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PALMS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
Joint Board and Community Engagement Meeting Agenda
Thursday, February 19, 2026 – 7:00 p.m.

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- I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**
 - a. Call to Order
 - b. Roll Call
- II. INTRODUCTIONS**
 - a. Introductions and welcome
- III. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**
 - a. Limited to non-agenda items
- IV. COMMITTEE BUSINESS**
 - a. [Event Calendar](#)
 - b. **DISCUSSION** Committee member updates
 - c. **DISCUSSION** I am in Palms Campaign
 - d. **DISCUSSION** Bus bench program - Jeff
 - e. **DISCUSSION** Keeping our social media alive - Caris
 - f. **DISCUSSION** Working with schools' academic administrators to give award certificates to children (perfect attendance is an example) – Kay

- g. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE MOTION** Book drive for the Palms Elementary School Library
 - i. [Book wish list](#)
 - ii. Ready to start. Will be at IMAN. [Flyers](#) are printed.
- h. **DISCUSSION** Youth Art Fair
 - i. Date is now March 18, but that's a Wednesday
 - ii. Is March or April better at this point?
 - iii. [Draft flyer](#)
 - iv. Draft registration form
 - v. **MOTION** to change the Youth Art Fair date to March 21
- i. **DISCUSSION** Community Day
 - i. Budget is short \$5000. We may be getting a \$5000 grant from Supervisor Horvath
 - ii. Some board members are interested in reducing emphasis on children and increasing emphasis on young adults
 - a. Maria recommends tarot card reader, native plant giveaway, film photo booth
 - b. There was discussion of more appealing music
- j. **DISCUSSION** Communication with Thao Tran, CD 5 Business Development Deputy.
 - i. Kay asked her to come to a meeting to discuss the rights of our small businesses with respect to [SB-1103](#) to give some of the residential tenant rights to commercial tenants. Thao said she's not a lawyer and doesn't want to do it. She gave me a [flyer](#). Do we need to understand this law? Would it help us to help our small businesses if we did?
 - ii. Thao also sent me a [flyer for the LA Optimized 2.0 Program](#). Who will understand what this is?
 - iii. Thao said she would come if we had a focused topic for her to address. Are there any ideas? It's a good idea for us to foster a relationship with her. If we can't get her here, can we pepper her with questions?
- k. **DISCUSSION** Metro Ride-Along status
 - i. The only opportunity to do this is to do it from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. or earlier. On a Saturday. We have to have a count of people joining so we have to do a registration and we have to cut off registration at 2 weeks before the event. Metro will be the primary sponsor. We will be the secondary.
- l. **DISCUSSION** Neighborhood Cleanup
 - i. Currently scheduled for March 15.
 - ii. Is the Event Approval Form submitted to the City Clerk?
- m. **DISCUSSION** [Tabling](#) once a month
 - i. Plan is to table at Irish Times on April 11 from 5 to 8. John and Kay will be there. Are there any other volunteers?

- ii. Someone needs to discuss this with Irish Times to make sure they are willing

V. Adjournment:

- a. Next meeting is March 19 at 7:00 on Zoom.
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