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**PALMS NEIGHBORHOOD
COUNCIL**

**Special Meeting Retreat Meeting Minutes
The IMAN Center
3376 Motor Ave, Los Angeles, CA 900347 (onsite parking available)
Wednesday, July 29, 2023 – 1:00 PM**

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.

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1) CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

- a. Call to Order (Hartman) – Time (1:12PM)
- b. Roll Call (Jaehnke) – Members here (10) Quorum (Yes)

Kay Hartman, President - Y
Tanya Leal, Vice President - Y
Colin Jaehnke, Secretary - Y
Ana Garcia Lima, Treasurer - Y
Jacey Hutchinson, Community Org. Rep - Y
Vacant, Residential Rep. A - VACANT
Charles Miller, Residential Rep. B - Y
Steven Stanton, Residential Rep. C - Y
Vacant, Residential Rep. D - VACANT
Katrina Kaiser, Residential Rep. E - Y
Josh Nadel, Business Rep. 1 - Y

Natasía Gascón, Business Rep. 2 - Y
Vacant, Youth Representative – VACANT

Ana Garcia Lima – arrived at 1:13PM

Public Comment: (1:14PM)

- Lee Walsh – Area Reps in his words “have lost focus”. Wants neighbor Area rep relationship to build stronger. Recommends possible committee for Area Reps only

- Anna – Bad placement of posting? (posted in park and webpage 1 week ago)

End public comment (1:18PM)

2) RETREAT (1:18pm)

- a. **DISCUSSION:** Get to know each other
 - Each committee member shared what made them get involved with the neighborhood council & what they wanted to accomplish during their term.
 - Guests of meeting:
 - Anna – resident for over 20 years –
 - Lee – talks about time spent improving the neighborhood with gardens, murals, parklets, homeless outreach, motor ave farmers market.
- b. **DISCUSSION:** What Palms NC Information do I need?
 - Website, [Google Drive](#), [Agenda Add](#), our Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate NEA is Freddy Cupen-Ames, Councilmember Yaroslavsky's field representative is Vanessa Saldana
- c. **DISCUSSION:** What if I need help?
- d. **DISCUSSION:** Meetings
 - GA meetings are always from 7pm-9pm, must have quorum to have meeting (meeting canceled otherwise), must maintain quorum throughout meeting, committee meetings follow own schedule, please reference calendar for times and locations, only agenda items can be addressed during the meeting from council (board cannot answer public comment as to not comment on non-agenda items), agenda postings are made available 72 hours in advance (on website, woodbine park, google drive)
- e. **DISCUSSION:** Brown Act
 - The intent of the act is to assure all government decisions are open and accessible, see link for understanding of Brown Act
 - Regular meeting agendas must be physically (Brown Act) and online, both the website and ENS (BONC policy) posted 72 hours in advance of the meeting
 - Special meeting agendas must be physically (woodbine park) and online posted 24 hours in advance of the meeting, Early Notification System link ([ENS](#)) – sign up with this link to get notices of many city meetings

- f. **DISCUSSION:** California Public Records Act
 - Board members will reframe from commenting on social media posts that have been created by other board members, or posts where another board member has commented.
- g. **DISCUSSION:** Robert's Rules
 - [Robert's Rules](#)
- h. **DISCUSSION:** Funding
- i. **DISCUSSION:** How do I know what's going on?
 - [Join alliances](#), Attend regional and City-wide meetings like [WRAC](#) (Westside Regional Alliance of Councils), [LANCC](#) (Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition), [BONC](#) (Board of Neighborhood Commissioners)
- j. **DISCUSSION:** Speaking for yourself
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- k. **DISCUSSION:** Community Impact Statements
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- l. **DISCUSSION:** Personal and Group Excellence
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- m. **DISCUSSION:** Feedback Kay received from the community
 - Community issues addressed with Kay Hartman ([LINK](#))
- n. **DISCUSSION:** Committees (all open to public attendance and public can join)

- **Please reach out to info@palmsnc.la to get more information on committee**

- Executive Committee
- Business Relations and Public Beautification Committee
- Outreach Committee
- Green Committee
- Homeless Advocacy & Public Service Committee
- Planning & Land Use Committee
- Racial and Social Justice Committee
- Renter Support & Affordable Housing Advocacy Committee
- Transportation and Infrastructure Committee

DISCUSSION ONLY – NO VOTING HELD:

Josh – Proposes (HAPS & Racial and Social Justice & Renter Support and Affordable Housing Advocacy committee to combine as 1) to become “Advocacy for Social Justice” or “Social Justice Committee” – Community advocacy & social justice committee”.

- Thinks outreach committee is most important to get outreach with community more frequently, immediate demand

Natasia – separate business relations and public service committee

Business - to focus solely on business improvements and growth
 Beautification – focus on projects in community (Charles mentioned that maybe we put beautification into transportation, fewer/stronger

committees believe can be more focused and direct) (Natasia – important to keep this committee, to focus on items like painted electrical boxes. They need a space to be talked about) (Katrina – might be good to have a place to speak on these items. In regard to combining, when meeting with DOT, having members that do not sit together on committees, allows for better ground when presenting, bigger stance) (Josh – each item needs to have a home committee to be discussed and a place that makes sense for community to outreach to)

Public –

Lee – Thinks renters rights needs a solid space

Emily – Racial social justice committee member, was concerned about combining, however if we combined all would give a better understanding. This could give a good stance for all of these to be vocalized since low turnout.

Two proposals:

* Combine (3 committees (haps, racial social justice and renters to 1) Combine (haps and racial social justice – leave renters separate)

- must prove that they can get members or haps/racial combine and renter is absorbed by another group

Possible separation of beautification and business

- must find members or will merge into other groups

o. **DISCUSSION:** Roundtable

- Focus for the next year within this council

- Park

- Outreach “engagement” to community – point to have public presence (farmers market presence)

- Events or projects

- Town hall meetings - committee related events

- Events where committees collaborate

- Educational programs (renters rights, etc.)

- Opportunities to reach out to schools and faith-based organizations (reach out to PTA and religious facilities to find someone that could be a middle person between council and their departments)

– Jacey could work on this project

p. **DISCUSSION:** Expanding our reach outside the Neighborhood Council

- External Committees with opportunities to join or participate in WRAC LUPC (Josh and Tanya alternate)

q. **DISCUSSION:** Events

- Possible 1 time per month event (i.e. lawyers to do renters meeting, Ciclavia, Palms NC garden with Palms school, etc.)

Proposals:

Josh (community day update) – [LINK](#) – idea to turn the past community days and change to have event on Venice Blvd (showcase these businesses instead of Expo), working with Motor Ave.

Goal: To reposition Community Day 2024 as a business-focused events located on Venice Blvd, in partnership with local businesses.

Event more focused on promoting local businesses.

Using area reps from each area to promote event.

Katrina: Ciclavia wants to work with us on regular events

3) ADJOURNMENT (meeting adjourned @ 4:01PM)