

randell.erving@palmsnc.la

Selected Plan:

Professional

Select Billing Cycle

Billing cycle

Annual (~34% off)

Monthly

Hootsuite Charges

Professional Plan

\$312 savings! \$588/year

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Mayor Eric Garcetti
Councilmember Paul Koretz
Seleta Reynolds, General Manager, LADOT
Keith Mozee, General Manager, StreetsLA

[DATE]

Dear City of Los Angeles Leaders,

WHEREAS on August 11, 2015, the Los Angeles City Council overwhelmingly approved [Mobility Plan 2035](#) as an update to the City's General Plan Transportation Element;

WHEREAS the Mobility Plan calls for the construction of a connected network of pedestrian and bicycle routes, transit routes, and vehicle routes with the goal of creating a complete street network to support streets as public places for the safe utilization for all modes of transportation;

WHEREAS on August 25, 2015, the Mayor issued [Executive Directive No. 10](#), a Vision Zero program with the goal of eliminating all traffic fatalities and severe injuries by 2025, while increasing safe, healthy, equitable mobility for all;

WHEREAS each year, more than 200 people lose their lives while traveling on City streets;

WHEREAS traffic collisions are a leading cause of death for children in the City, and despite our Vision Zero efforts, our City continues to have a pedestrian fatality rate nearly four times the national average;

WHEREAS [the Los Angeles Police Department reports](#) that in 2021, 289 people were killed in traffic collisions (a 21% increase) and 1,465 were severely injured (a 30% increase), 486 pedestrians were severely injured by drivers (a 35% increase), 128 pedestrians were killed (a 6% increase), cyclists' injuries rose by 22% and cyclist deaths rose by 13%;

WHEREAS despite studies finding that complete streets, such as those called for in the Mobility Plan, lower traffic fatality rates for all road users, the City has implemented only 95 of the 3,137 lane miles (3%) called for in the Mobility Plan;

WHEREAS the City has one of the highest rates of childhood asthma in the country and the Los Angeles Basin ranks worst in the nation for year-round ozone emissions and fifth for particle pollution;

WHEREAS making other environmentally friendly modes of transportation safer and more appealing by implementing the Mobility Plan's Enhanced Complete Street System is a critical piece of combatting the effects of climate change and preserving the quality of the air we breathe;

WHEREAS City residents want streets to be safe, stress-free places for people of all ages and all modes of travel.

WHEREAS a complete streets network is an important factor in ensuring safe access to streets, which is a top priority for City residents and the City has failed to prioritize its implementation, and in some cases, actively worked against its own plan.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Palms Neighborhood Council, as informed by the Healthy Streets LA coalition, supports the implementation of the Mobility Plan 2035, and asks that the Los Angeles City Council take action to ensure the Mobility Plan 2035 is implemented when repaving streets, using an ordinance if necessary.

Kevin Ocubillo, LADOT

The Palms Neighborhood Council supports the implementation of the second phase of the Slow Streets program in Palms. Specifically, we support the implementation of semi-permanent infrastructure along the following corridors, as outlined in Kevin Ocubillo's materials and presentation:

- Keystone Avenue, between Rose Avenue and Palms Boulevard
- Woodbine Street, between Motor Avenue and Jasmine Avenue
- Tabor Street, between Overland Avenue and Dunn Drive
- Regent Street, between Overland Avenue and Dunn Drive
- Mentone Avenue, between Palms Boulevard and Venice Boulevard
- Vinton Avenue, between Palms Boulevard and Venice Boulevard
- Dunn Drive, between Tabor Street and Venice Boulevard

CF [21-1083](#)

Cannabis Licensing Process / Social Equity Applicants / Existing License Relocation / Phase 3
Round 1 / Deadline Rescission

Recommend Palms NC Support or Oppose CF:

Support

Motion 9/29/21:

Request City Attorney to prepare an ordinance, with an urgency clause, to implement cannabis licensing changes to increase speed and equity in the Department of Cannabis Regulation's (DCR) process. Extensive draft proposal included in motion.

CF Summary (background):

- 2/16/22 City Council vote: 10 - 0 - 0 (unanimous Yes)

CISs submitted by other NCs (FYI):

1. Studio City Neighborhood Council: Oppose unless eligibility amended for applicants

CF 21-1115

Bicycle Chop Shops / Stolen Bicycle Disassembly / Public Right-of-Way / Prohibition

Recommend Palms NC Support or Oppose CF:

- Oppose
- Recommend Palms NC submit Northwest Neighborhood Council's March 2022 CIS;
Click [here](#) for Palms NC CIS for Board approval.

Motion 10/5/21:

City Attorney to draft ordinance prohibiting the disassembly and assembly of bicycles ("chop shops") on public property or within the public right of way to sell them. Similar to the 2018 City of Long Beach ordinance.

CF Summary (background):

- [Draft ordinance, 2/28/22](#)
- 2/8/22 City Council vote: 10 - 4 - 1 (No's: Bonin, Harris-Dawson, Price, Raman)

CISs submitted by other NCs (FYI):

- a) Northwestwood Neighborhood Council [March 2022 CIS](#): Oppose CF as it further criminalizes poverty and non-automobile mobility
- b) [NC's that support CF](#):
 - Mar Vista Community Council
 - [Venice Neighborhood Council](#)
 - Del Rey Venice Neighborhood Council
 - Westside Venice Neighborhood Council

Articles:

- [StreetsblogLA article, 2/9/22](#)

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**Joint Board & Renter Support & Affordable Housing
Advocacy Committee Meeting Agenda**

Monday, March 21, 2022 – 7:30 p.m.

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Call to Order & Roll Call

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

- A. Erving – Present**
- B. Sotomayor – Excused absence.**
- C. Stansbury – Present**
- D. Furth – Present**

E. Wallach – Present

F. Gascon - Present

Announcements

None

General Public Comment

None

Committee Business

III. DISCUSSION Planning another panels for our committee

- A. Gascon brought up a trend she was seeing on social media: Landlord who used “promo rental rates” to attract renters during the Covid19 pandemic are rescinding the promo rates and raising rents back to market rate, leaving some tenants struggling as Covid19 rental relief runs out. Gascon would like to focus the panel on that current trend, while also having resources for general rent relief.
- B. Standbury agreed with the suggestion and suggested contacting the Coalition for Economic Survival to sit on a future panel.
- C. Walsh suggested that the panel should be a clinic instead, with renters coming in and meeting one-on-one with experts on their specific situation.
- D. Gascon agreed with Walsh, and suggested that with Covid19 restrictions lifting, that the committee should plan for an in-person event, possibly at the IMAN Center.
- E. Erving agreed, but cautioned that the NC is already planning several in-person events, and that the Committee should consider planning for an event for next fiscal year (July/August)

IV. MOTION to authorize the Palms NC to submit a [CIS](#) opposing [CF 19-0603](#) which would ban type IV (heavy timber) and V (wood-frame) construction in areas with 5,000 of more residents per square mile. This would both exacerbate our affordable housing issues and work against greener buildings in Los Angeles. Concrete lobbyists may be an influence on this - this topic being one of the specific entities <https://buildwithstrength.com/>

A. Supplemental- Abundant Housing LA Letter re [CF 19-0603](#)

= Gascon moves to the floor

= Furth Seconds

= General Discussion:

- o Gascon finds the basis of the motion – Fire safety in dense urban settings – suspect, since “This isn’t the 1900s anymore” and fire safety technology has come a long way since the early days of wood construction. She questions the motives behind the CF.
- o Walsh agrees, but stressed that fire safety infrastructure (ie Fire Fighters, Fire stations, engines, etc) are not keeping up with the rapid population increases of the city, and that wood construction is mainly reserved now for Single Family Homes, while multi-units with multiple stories are moving towards more concrete and steel structures. Even older wood buildings are being reinforced for earthquakes using concrete and steel.
- o Erving agrees, and encourages committee members to take up the issue with the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

= VOTE:

- o Erving – Yes
- o Sotomayor – Absent

- Stansbury – Yes
- Furth – Yes
- Wallach – Abstain
- Gascon - Yes

MOTION PASSES with 4 Yes Votes.

V. **MOTION** to authorize the Palms NC to submit a [CIS](#) in support of [CF 21_0658](#) to create a strategic plan for expediting the permitting and approval process for 100% deed-restricted affordable housing projects.

= Walsh moves to the floor

= Stansbury Seconds

= General Discussion:

- Committee is in a consensus that barriers to affordable housing projects should be eliminated.

= VOTE:

- Erving – Yes
- Sotomayor – Absent
- Stansbury – Yes
- Furth – Yes
- Wallach – Yes
- Gascon - Yes

○ **MOTION PASSES with 5 Yes Votes.**

Sotomayor joins the meeting and is marked present at 8:16 PM

VI. **MOTION** to authorize the Palms NC to submit a [CIS](#) in support of [CF 20-0200](#)

= Walsh moves to the floor

= Stansbury Seconds

= General Discussion:

1. Committee is in a consensus that rental increases should be capped at the rate of inflation rather than the standard 3% per year.

= VOTE:

2. Erving – Yes
3. Sotomayor – Yes
4. Stansbury – Yes
5. Furth – Yes
6. Wallach – Yes
7. Gascon - Yes

a) **MOTION PASSES with 6 Yes Votes.**

Adjournment

Closing Comments:

Sotomayor encourages committee members to participate in the April 4th Candidate Forum for CD4

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Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 19-0603

Agenda Date: 3/21/2022

Item Number:

Summary: The Palms Neighborhood Council strongly opposes Council File 19-0603. We recommend that the City of Los Angeles vote against this measure. While the Palms Neighborhood Council applauds careful and well-thought-out fire safety measures, this measure would disincentivize affordable housing development in West Los Angeles, a sorely needed resource for our district.

Community Impact Statement

[Council File: 19-0603](#): *City Building Code Fire District 1 Expansion / California Department of Forestry / Fire Protection Very High Fire Severity Zone / City High Wind Velocity Zone / Ordinance*

The Palms Neighborhood Council strongly opposes Council File 19-0603. We recommend that the City of Los Angeles vote against this measure. While the Palms Neighborhood Council applauds careful and well-thought-out fire safety measures, this measure would disincentivize affordable housing development in West Los Angeles, a sorely needed resource for our district.

The measure seeks to expand the [Fire District 1](#) designation to many areas of the city. The Fire District 1 designation is unique to Los Angeles in major California cities and was first created over 100 years ago to address issues of insurability in buildings constructed before the advent of modern construction techniques and sprinkler systems. Simply put, a Fire District 1 designation severely restricts the type of construction, building materials, and lot setbacks that can be applied to properties within those zones. Part of the proposed ordinance uses height districts, which allow certain areas to build taller buildings than the rest of Los Angeles, as a proxy for wildfire hazards.

The policy does little if anything to address the very real threat of wildfires to our communities.

The source inspiration for the ordinance, the [2014 Da Vinci apartment fires](#) that destroyed an unfinished building, were the result of arson, rather than wildfires. This motion does not focus on the real safety risk of fires in parts of the city exposed to wildfires. It would ban type IV (heavy timber) and V (wood-frame) construction of larger projects in areas with certain height districts - which includes a large portion of the city, including many of Los Angeles' most walkable and transit-rich communities, where we should be encouraging new housing. We propose that the City prevent wildfire damage by making affordable housing more available in the very places that Fire District 1 is already or is proposed to expand to. By promoting density, we prevent sprawl into unsafe, heavily forested communities which are much more susceptible to damage from increasingly common wildfires.

The recent [report back](#) from the Department of Building and Safety reiterates that building costs would increase **10.6% to 47.1%** if this ordinance is enacted. It also concluded that an expansion of Fire District 1 would likely reduce the financial feasibility of affordable housing projects and may result in fewer affordable housing units in the City. Fire District 1 is a relic of an era before modern building standards and offers no known fire safety benefit.

The Palms Neighborhood Council urges the City Council **to vote no** on this measure. It also urges the Council to consider the repeal of Fire District 1 altogether.

- COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT -

Council File: [21-0658](#)

Title: 100 Percent Deed-Restricted Affordable Housing Projects / Expedited Approval Process / Strategic Plan

Position: Support

Summary:

The Palms Neighborhood Council supports this motion to create a strategic plan for expediting the permitting and approval process for 100% deed-restricted affordable housing projects.

With the city facing a dire housing crisis and options for low-income renters scarce, more affordable housing is much needed. However, the permitting and approval process for housing development in Los Angeles is both expensive and time-consuming, which not only makes it take longer for affordable housing projects to be completed but decreases their odds of being initiated in the first place.

According to [research from the Turner Center for Housing Innovation](#), in California, “streamlining and bringing more certainty to the permitting and approval processes can mitigate labor and materials cost increases, as well as having the added benefit of bringing down pre-construction and contingency costs.”

Adopting a more streamlined process for the development of 100% deed-restricted affordable housing therefore stands to benefit low-income households in Palms and in the City of Los Angeles. We therefore endorse proposed methods to speed up the permitting and approval process for such developments, including additional staff resources, quicker staff review and appeal times, and an administrative review process.

We urge that this expediting not come at the cost of other projects, particularly projects with an income-restricted component like TOC, and that added resources be dedicated to permitting instead, to avoid treating this issue as “zero-sum.” We also ask the City to reevaluate the lengthy timelines for all permitting.

Council File: [20-0200](#)

Title: Rent Stabilization Ordinance / Consumer Price Index / Rent Increases / Rent Freeze / Amendment

Position: Support

Summary: In service of keeping housing affordable—now more than ever—the Los Feliz Neighborhood Council welcomes and supports this motion to reform how allowable rent increases are calculated for rent-stabilized units. As Los Angeles is among the most rent-burdened cities in the country, this motion will help keep renters in their homes, make rent increases fairer, and bring them more in line with changes in other costs of living.

Currently, the City’s Rent Stabilization Ordinance allows rents to increase at least 3% each year, even if inflation is less than 3%. However, since 1994, inflation (as measured by the Consumer Price Index) has been under 3% almost 70% of the time¹. In other words, most years, rent has been allowed to rise faster than other prices. This has worsened the burden of rent for many Angelinos and residents of Los Feliz.

To help rectify this, the proposed motion would 1) eliminate the 3% floor and 2) peg rent increases to a fairer metric (60% of the Consumer Price Index) that would help make up for all the years of higher-than-inflation rent increases. Taking these steps would put Los Angeles in line with other cities in California with similar policies, while balancing the interests of both landlords and tenants.

Passing this motion is all the more urgent during the current pandemic and economic downturn. If the economy slows, inflation will likely rise by less than 3%, or may even fall. Yet—at a time when many renters are least able to pay—rents will still be allowed to increase by a full 3%. The emergency rent freeze currently in place for rent-stabilized units has delayed this from happening, but as soon as it is lifted, the issue will arise again.

In our city, almost two-thirds of households rent. Many have lost income and now worry about making rent each month. Making rent increases fairer is a small but vital step to help. On behalf of over 40,000 neighborhood stakeholders, the LFNC urges you to pass this motion and adopt a subsequent ordinance to implement it without delay.

¹ Shane Phillips, Revisiting L.A.’s Rent Stabilization Ordinance and “Allowable Rent Increases,” UCLA Lewis Center Policy Brief, 2019, <https://www.lewis.ucla.edu/research/revisiting-las-rent-stabilization-ordinance-and-all-owable-rent-increases/>

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Joint Board Racial & Social Justice Committee Meeting Agenda

Thursday, March 17, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.

**Zoom Meeting Online at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84446521779> or by
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Committee Meeting Date: March 17, 2022

Committee Members: Chair: Tina Chinakarn, Vice Chair: Matthew Wait, Secretary: Emily Mayock
Members: Catalina Langen, Josh Nadel, Ryan Oda

Committee Members Present: Chair: Tina Chinakarn, Vice Chair: Matthew Wait, Secretary: Emily Mayock, Members: Catalina Langen, Josh Nadel, Ryan Oda

Committee Members Absent: None

Public Present: Tony Fajardo; Call-In User_1; Kalani W;

Call to Order: 6:05pm **Adjournment:** 7:59 p.m.

Proposed Motions for General Assembly Adoption

Motions:

1. [CIS](#) for Bicycle Chop Shops / Stolen Bicycle Disassembly / Public Right-of-Way / Prohibition [CF 21-1115](#)
Josh amends motion - add CIS from NW as written to use as our statement for this CIS
Catalina - Seconds
Passes 6/0

2. [CIS](#) for Cannabis Licensing Process / Social Equity Applicants / Existing License Relocation / Phase 3 Round 1 / Deadline Rescission [CF 21-1083](#)
Motion to support Tina
Josh - seconds
Passes 6/0

Summary of Agenda Item Discussion and Committee Updates

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item I – CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

- a. **Call to Order**
- b. **Roll Call** - All present
- c. **Introductions** - Committee Members introduce selves; guests choose not to introduce.

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item II – GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item III (A) - COMMITTEE BUSINESS Discussion and possible action: Committee’s purpose, vision and goals for the rest of the fiscal year.

- a. **Discussion and possible action: Committee’s purpose, vision and goals for the rest of the fiscal year.**
 - i. **Mission listed on [website](#):**
The mission of the Palms Neighborhood Council Committee on Racial and Social Justice is to inform and educate Palms stakeholders on justice issues in our community and to support the development and services provided by community resources.
 - ii. **What do we want to discuss during monthly meetings**

Brainstorm -

Continue Zoom meeting if local public health is a factor. Start to think of meeting in person in May. \State of emergency anticipated to end at the end of March. Looking at Palms NC Board/BONC on guidance for safety

guidelines to meet in person. Committees have met at the Palms fire station, Palms Culver Church.
Vaccination/Masks - outside / mask / Fellowship Hall possible - Matt can inquire /

History of Committee/Vision/Goals

Started by previous President and VP - due to George Floyd's death - way to address incidents and issues. Focus started with LAPD misconduct, submitted CISs every month. Convened a COVID-19 Town Hall. Open to different things

Emily - Questions regarding what has been done since protests in May 2020. Anti-inclusion. Defund police lost momentum with conservatives rising against it and homeowners growing wary to increase in crime.

Josh - Answer to what our purpose is and why to justify maintaining this committee

Catalina - LAPD will continue to be problematic with racial justice. One of many topics. Equity issues are huge and should be addressed. In what ways can we put our talents and skills to the best use.

Ryan - Health equity issues for communities of color.

Josh - Ideas - Townhall to bring people in to speak to these issues. Informative Fair - service providers for people to interact.

Josh - budget alliance July event - non profit fair - LA convention center.

Catalina - racial equity policy change with lens, how we engage with city hall. Microgrants program to fund community members to put on community well being. All intersecting - health/environment

Matt - property equity (fed law), they way policing is done.

Ryan - Health equity - event nonprofit provides services. Criminal justice reform.

Tina - Cannabis sales, cash bail, raise more awareness and educational forms - collab/ partner with Westside neighborhood councils. Have perspectives from both sides.

Emily - Workforce Development/Education Transportation - job fair/ city departments /

Make sure we bring things up in advance to the Board if funding is needed.

CIS - most relevant if it's something that is current

Ideas - Regularly doing CIS's / advocacy day and some type of event

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item III (B) –Discussion and possible action: Community Impact Statements (CISs)

b. Discussion and possible action: Community Impact Statements (CISs)

i. [CIS](#) for Bicycle Chop Shops / Stolen Bicycle Disassembly / Public Right-of-Way / Prohibition [CF 21-1115](#)

1. How to address CISs that touch other Committee's domains (e.g., Homeless Advocacy)

Motion to discuss in opposition - Tina

Second - Josh

Kalani - supports. Chop shops attract homeless people and increase crime. Bikes keep getting stolen.

Josh - support the opposition. Opposed to chop shops, but the issue with this legislation is that I can be arrested for fixing my own bike. How to criminalize parts of homelessness

Ryan - Long beach passed this because of voluntary bike registration, not a way to prove that someone has a stolen bike.

Catalina - Seems these different pieces are already criminalized. Blocking sidewalks is illegal and vending on sidewalks is illegal. Criminalizing this especially won't stop people from stealing bikes. Agree with CIS to oppose CF.

Matthew - For GA might want to copy from NW Neighborhood Council. We recognize that bikes are being stolen but the way this law is written is problematic. Homeless and Racial issue.

Josh - 1. Amend motion to include that statement. 2. Don't worry about what other committees are doing or submitting. Submit what is relevant to your committee.

Tina - Brought up touching base on CISs with other Committees since it was discussed in the GA. Should we inform another Committee Chair that we will be discussing this. Discussion concluded that Board members can sign up for ENS to get alerted on all agendas and attend meetings addressing topics their interested in; no need for committees to coordinate.

Catalina - Alot of our RSJ/equity issues are interconnected with other areas.

Josh amends motion - add CIS from NW as written to use as our statement for this CIS

Catalina - Seconds

Passes 6/0

Motion to oppose with amendment - passes 6/0

- ii. [CIS](#) for Cannabis Licensing Process / Social Equity Applicants / Existing License Relocation / Phase 3 Round 1 / Deadline Rescission CF [21-1083](#)

Motion to support Tina

Josh - seconds

Public Comment: Kalani - Someone on this council is negatively affecting our neighborhood councils. Tread lightly people.

Josh - People have been harassed for very casual marijuana use.

Tina - Administrating tax revenue to support impacted communities.

Passes 6/0

Is there a way to help people register their bikes? Or find out about how to become licensed

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item III (C) – Committee Member to Select CISs for next meeting

c. Committee member to select CIS(s) for next meeting

- i. [RSJ Committee CIS log/queue](#)

Public Comment:

Kalani - 6 items are unclear.

Tina - This is a log of CIS's that have been discussed in this committee

Committee Discussion

Josh - Whatever we have is the most complete - 1 pager for informational/educational flyer with links and resources

Can submit both CIS and educational flyer in City Clerk system

Discuss 1 CIS in queue and other events at next meeting. Bring ideas to the table that are already thought out. Email more flushed out ideas for event to Tina 1-week before meeting.

Budget Tribunes will be compiling 50 CISs that have been submitted by NCs at their 3/31 CIS event. This committee can refer to list for future CISs.

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item III (D) – Discussion and possible action: Potential Committee partnership/programming

d. Discussion and possible action: Potential partnerships/programming

Josh recuses self from the rest of the meeting due to conflict on CD5 Candidate Forum item

- i. City Council District 5 Candidate Forum hosted by Palms NC Homeless Advocacy & Public Service Committee and R&SJ Committee
 1. Status update from Cat and Emily
- ii. Potential partnership with [Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, Third District](#)
- iii. Potential partnership with [WestLA4BlackLives](#)
- iv. Other upcoming opportunities for partnerships/programming:

Nothing new for any partnerships right now.

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item III (E) – Palms stakeholder concerns about safety in the community

Kalani - concerned where this committee is going. More homeless advocacy than the people who live in the area. Pushing to have it sunsetted.

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item IV (A) – Administrative Committee Business

- a. Discussion and possible action: Committee membership and appointments

None

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item V (A) – Announcements and Resources

- a. Announcements
- b. [Resources folder](#) (Palms NC public Google Drive)
 - i. Add to Resource List: [White Supremacy Culture: Sense of Urgency](#)
 - ii. Add to Trainings List: [Engaging with Diversity, Inclusion and Equity](#): A free workshop series (March-August 2022) ([Facebook post](#))
 - Topics: 400 Years Timeline, Social Identity Profile, Recognizing Microaggressions, Privilege and Oppression, LGBTQ + Inclusion, Gender Diversity.

Summary of Discussion for Agenda Item VI (A) – Recap action and Next Steps

a. Confirmation of next meeting: April 21 at 6:00PM

Confirmed

Adjournment: 7:49pm

Confirmation of Next Meeting Date: April 21, 2022 **Time** 6:00 p.m. **Location** Zoom

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Board and Business Relations & Public Beautification Virtual Committee Meeting Report
Wednesday, March 16, 2022 – 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Zoom Meeting Online at <https://zoom.us/j/95072686582>
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Committee Meeting Date: March 16, 2022

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

Committee Members Present: Eliot Hochberg, Natasia Gascon, Gabriela Sotomayor

Committee Members Absent: Josh Nadel, Nick Smith (contacted ahead)

Call to Order: 7:10 **Adjournment:** 8:24

Committee Updates

Reviewed information provided by artist Greg Gould re: how graffiti removal systems work to help inform if Palms NC should consider taking this on. Gabriella gave notice that she will be resigning from the committee as of the April GA. Palms Gateway Lighting project has been shelved by city.

Proposed Motions for General Assembly Adoption

No motions

Summary of Agenda Item Discussion and Committee Updates

- I. **CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**
 - a. Call to Order (Hochberg) 7:10pm
 - b. Roll Call (Hochberg)
Nick 7:42 & Josh absent
 - c. Review of code of conduct (Hochberg)
 - d. Notes regarding Joint nature of committee meetings
 - e. Agenda preview (Hochberg)
- II. **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT/ FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/MULTIPLE ITEMS**
No GPC
- III. **UTILITY BOX PROGRAM**
 - a. Guest: Greg Gould, current UBP artist, explaining first person how graffiti is removed
Natalie Thai box
Different solutions:
 - Prime the graffiti and redo the art
 - Coat with a sacrificial coat - removable, but needs to be replaced
 - Protective enamel coating isn't guaranteed
 - Vandletop - 2-3 coatings, 2 uses per container, \$30
 - Solvent required - need more information
 - Greg volunteers to assist with info
 - b. Discussion: Should committee recommend NC attempts to repair utility box decorations? Goal: create parameters of future meeting motion, or determine it's not a good idea
 - Natasia: supports preserving artists, but is concerned about long term maintenance, cites doggy bag dispensers, concern about cost - suggestion: recognize certain boxes as public works instead of temporary, formal process, do we need to remove all of it? Prefers enamel
 - Gabriela: Open to further discussion, wants to see more on costs vs. frequency; time required to do; who might do it?; public views them as works of art
 - Eliot: concerned about official designation as works of art, will require research;
 - GPC - Kalani: identify perpetrators, find out why
- IV. **REPORTS**
 - a. Gascon
 - b. Hochberg
 - i. Status Landlords Panel
 - ii. Final status of Palms Gateway Lighting
 - c. Nadel
 - d. Smith

- e. Sotomayor - Returning to her office, will be resigning from the committee
- V. **DISCUSSION: 2022 BUSINESS CONTACT PLAN/BUSINESS COMMUNICATIONS**
 - a. Nick presents new informational tool

The following are included to continue discussion. Items will be skipped if there is no new info or public comment.

- VI. **REBRANDING BUSINESSES AS PALMS**
- VII. **MURALS**
- VIII. **COMMUNITY SCHOOL PARKS**
- IX. **CLOSING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

Kalani: wants the elimination of NCs; need to engage youth at a younger age; Up with People, Job Corps, JFK, crosswalk to Media Park; supports PMS greenspace opening up.
- X. **Adjournment 8:24 pm**

Confirmation of Next Meeting Date: 04-20-22 Time: 7pm Location: Zoom

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