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## “Special” Joint Board & Planning & Land Use And Health & Safety Committee Agenda **MINUTES**

Friday, March 26, 2021, 4:00PM-6:00PM

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- 1. Call to Order & Introductions 4:07pm; A. Farias, J. Rabb, P. Rand, K. Benoit, E. Garren, S. House in attendance.**
- 2. Public Comment on non-agenda items (2 minutes per speaker) None**
- 3. Approval of Minutes from Planning & Land Use/Health & Safety February 2021 meeting J. Rabb motioned; E. Garren seconds; approved unanimously.**
- 4. Presentation by Severin Martinez, LADOT’s Stress Free Connections Discuss safety issues related to the intersection on Hoover and 50 Pl. (report/discussion/possible action to bring full board) (30 minutes) Albert wants to discuss other possible intersections for the LADOT’s Stress Free Connections. Severin introduces himself as the project manager for this project. Explains the analysis that identified areas with the potential to increase biking and cycling. Wants to collaborate with communities to identify barriers and validate data driven analysis with actual experiences. He discusses how LADOT measures the level of travel stress and what building towards stress free travel looks like. Discusses how first steps would be implemented and shows a map of the current intersections under consideration. Grant has been extended to February 2022 to allow time for public input. Parker wants to know if the goal of the project is increased bike use. Severin says that part of the benefit will be longer stretches of bike/cycle lanes/corridors. Parker wants LADOT to be open to allowing the community to dictate the best areas. Severin acknowledges that this will likely be most useful for 1-3 mile trips versus trips from South LA to DTLA for example. Elizabeth asks if there will be barriers to protect bikers on major streets. Severin says that they want to hear from the community on that but it must be something that makes sense for the area. Ed makes suggestions and thanks Severin for the city’s willingness to engage the community. Albert suggests that the city should implement safety changes north and south of the pinpoint on Hoover St. and 50th Pl. in order to really ensure stress free passage by reducing driving speeds on Hoover.**

**5. The People for Crenshaw Park Development Project, Jamiah Hargins, Crop Swap LA.**  
*(report/discussion/possible action to bring full board) (15 minutes)*

Proposed Action: Motion to make recommendation to the Voices NC General Board to SUPPORT the development project on MLK. Jamiah highlights the goals of the project. Clarifies miscommunications from March's Regular Board Meeting by addressing community support and adjustments made to his proposal that reflect neighborhood council input. Sawnia voiced frustration that the board had not provided a letter of support. Matthew and Kaamil share these sentiments and stress the importance of listening to the community from which the project has a lot of support. Albert asks if Jamiah has made changes to his proposal reflecting NC input, he confirmed he had. Elizabeth clarified her comment on the matter in the last Regular Board Meeting. Ed said the project is well thought out. Motion by E. Garren, second by M. Crawford. Motion carries.

**6. Update: Community Refrigerators** *(report/discussion/possible action to bring full board) (15 minutes)*

Member/Committee: M. Crawford

Discussion of possible refrigerator donation, location and community organizations to head the project. Matthew voices the concerns of the store owner offering to host the refrigerator. The owner is concerned about the liability that may be associated with offering donated food to the public. Matthew and Javonne mention other community fridges that post disclaimers to avoid liability. Abasi offers that there are ways to get insurance to protect organizations in these situations. Javonne asks that he send the information to Matthew. The subject of decorating comes up. The board decides to collaborate on decorating and building shelving to protect the refrigerator and store pantry items. Matthew will speak to the store owner and propose the board's ideas and report back at the next meeting. No action taken.

**7. Illegal Dumping Possible Solutions/ Park Programming / Green Space Project – Discussion with Sherilyn Correa, CD9** *(report/discussion/possible action to bring full board) (15 minutes)*

Albert voiced concerns about 311 only picking up bulky item requests during weekly trash pickups. Elizabeth asks if local trash pickup sites could be put in the area. Justin says that CD 9 has discussed using large bins as they have done in the past but they tend to contribute to other issues because they are left unattended and can only be emptied so often. Public comment by -PUPPET asking if the city can identify "legal dumping". Justin asks the board if they are aware that there is a newly proposed park that would be on Figueroa and Slauson. Albert voices community concern about parking and construction timelines. No action taken.

**8. Diagonal Parking – Discussion with Sherilyn Correa, CD9** *(report/discussion/possible action to bring full board) (15 minutes)*

Britney says that diagonal parking may not be possible in the proposed area near the Vermont Square Library. She references car accidents in areas with diagonal parking as part of the determination. Offers to provide more information. No action taken.

**9. Reimaging of LAPD Funds** *(report/discussion/possible action to bring full board) (15 minutes)*

Parker asks James Westbrook if the city is exploring unarmed emergency response units in this area and want the NC council to be very clear in the language of the letter by asserting that alternative models that have worked in other areas be studied. He also urges the city to hire an independent group to analyze the needs of this area. Albert emphasizes the importance of programs and access to economic opportunities as the responsible way to relieve the conditions that cause crime. Public commenter says that Voices NC needs to provide more information pertaining to financial analyses on the Voices NC website. Matthew wants the language of the letter to include that the funds to be allocated to CD 9 neighborhood councils equal \$90,000 for one

fiscal year with a motion by city council to allow neighborhood councils to roll remaining funds over into the next year. Motion by J. Rabb and 2nd P. Rand.

## **10. Request for future agenda items - None**

## **11. Adjourn - 6:45pm**

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