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This Governing Board meets the third
Monday of each month at 7:00pm.

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Governing Board Agenda

**Monday, January 22, 2024
7:00PM**

**Meeting Location
Hollywood Hotel
1160 N Vermont Ave
Los Angeles, CA 90029**

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- I. Call to Order
 - A. Meeting called to order at 7:08pm
- II. Roll Call
 - A. 9 present, 3 unaccounted for
- III. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items
 - A. None
- IV. Community Reports
 - A. CD 13 Report, Office of Councilmember Hugo Soto-Martinez
 - 1. Max Podemski - Transportation Planner with LADOT; Hollywood Blvd. safety corridor in the works, getting feedback from the community; on 2/1 there will be a virtual town hall on the feedback heard with a conceptual design for the street.
 - B. Neighborhood Prosecutor
 - C. Budget Advocate Report
 - D. LAPD Report
 - a. Senior Lead Officer - Rampart Division - [Ryan Nguyen](#)
 - b. Senior Lead Officer - North East Division - [Antonio Hernandez](#)
 - c. Senior Lead Officer - Hollywood Division - [Annabelle Eubank](#) (South of Sunset/West of Normandie)
 - d. Senior Lead Officer - Hollywood Division - [Mika Gonzalez](#) (North of Sunset/West of Normandie)
 - E. City of LA Report, Office of Mayor Karen Bass
 - F. CA Assembly District 52, Office of Assemblyperson Wendy Carillo (Arce)
 - G. LA County Supervisor Hilda Solis - District 1, Guadalupe Camberos
 - H. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, Joel Gonzalez
 - 1. Bylaw workshops recordings continue; registration for ELA Youth conference is closed - will be at City Hall and have a resource fair; women's empowerment month is the much of March, getting ready to have an event honoring the women in Neighborhood Councils.
 - I. Los Angeles Public Library - Cahuenga Library, Crystal Noe
 - J. CA State Senator - District 24, Maria Elena Durazo
- V. Community Voices (2 min per item)
 - A. Thai CDC Update
 - B. East Hollywood Bid (Jeff Zarrinnam)
 - a. BID met last week, not much to report. Still doing the cleanups regularly. Becoming more challenging up by the triangle on Hollywood/Vermont - homeless making it difficult; moving away from being underneath the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce. Workers are contractors of the LA Beautification Team.
- VI. Action Items
 - A. **Consent Agenda:**
 - 1. **Motion** approval of [December 2023 Minutes](#) (Symington)
 - B. **Presentation** by Jamie York and discussion and Possible Action regarding support to Council files:
 - 1. Jamie York was nominated to serve on the ethics commission by Comptroller Meijia; been involved in ethics; lack of systematic update to the City lobbying system - two previous attempts had failed; lobbyists were coming to NC meetings on a regular basis but not disclosing they were lobbyists; many people were escaping being called a lobbyist because of the distinction of being paid and the amount of time spent. Wanted to enact some sort of reform. Got nominated and did not get confirmed based on her position on unregistered lobbying.
 - a. Discussion and Possible Action regarding Council file [22-1232](#)

- i. Addresses ways to make the Ethics Commission stronger; suggesting some amendments to make it stronger - should increase Ethics Commission fines to \$20,000; Ethics Commission should have an increased budget of \$7-10M, though the current level is \$5M; should have independent appointments to the Ethics Commission (no confirmation from Council or appointment from elected officials required); Ethics Commission was threatened previously by Council because the Commission's regulations on gifts was not lenient enough.
- b. Discussion and Possible Action regarding Council file [22-0560](#)
 - i. Municipal Lobbying Ordinance; there have been changes that have made this less strong over the last couple months; large loophole has been created for 501(c)3 to skirt lobbying requirements; no organization should be exempt from broad ethics rules; no other major city has as broad as exemptions as proposed by LA.
 - ii. **Public Comment:**
 1. Joe, from Hollywood: Want to vocalize support for Jamie's position. As a community member looking to be a part of this, how can I support it? What are the rules for disclosing how Board members are treated in voting for these matters?
 2. Emma Howard: All members of the public can still submit their own public comment - don't have to rely on NC statements.
 3. Rob Quan: Thank you Jamie. As drawn up right now, it's hard to enforce, and endeavoring people can make it impossible to enforce. This is not treating unions like corporations. This was not an extreme position - it had many supporting organizations. City Council would love nothing more than to punt on reform. Other forms of reform are at least 10 years out. We need something on the ballot this November that gets passed and enforced immediately.
 4. Kat Lundie: 501(c)3 - unionized social justice non-profit worker - I am in support of transparency and we need to address the structural problems. I would have no problem making these disclosures as a union member of a non-profit.
 - iii. **Board Member Comment:**
 1. Doug: Community groups could get affected by this if they are forced to register as lobbyists
 - a. Jamie: Current thresholds are \$5,000 *and* 30 hours of work per three months. Difference between seeking legal representation and filing a suit; would have to register. Some differences in the details.
 2. Doug: Still would make it difficult for a community group to hire an outside lawyer to represent them on their behalf.
 - a. Would want to require everyone who is getting paid to disclose they are getting paid; currently would not have to and developers should; this would even the playing field for all; this is about disclosure.
 3. Jillian: Second everything expressed by the audience member - talk to Hugo about this! Could you outline what occurred around your appointment and what was unorthodox about it? Can reps from CD-13 provide comments? What can be done at this stage, besides weighing in on this CIS?
 - a. Jamie: It was unorthodox; not sure a commission appointment was voted down entirely since 1928 with no discussion by the council. No indication that anyone had any concerns beforehand. Comments at the meeting were all supportive. Usually the appointment will get withdrawn if it will not clear. Trying to improve this city and its corruption problem. Felt completely blindsided by Hugo and even received a positive comment from him a week or so beforehand. Possibly people were trying to get after Meijia. Union officials were saying that if Councilmembers voted for Jamie, the unions wouldn't support them, and they should vote against. This is about transparency and an even playing field. Just

because you are a 501(c)3 shouldn't make you exempt. Felt very disrespected by Hugo conflating being pro-transparency with being anti-union.

4. Colter: We put this at the top of the agenda because it is so important to restoring trust in the government. Your work around this has been heroic. Our work is not logistical, it's cynicism. We need to vote to approve this council file to save our democracy. This council has been very pro-union - my dad was buried in his 100 year union jacket. Unions are very popular across the nation. I fear that if the people get the idea that unions are corrupt, anti-union legislation will follow. I don't believe the rules you are advocating for are anti-union. I'll be voting yes to support, if amended for 22-1232 and oppose 22-0560.

- a. If we make 501(c)3 exempt, there will be disparate treatment lawsuits filed in support of 501(c)5 and 501(c)6, which would open the doors to much more unregulated lobbying. Unions are looking to win an exemption they hadn't yet had. This would be a dangerous precedent.

C. **Presentation** about CicLAvia Event on Melrose February 25th starting 9am (material [one](#), [two](#), [three](#)) (Aerienne Russel)

- a. **Discussion and Possible Action** regarding getting a [booth](#) for Ciclavia, signing the form, and sending an event form for it, and who can be there from 9am -3pm to volunteer (Martinez)
 - i. Gigi Martinez: PA at Ciclavia - First event of the year, taking place on Melrose on February 25th from 9am-3pm; event is free and family friendly; closes off street from cars. Have done multiple rounds of outreach about what is going to happen, closures, etc. This would be 50th event since 2010.
 - ii. We should have an EHNC presence at Ciclavia; will sign from and commit to a booth.

D. **Presentation** about [Metro's Vermont Transit Corridor Project](#) (Paulina Velasco).

1. Annelle Albarran - Metro is doing a lot to improve mobility and livability, improve service and invest in community. Have done studies and outreach, reaching 6,000 people. BRT was a popular priority; from Hollywood to 120th street - 36,000 daily boardings. 40% of households have incomes of less than \$35,000. 88% of the transit riders on this corridor don't have access to a car. BRT by 2028 is the #1 priority. Other mechanisms for near-term improvements are peak-period bus lanes on the northern part of the corridor and install transit signal priority. These should be done by Summer 2025. For BRT, Metro is looking for side-running BRT on northern part of corridor and median running BRT on southern part of corridor.

- a) Will be making CEQA exemptions to implement by the 2028 deadline.

2. **Board Comment:**

- a) Natalie: Would encourage LA Metro staff to consider blue/green infrastructure improvement in addition to the gray infrastructure - not just the roads but the trees and waterway improvements that are possible.
 - (1) There will be meetings that look at the cultural needs assessments which these matters can be raised.

3. **Public Comment:**

- a) Joe, from Hollywood: Vocalizing support and seconding what Natalie said.
- b) Rustin: Would the BRT be separated from passenger car traffic? Without it, enforcement would be tricky. And why would we wait until 2028?
 - (1) There would be some improvements by 2025.

E. **Discussion and Possible Action** regarding a motion to support application for demolition of existing use and construction of a 19-unit Transit Oriented Communities project at 5271 W Sunset Blvd. (DIR-2023-2587-TOC-SPP-VHCA) with the following conditions: ([Google Drive Link with Files](#))

1. **Developer Comment:** Jordan Barcuhi, accompanied by the architect of record. Looking to develop a Transit Oriented Communities, with required level of ELI units; if we target a higher amount of affordable units we may not hit the 10%; per SB8 replacement unit determination - housing and

landlord was provided notice and the opportunity to seek replacement into the new project. Can provide copy of the SB8 application; agreed to conditions.

2. Tenant Comment: Received a notice of demolition and affidavit of tenants rights in June 2022

- a) Colter - Does not seem that the communication was overwhelming. Just one notice.
- b) Jeff - You were notified in August 2022 and the meeting was in June 2023. Was it 2022 or 2023
- c) Tenant - I may have misspoke
- d) Vanessa - Colter asked if we had been approached by anybody, and I said no - the only notification we were given was the SB notification and notice of demolition on our building.

3. Public Comment: Emma Howard - TOC project itself was not a matter of public record until April 2023.

- a) Jeff: Who is supposed to be doing the notification?
 - (1) Emma: It depends - the housing department can notify
- b) Jeff: Did the developer miss a piece of protocol?
 - (1) Emma: Not that I am aware of.
- c) Joe, from Hollywood: A lack of parking and sunlight is not a good metric for how to decide whether to build housing. I oppose the commodification of housing; it needs to be affordable. We need to keep developers honest and keep more affordable housing.

4. Board Comment:

- a) Doug: Adamantly opposed to this project that pulls 4 RSO units off and only puts 2 ELI units in. Market rate projects with a smidgeon of affordable housing would not be helpful. Only 10 parking spots as well that will make the parking situation worse. Incentives are only guidelines and can be changed. 7,000 people left East Hollywood between 2010-2020.

5. CD13 Comment:

- a) Emma Howard - Unobjectionable project in itself, though it is a fully-tenanted rent-controlled prospect. As it meets all the needs of the TOC, it should get approved. Would like to address the only negative impacts. 4 RSO units coming off line makes us want to address how to do best by the tenants.

- a. Provide that one ADA space will be an EV space with charging capabilities
- b. Add an additional six feet of parkway to the existing tree well at property frontage
- c. Provide a doggie waste station at property frontage that will be maintained by the property owner
- d. Add pedestrian-level lighting from the front of the building to improve visibility in public right of way
- e. For existing tenants of the existing structure, should they choose to exercise right of first return and do not qualify for the 2 ELI covenanted units, they should be allowed to return to market-rate units with their initial rental rate to be provided at the rate they last paid. (Park)

F. Discussion and Possible Action on a [letter of Opposition](#) to the Variance Request for the Recycling Center at 825 N. Virgil Avenue. ([ZA-2023-4473-ZV](#)).

- 1. Requested a Zone Variance because they are not 100 ft away from a residential home; people came to PLUM based on this lack of adherence. We should oppose this variance based on how this affects the lives of the residents in the area.

- a) **Jeff:** Applicants were not forthcoming in the first place.
- b) **Doug:** Operator was operating illegally first, then applied for a zoning variance. Variances establish precedent and requires five conditions to be met; no hardship involved if the land is otherwise useful.
- c) **Mike:** What is the hardship?
 - (1) Moving to the front of the parking lot would be the consequence and that would be legal.
- d) **Jeff:** They would move to the front, which would be legal

2. **Public Comment:** Ben, the resident adjacent to the operation: They would still be within 100 ft in the front

G. **Discussion and Possible Action** regarding continued use of a portable outdoor performance stage in the parking lot at the Fountain Theater (Case #: [ZA-2023-7919-ZV](#)) (Carlisle)

1. **James** recused himself.
2. **Colter:** It's a no-noise concert with headphones, it doesn't negatively affect anyone.

H. **Discussion and Possible Action** regarding progress on Bike in Movie at Barnsdall (Schultz)

1. Everyone wants to make this happen, but we need an engine to produce this. Jillian cannot be the engine anymore; such a person would be responsible for pushing this forward, working with community groups and such.
2. **Public comment:** Nina: Would love to make this happen.
3. **Colter:** Los Feliz NC is also trying to make this happen - will just work with them.

I. **Discussion and Possible Action** [regarding changes to the Bylaws](#) for evaluation by DONE due March of 2024

- a. **Discussion and Possible Action** on phrases, grammatical errors, and additions to the Bylaws (Martinez)

J. **Discussion and Possible Action** requiring the minimum threshold for quorum to reflect 50% plus 1 of sitting board members adding this to Bylaws Article V, Section 2: Quorum and striking, "Nine (9) members of the Board shall constitute a quorum" with the addition of moving this section of Quorum to Standing Rules (Martinez)

K. **Discussion and Possible Action** regarding adding and modifying Bylaws Article VIII Meetings, Section 1: Meeting Time and Place, "All Governing Board meetings shall be held within the Council boundaries at a location, date and time set by the Board. All Council committee meetings can be held within or outside of Council boundaries as determined by each individual committee" (Carlisle)

VII. Budget and Finance Action Items:

- A. **Approval** of the [December 2023 MER](#)
- B. **Approval** of [Jan 01 invoice webmaster bills](#) for \$372.20
- C. **Discussion and possible action** regarding up to \$3000 for the [PodShare Planters CIP](#)
 1. Bonafide improvement to a large patch of empty sidewalk. Good beautification process
 2. **Jack:** Is there a requirement for NC board members living within a certain distance of a proposed CIP?
 - a) No other board members could recall
- D. **Approval** of the [Updated Budget](#)

VIII. Committee Reports (1 min per item)

- A. Arts & Culture (Schultz)
- B. Budget & Finance (Bennett)
- C. Business (Zarrinam)
- D. By Laws, Ethics & Standing Rules (Martinez)
 - a. [Bylaws](#)
 - b. [Standing Rules \(pdf version\)](#)
- E. Executive Committee (Martinez)
- F. Homelessness & Displacement Prevention (Sadler)
- G. Immigrant's Rights (Sadler)
- H. Outreach (Carlisle)
- I. Planning & Land Use Management (Park)
- J. Public Health, Safety & Sustainability (Chyba)
- K. Youth & Education (Bennett)
- L. Ad Hoc LACC Swap Meet / Street Vendors ()

IX. Announcements

- A. Update on Produce Box Events for the Future
 - 1. Still working on this
- B. Next Board Meeting on 02/26 and Executive Meeting Date 02/21
 - 1. Pushing meetings a week to accommodate the holiday
- C. Update on SB411 (Martinez)
 - 1. Still working on bylaws.. would bring it up in March or April
- D. Update from President (Martinez)

X. Adjournment

- A. Adjourned at 9:52pm

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