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# PALMS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

General Assembly Meeting Minutes
The IMAN Center
3376 Motor Ave, Los Angeles, CA 900347 (onsite parking available)
Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> 7pm-9pm

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) (7:05PM)
- b. Roll Call (Jaehnke)

Kay Hartman - HERE
Tanya Leal - ABSENT
Colin Jaehnke - HERE
Ana Garcia Lima - HERE
Jacey Hutchinson - ABSENT
Reed Hutchinson - HERE
Charles Miller - HERE
Steven Stanton - ABSENT
Reza Akef - HERE
Katrina Kaiser - HERE - ARRIVED at 7:07PM
Natasia Gascon - HERE
(8 HERE - 3 ABSENT - QUOROM (7))

#### 2) ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Palms NC Committee Community Resources:
  - i. Renters Rights and Affordable Housing Advocacy Committee Resource List
  - ii. Racial and Social Justice Resource List

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

- Kalani
  - Appreciates the time given to speak (2min)
  - o Concerned about the number of hit and runs that are happening in our area.
- Lee
  - o Concerned about green committee decision on the Dog waste program to end.

#### **END OF PUBLIC COMMENT -7:11PM**

#### 4) COMMUNITY & GOVERNMENT REPORTS

- a. Office of Councilmember Katy Yaroslavsky Vanessa Saldana *vanessa.saldana@lacity.org*
- Looking for a new planning deputy
- Introduced a program to help relocate RVs in certain areas.
- 15 MPH in school zones this is an ongoing concern for community and speaking on how to address this.
  - b. Office of Mayor Karen Bass Marian Ensley Marian. Ensley@lacity.org
- · N/A
  - c. Office of County Supervisor Lindsey Horvath Zack Gaidzik ZGaidzik@bos.lacounty.gov
- N/A
  - d. Office of State Assemblymember Isaac Bryan- Michelle Persoff *michelle.persoff@asm.ca.gov*
- Change in leadership. Assemblymember Bryan is no longer acting in this role.
- Christmas in the Park 3rd Annual resource event Lemert Park Toy Drive Sunday the 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Looking for help for volunteers to help wrap gifts for the toy drive.
  - e. Office of Congress Representative Ted Lieu Karen Calderon *Karen.Calderon@mail.house.gov*
- N/A
  - f. Office of Congress Representative Sydney Kamlager -
- N/A
  - g. Los Angeles Police Department Pacific Division Senior Lead Officer (SLO) Adrian D. Acosta 37285@lapd.online
- Lee Assault and burglary is up
  - o Make sure to report any incidents that you may encounter.
  - h. Los Angeles Fire Department Battalion 18 Chief Shin Black *shin.black@lacity.org*

- Turango
  - o Make sure to unplug Christmas tree lights when you sleep or are not home
  - o Make sure to water tree so it doesn't get dry fire hazard
  - No candles should be by the trees
  - i. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment Prabhjot Chamber *Prabhjot.Chamber@lacity.org*
- N/A
  - j. Other Government Departments and Community Organizations
    - i. Budget Advocates Report
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Financial status report \$390 million over plan
- Police was overspending due to new labor agreement
- 6% off of revenue plan
- Last month two new budget advocates were introduced
  - ii. Motor Avenue Improvement Association Report
- Lee -
  - Farmers market Santa is coming to Santa Paws events Dec 14<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> during the farmers market
  - LAPD toy drive boxes to donate at The Garage, Farmers Market, Lobster and Beer
    - Lobster and Beer event: Trade a toy for a beer
  - Overland café space has 3 new restaurants coming in.
  - o Kelton hearing last night wanted to continue their message

## Elizbeth Berk's - Office of Senator Smallwood Cuevas

- Here to introduce herself and acknowledged that we will see her more in the new year.

#### 5) COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Renter Support and Affordable Housing Advocacy (Wallach)
- Lee
  - o Concerned for new year evictions
  - Want to make sure that people can have physical information on what their rights are
  - b. Transportation and Infrastructure (Kaiser)
- Katrina
  - Most items on agenda tonight from last meeting
  - O Katrina to be voted in this evening as new chair
    - Thank you for your time Christopher!
  - o Issues on semi-trucks driving through Clarington
  - c. Homeless and Social Justice Advocacy
- Meeting to happen this week future of the committee tbd
  - d. Business Relations
- N/A
  - e. Green (Miller)
    - i. September Minutes
- Next meeting Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> Firehouse 43
- Working to restore woodbine park

- Committee wants to see committee approval of zoom meetings
- Dog waste station concerned at the way the waste station situation was handled by the council
- Dog waste bags count for 1% of waste
  - f. Outreach (Kaiser)
- "You're in Palms" Videos have been on our YouTube, Facebook, Instagram
- Tabling session across from Culver City Farmers Market
- No January Newsletter
- Tanya Leal to be voted in as Chair
  - o Thank you for your time as chair Katrina!
  - g. Planning and Land Use Management (Hartman)
    - i. November Minutes
- Reviewing the neighborhood appropriate guidelines
  - h. Executive Committee (Hartman)
    - i. October Minutes
- Did not meet this month will meet next in January. No December meeting.
  - i. Ad Hoc Bylaws (Hartman)
    - i. November 18 Minutes
- Had the first meeting
- Making updates to bylaws as we continue through
- Next meeting canceled

# 6) EXECUTIVE REPORTS

- a. President
  - i. The Palms NC is looking for someone to fill the vacancy for
    - Business Representative. To qualify for this position you must own or work in a business in Palms and be 18 years or older.
    - Youth Representative. To qualify for this position you must be a Palms Stakeholder between the ages of 14 to 17.

If you are interested in filling one of these positions, please provide a resume and cover letter to Colin Jaehnke at colin.jaehnke@palmsnc.la.

- We have 1 Youth Rep applicant! More details to come.
  - b. Treasurer
    - i. Palms NC Budget Report
- General expenses to report during this month

# 7) CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS (REMOVED - g, k, I, m, n, o)

Consent Agenda Items - (a, b, c, d, e, f, h, i, j)

Kay Hartman - YES

Tanya Leal - ABSENT

Colin Jaehnke - YES

Ana Garcia Lima – YES (seconds)

Jacey Hutchinson - ABSENT

Reed Hutchinson - YES

Charles Miller - YES

Steven Stanton - ABSENT

Reza Akef – YES (moves)

Katrina Kaiser - YES Natasia Gascon – YES

#### (8 YES - 3 ABSENT - MOTION PASSES)

- a. MOTION to approve the November 1, 2023 Meeting Minutes
- b. MOTION to remove Christopher Gonzales-Wienberg from the Transportation Committee and thank him for his service
- c. MOTION to appoint Katrina Kaiser as chair of the Transportation Committee
- d. MOTION to remove William Keith from the Homeless and Social Justice Advocacy Committee and thank him for his service
- e. MOTION to remove Nicky Geiger from the Homeless and Social Justice Advocacy Committee and thank him for his service
- f. MOTION to remove William Keith as representative to the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition and thank him for his service
- g. MOTION to appoint Kay Hartman as representative to the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition

Kalani – Does not know what this organization is

Reza – Does not know why we are apart of this program.

- What have they accomplished

Kay – They work on letters and put out interest on council files.

- Being a member does not mean we agree on it

Charles – LANCC – is the reference. Palms has been apart of this since the beginning. Important to have a vote where we can.

Kay Hartman - YES
Tanya Leal - ABSENT
Colin Jaehnke - YES
Ana Garcia Lima - YES
Jacey Hutchinson - ABSENT
Reed Hutchinson - YES
Charles Miller - YES (moves)
Steven Stanton - ABSENT
Reza Akef - YES
Katrina Kaiser - YES (seconds)
Natasia Gascon - YES
(8 YES - 3 ABSENT - MOTION PASSES)

- h. MOTION to remove Tyler Koke from the Outreach Committee and thank him for his service
- i. MOTION to remove Katrina Kaiser as chair of the Outreach Committee
- j. MOTION to appoint Tanya Leal as chair of the Outreach Committee
- MOTION to authorize the Palms Neighborhood Council to submit a <u>CIS</u> in support of Council File <u>14-0518</u> to support the Wildlife Corridors Pilot Project
- Made to create requirements in planning department, allowing wildlife to move between properties. And support native plants on the corridors. Make the city more compatible with the wildlife in it.
- Lots of plans have been funded by relators.

- Project has been watered down, but still hold many important features that the environment can benefit form.
- This is a pilot project things can be changed.

Reza – Doesn't think we should vote on topics that effect areas that are not in Palms – i.e. items in this pilot

Charles – This is not an isolated item. Wildlife of Los Angeles is all of our duty to protect. The pilots do not start in our area, but the environment can still benefit from projects like this.

Kay Hartman - YES
Tanya Leal - ABSENT
Colin Jaehnke - YES
Ana Garcia Lima - ABSTAIN
Jacey Hutchinson - ABSENT
Reed Hutchinson - YES
Charles Miller – YES (moves)
Steven Stanton - ABSENT
Reza Akef - NO
Katrina Kaiser – YES (seconds)
Natasia Gascon – NO

(5 YES - 2 NO - 1 ABSTAIN - 3 ABSENT - MOTION PASSES)

- MOTION to authorize the Palms Neighborhood Council to send a <u>letter</u> on Metro Reliability
- To send letter out requesting focusing on reliability and public safety.
  - o Bus schedule is unreliable hard to connect off of train line
  - o Prioritize making what we have reliable

Kalani – upset about Metros removal of lanes to prioritize public transportation

- Asks for budget to be investigated

Katrina – urges council to vote "yes".

- Wants METRO to support reliability and safety first

#### Ana –

- Thinks it is important to continue to expand and prioritize new building to help expand the system

#### Natasia -

- There is a lack of drivers many left due to covid-19 pandemic. METRO drivers did not feel safe in these environments.
- Prioritize the people that work for METRO

Charles – will abstain from this – apart of METRO Sustainability

Kay Hartman - YES
Tanya Leal - ABSENT
Colin Jaehnke - YES
Ana Garcia Lima - YES
Jacey Hutchinson - ABSENT
Reed Hutchinson - YES
Charles Miller - ABSTAIN (seconds)
Steven Stanton - ABSENT

Reza Akef - YES
Katrina Kaiser – YES (moves)
Natasia Gascon – ABSTAIN
(6 YES – 2 ABSTAIN – 3 ABSENT – MOTION PASSES)

- m. MOTION to authorize the Palms Neighborhood Council to send a <u>letter</u> on large trucks traversing Clarington
- Katrina got an email from a stakeholder on a complaint about large semi delivery trucks going down residential streets wants to address this with the city to approve this letter to have more formal restrictions on situations like this.

Kalani – supports, but hopes that the letter can including a funding request to enforce this new rule

Natasia – Lives on Empire Dr. This is a common occurrence with the Smart and Final trucks. The trucks have caused damage from power lines, sidewalk damage, tree damage. Need a larger conversation since this is going to continue to happen all over as development grows quickly. Supports this measure.

Kay Hartman - YES
Tanya Leal - ABSENT
Colin Jaehnke - YES
Ana Garcia Lima - YES
Jacey Hutchinson - ABSENT
Reed Hutchinson - YES
Charles Miller - YES
Steven Stanton - ABSENT
Reza Akef – YES (seconds)
Katrina Kaiser – YES (moves)
Natasia Gascon – YES
(8 YES – 3 ABSENT – MOTION PASSES)

- n. MOTION to authorize the Palms Neighborhood Council to send a <u>letter</u> to Katy Yaroslavsky asking her support <u>Livable Boulevards</u> for Motor Ave.
- Kalani Trusts that Charles has made the right decisions with this letter and the project. Hopes that no more road diets will occur in this area.
- Lee He wants this project to move forward and wants this to get its budget so this will happen. Wants crosswalks and better sidewalks in the community for safety.
- Natasia "Likes trees"
- Kay Urges all to pass this. Need the council letter of support and to have this pushed to find budget. We want to express all items that we have thought about.

Kay Hartman - YES
Tanya Leal - ABSENT
Colin Jaehnke - YES
Ana Garcia Lima - YES
Jacey Hutchinson - ABSENT
Reed Hutchinson - YES
Charles Miller – YES (seconds)

Steven Stanton - ABSENT Reza Akef – YES (moves) Katrina Kaiser - YES Natasia Gascon – YES (8 YES – 3 ABSENT – MOTION PASSES)

o. MOTION to authorize the Palms Neighborhood Council to submit a <u>CIS</u> in support of Council File 23-1066

#### Kay -

- To build interim housing on Midvale in the Westside Neighborhood Council District they oppose this project
- Many want interim housing to come to Palms.
- There is no interim housing in CD5

Kalani – urges to oppose this project. Brought up past Venice projects like this have not been successful. Concerned that this could lead to many future problems.

Lee – has been working with city to try to help find places to make this work

- Concerned about general safety
- Wants to see letter in front of us

Reed – Wants to know more of what we are voting on – What is the scope of the project, etc. Kay – In this parking lot will be 30 units – interim housing holds people temporality until they can be placed permanently.

Charles – This is opposed by the NC in that district – PLUM had a long convo about this topic to move it forward. We are facing a homeless crisis, we need to work with the city to help address this. This should be located all over the city, but we are apart of the city. Reza – Every community is responsible for the betterment of the community. Wishes this project could've been more. Temporary housing should've been permanent housing from the start. We cannot have NIMBY's, is does not help better the city. Katrina – in support of this –

Kay Hartman - YES
Tanya Leal - ABSENT
Colin Jaehnke - YES
Ana Garcia Lima - ABSTAIN
Jacey Hutchinson - ABSENT
Reed Hutchinson - NO
Charles Miller - YES
Steven Stanton - ABSENT
Reza Akef - ABSTAIN
Katrina Kaiser - YES (moves)
Natasia Gascon - ABSTAIN (seconds)
(4 YES - 1 NO - 3 ABSTAIN - 3 ABSENT - MOTION PASS`ES)

- 8) OLD BUSINESS
- 9) NEW BUSINESS
- **10) ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned 8:39PM** 
  - a. Next meeting is scheduled for February 7, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the IMAN Center.