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# PALMS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Land-Use & Planning Committee Meeting Agenda Monday, March 16, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.

IMAN Center – 3376 Motor Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90034 (onsite parking available)

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.



#### 1. WELCOMING REMARKS

a. Call to Order

## 2. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

a. Roll Call

#### 3. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

a. Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Assembly's jurisdiction (Up to two minutes per speaker)

#### 4. PRESENTATIONS FROM DEVELOPERS

- a. 3743 S. MIDVALE AVE.
  - i. New 13-unit apartment building with density bonus
- b. 3355 OVERLAND AVE.
  - i. Demolition of existing apartment building. New 5-story, 38-unit apartment building with density bonus.

# 5. UPDATE - Overland Avenue Improvement Project

- a. Surveys are out to local businesses. To obtain a survey, email committee chair at neal@palmsla.org
- b. A charrette-style workshop will be held to get input from stakeholders on design features of a *new* Overland Ave.
  - i. Sunday, March 15 9am-2pm Motor Ave. Farmers Market (@National Blvd.)

## 6. CALL FOR PROJECTS – to utilize available monies in two funds accessible by the PNC

- a. Discussion and possible action regarding suggested ideas for land-use, infrastructure, and other neighborhood improvement projects which could utilize expiring available funds before the end of the fiscal year (6/30/15).
  - i. *Neighborhood Purpose Grants* are available to certified non-profit organizations or local schools. Find application and details online at www.palmsla.org

- ii. *Beautification Fund* All project ideas welcome for the purposes of neighborhood beautification. Bring ideas to committee meetings or submit them via email at <a href="mailto:neal@palmsla.org">neal@palmsla.org</a>
- 7. MOTION: Whereas the alleyway west of the 3700 block of Motor is in a state of considerable disrepair, rendering it nearly impassable, And Whereas the Palms Neighborhood Council has twice requested that this alley be completely leveled and repaved (not patched or slurry sealed) in 2011 and 2012, And Whereas Gateway Equities agreed in 2011 to contribute \$20,000 for use by the Palms Neighborhood Council to modernize Woodbine Park, And Whereas those monies were unable to be spent during the construction of Woodbine Park because the City Council had not approved the project for construction, And Whereas the current owner of the 10601 Washington Blvd. is aware of their obligation to the Palms community, Therefore, the Palms Neighborhood Council will write a letter to the current owner requesting that \$20,000 be allocated towards repavement of the entire alleyway between Motor and Mentone, from Regent to Venice in Palms, And the Palms Neighborhood Council will write Councilmember Paul Koretz and the Bureau of Street Services Resurfacing and Reconstruction Division requesting that the City of Los Angeles come up with the remaining funds to pay for the resurfacing of the entire alleyway.
- 8. MOTION: Whereas the Palms Neighborhood Council Planning & Land Use Committee is embarking on a program to revision Overland Avenue to improve its use for residents, businesses, pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists, And Whereas the PNC has already allocated \$5,000 for native tree plantings in empty tree wells on Overland Avenue, And Whereas the "bottlebrush" (Callistemon) trees along Overland Avenue are non-native, unattractive, provide little shade, and produce a red blossom that litters sidewalks and stains parked cars, Therefore the Palms Neighborhood Council allocates \$2,500 from its 2014-15 budget under "street improvement projects" and the remainder of the funds originally slated for beautification from the 'Victor on Venice' project fund towards removing all bottlebrushes along Overland Avenue from Washington Blvd to National Blvd and replacing them with a native plant determined by the PNC Green Committee.
- 9. Discussion of the creation of a document, listing the land-use demands and preferences of the Palms Neighborhood Council, to be available to all incoming developers, businesses, and residents.
- 10. Approval of January and February meeting minutes

#### 11. ADJOURNMENT:

a. Note: Meeting end time is approximately 9:00pm or shortly thereafter

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