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PALMS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Land-Use & Planning Committee Meeting Agenda

Monday, May 18, 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. CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION

i. EL NOPAL RESTAURANT seeking upgrade to full alcohol license at 10426 National Blvd. (at Motor Ave.)

5. UPDATE - Overland Avenue Improvement Project

a. Streetscape Plan reveal – including the results from public feedback accumulated over the course of several months and at public events

6. CALL FOR PROJECTS – Available Funds

- ##### 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 neal@palmsla.org

7. CALL FOR ARBORIST PROPOSALS - email neal@palmsla.org

- ##### a. The Land-Use and Green Committees are working jointly to find and hire an experienced arborist to plan, coordinate and execute a project for Overland Avenue involving the removal of bottlebrush trees and the planting of a series of native species. Proposals are being accepted now.

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, 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 10601 Washington Blvd. (with frontage on Overland Avenue) 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 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.
 - a. Parking Decoupling
 - b. Solar Electricity Sourcing
 - c. Parking Maximization
 - d. Bicycle Storage
 - e. Native Landscaping
 - f. 25-foot setback on all neighborhood streets

10. Approval of March meeting minutes

11. ADJOURNMENT:

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

Time allocations for agenda items are approximate and may be shortened or lengthened at the discretion of the Committee Chair.

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