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**PALMS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

**General Assembly Meeting Agenda  
Wednesday, May 4, 2022 – 7:00 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 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. The [4th Annual Palms Community Day Block Party](#) will be held on Saturday, May 14, 2022 from 11am-5pm at the Palms Expo Station- 10021 National Blvd. Join us to celebrate 107

years of Palms as a neighborhood in Los Angeles. We'll have food, music, local performers, special guests, activities for kids, and more! [Sign up to volunteer](#)

- b. Save the Date for Los Angeles Safety & Preparedness Fair on 11/23/2022
- c. The Homeless Advocacy & Public Service Committee is planning a Connect Day event for the month of September with CD5 & SD3. Contact [josh.nadel@palmsnc.la](mailto:josh.nadel@palmsnc.la) for more information or to volunteer
- d. The Green Committee is rescheduling an Earth Day neighborhood cleanup for June 11th, contact [green@palmsnc.la](mailto:green@palmsnc.la) for more information or to volunteer
- e. We are accepting applications for Palms NC Area E and Youth Representatives [email [vicepresident@palmsnc.la](mailto:vicepresident@palmsnc.la) for the application materials]
- f. [The Herbalife Triathlon](#) will be held May 15, 2022 portions of Venice Blvd will be impacted. Reach out to Michael Burbank ([michael@citystage.com](mailto:michael@citystage.com)) if you have questions or concerns about the event. See the event map [here](#)

### 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](mailto:james.ingram@lacity.org)
- b. Office of Mayor Eric Garcetti – Vishesh Anand [vishesh.anand@lacity.org](mailto:vishesh.anand@lacity.org)
- c. LA Police Department Pacific Division Senior Lead Officer (SLO) – Officer Navarrette  
Department of Neighborhood Empowerment – Freddy Cupen-Ames  
[freddy.cupen-ames@lacity.org](mailto:freddy.cupen-ames@lacity.org)
- d. Office of County Supervisor Sheila Kuhel – Zac Gaidzik [zgaidzik@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:zgaidzik@bos.lacounty.gov)
- e. Office of State Assemblymember Isaac Bryan- Michelle Persoff  
[michelle.persoff@asm.ca.gov](mailto:michelle.persoff@asm.ca.gov)
- f. Office of State Senator Sydney Kamlager– Josef Siroky [josef.siroky@sen.ca.gov](mailto:josef.siroky@sen.ca.gov)
- g. Other Government Departments and Community Organizations
  - i. Budget Advocates Report
  - ii. Budget Tribunes Report
  - iii. Motor Avenue Improvement Association

#### 5) EXECUTIVE REPORTS

##### a. Treasurer

- i. Announcement: May 20 - Final date to request an event approval for the current fiscal year using current fiscal year funds; June 1 - Final date to submit a check payment request using current fiscal year funds; June 20 - Final day for any bank card transactions using current fiscal year funds.
- ii. Palms NC [Budget](#) Report
- iii. **FUNDING MOTION:** to authorize the Palms NC to spend up to an additional \$100 for its storage unit
- iv. **MOTION:** to approve the amended Palms NC [Budget](#) and Administrative Packet

##### b. President

- i. [Palms Community Day](#) update
- ii. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:** to authorize the Palms NC to join the hybrid meeting pilot when it becomes available

#### 6) CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- a. **MOTION:** to approve the [March 2022 MER](#)
- b. **MOTION:** to add Ozgun(Ozzie) Simekli as member of the Outreach Committee
- c. **MOTION:** to remove Jennifer Vasques as member of the Outreach Committee
- d. **MOTION:** to authorize the Palms NC to submit a letter regarding native tree planting

- e. **MOTION:**to add Scott Chase as member of the Homeless Advocacy and Public Service Committee
- f. **MOTION:**to add Hayley Geiger as member and secretary of the Homeless Advocacy and Public Service Committee
- g. **MOTION:** to add Nicky Geiger as member of the Homeless Advocacy and Public Service Committee
- h. **FUNDING MOTION:** to authorize the Palms NC to spend up to \$200 to hire a professional painter to fix kiosk paint (see supplementals for additional information)
- i. **FUNDING MOTION:** to authorize up to \$100 for printed promotional materials to encourage Palms businesses to rebrand as Palms (see supplementals for additional information)
- j. **FUNDING MOTION:** to authorize up to \$300 for yard signs to promote bulky item pickup (see supplementals for additional information)
- k. **FUNDING MOTION:** to authorize up to \$100 to make a plastic Palms NC logo plate for Woodbine Kiosk (see supplementals for additional information)
- l. **FUNDING MOTION:** To authorize up to \$75 for a mural instructional pamphlet (see supplementals for additional information)
- m. **FUNDING MOTION:** to authorize the Palms NC to spend up to \$650 on an outreach event in June
- n. **FUNDING MOTION:** to approve \$115.20 for the purchase of two acrylic signs with holes from Vista Print.(see supplementals for additional information)
- o. **FUNDING MOTION:** to approve \$500 to support the Congress of Neighborhoods
- p. **MOTION:** To send the following letter in support of planting native trees in Palms to Rachel Malarich, Hector Banuelos, and Stephen Duprey at Urban Forestry, David Miranda, and Councilmember Paul Koretz

*Whereas Los Angeles faces a biodiversity crisis wherein over 90% of local butterflies, songbirds, and other pollinators have disappeared in the last century due to the replacement of local flora with non-native plant and tree species, and Whereas native landscaping plants and trees can thrive in our urban environment while providing all the benefits non-native trees can offer in terms of canopy shade to offset the heat island effect, beauty, and shade comfort for humans, while providing the only path to sustainability for biodiversity, water and energy savings, and elimination of soil amendment runoff pollution,*

*Therefore, the Palms Neighborhood Council appeals to the County and City of Los Angeles, all applicable government agencies, public-private partnerships, and private parties planting in public space to discontinue the practice of planting non-native landscaping plants and trees except in situations where plants and trees are designed to produce food for human consumption or provide a designated recreational playing field, and henceforth these same parties only plant 100% California native landscaping plants and trees within Los Angeles County and City, and specifically within the stakeholder boundaries of the Palms Neighborhood Council.*

## 7) **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. **MOTION:** to authorize the Palms NC to co sponsor a CD5 candidate forum with the Greater Wilshire NC
- b. **FUNDING MOTION:** to authorize the Palms NC to spend up to \$1,000 on a candidate forum for CD5
- c. **Neighborhood Purpose Grant Applications**

- i. **FUNDING MOTION:** to authorize the Palms NC to spend \$2,500 on an [NPG](#) for Palms Elementary (see [supplementals](#) for additional information)
- ii. **FUNDING MOTION:** to authorize the Palms NC to spend \$3,500 for an [NPG](#) for Palms Elementary after school program (see [supplementals](#) for additional information)
- iii. **FUNDING MOTION:** to authorize the Palms NC to spend \$1467.73 on an [NPG](#) for Palms Organized for Westside Renewal (POWER) (see [supplementals](#) for additional information)
- iv. **FUNDING MOTION:** to authorize the Palms NC to spend \$10,500 on an [NPG](#) Jazz Hands for Autism
- v. **FUNDING MOTION:** to authorize the Palms NC to spend 2,444.60 on an [NPG](#) for Open Collective Foundation (see [supplementals](#) for additional information)
- d. **Racial & Social Justice Committee**
  - i. **MOTION:** To approve a [CIS](#) in support of Flavored Tobacco Products / Youth Tobacco Use / Sale Restriction / Proposed Strategy [CF 18-1104](#)
- e. **Planning & Land Use Management Committee**
  - i. **MOTION:** to approve a [CIS](#) in support of [Council File 22-0158](#)
- f. **Ad Hoc Venice Blvd Improvement Committee**
  - i. **FUNDING MOTION:** to authorize the Palms NC to spend up to \$3,000 to print and mail 4400 [postcards](#) for the Venice Blvd survey

## 8) ADJOURNMENT

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