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ARTS DISTRICT LOS ANGELES

ADLA MINUTES

January 17, 2024, 1:30PM
SCI-Arc

- I. **Call to Order**
Chairman Wulf called the meeting to order at 1:40 PM

- II. **Public Comment**
Wulf asked for public comment/Board comment. Elizabeth Andalon, sitting in for Matthew Marquez, gave a quick update on the upcoming night work related to the Link Union Station (Link US) project. Elizabeth explained that advance utility work on Vignes, Commercial and Center Street would begin next Monday and take approximately eight months to complete. She said this work will allow for future construction of the train viaduct over the U.S. 101 freeway. Elizabeth went on to remind the Board that this project would create new run-through tracks to improve and expand regional rail capacity at Los Angeles Union Station. She provided more details about the work days and hours of work, citing Monday through Saturday, 9pm to 6 am. Wulf thanked Elizabeth and seeing no more public comment moved on.

- III. **Presentations**
Chairman Wulf asked for presentations, seeing none he moved on to the next item.

- IV. **Approval of ADLA Board Meeting Minutes**
Gallo called for approval of the minutes. Soroudi motioned to approve the minutes, which were seconded by Normandin. The minutes were approved unanimously.

- V. **Public Safety Report**
Seeing that Officer Zambrano was not present, Chairman Wulf moved on to the Artist report.

- VI. **Artist Report**
Mitchell and Normandin announced that they had nothing to share at this time, but that they were looking forward to 2024 and the potential for some new projects.

- VII. **LARABA Update**
Chairman Wulf asked for the LARABA report. Michael Hope, seated in the audience, gave the LARABA report. He spoke at length about the current status of the Avenue 26 Taco Bell Night Market. He went into why the market stalled and also how the event organizers were now trying to bring this event to a new location-- Mesquit Street. Once Hope finished speaking about the market, Board Member Schwarzstein reminded Michael that there were other LARABA items that needed to be announced. Hope and Schwarzstein together spoke about efforts to revamp the dog park, artist grants, recent Board changes at LARABA and a few more updates. After the update, Wulf thanked Schwarzstein and Hope and moved on.

VIII. New Business

Wulf announced that it was now time for Board elections. He explained how the nominating committee met to put together a few recommendations. Wulf asked Vargas to explain the recommendations. Vargas reviewed a list of the Board Members that were up for re-election. He then said that after checking-in with each Board Member, the recommendation was to re-elect all returning Board Member with the exception of two—Dan Rosenfeld and Aram Garikian. Vargas explained that the criteria for being a Board Member was that one had to be a property owner and secondly, one had to make the BID meetings. Vargas explained that Rosenfeld had served the Board faithfully for five years, however, he no longer represents a property owner so he would have to step down. Vargas then said Aram had not been to a meeting in several years so he would have to be removed. In addition to recommendations on the returning Board Members, Vargas added that the nominating committee recommended giving three new property owners an opportunity to serve on the Board.

Vargas quickly presented the three candidates--David Greenberg, Matthew Quiat and Dennis Kim—and directed Board Members to read each of the candidates bios. After a quick overview of these new candidates, Wulf then asked the Board to approve the nominating committee's recommendation. Gallo made a motion and Soroudi seconded the motion. Wulf then moved on to Officer selection.

Vargas announced that a Chairman and Vice Chairman needed to be selected. He shared a quick overview of the duties and then explained that any Board Member could be considered for the Chairman role. He asked for nominations. Liu-Morales raised her hand and nominated Frank Gallo for Chairman. Gallo accepted the nomination. Wulf then nominated Beth Stryker for Vice Chairman. Stryker accepted the nomination. Wulf then moved to approve Gallo as Chairman and Stryker as Vice Chair. Liu second the motion which was approved unanimously. Wulf then moved on to the next item

Wulf announced that there was an item before the Board which would amend the bylaws and change the frequency of the ADLA Board meetings. He asked Vargas to please explain this item. Vargas began by asking everyone to recall the difficulty the Board had making quorum last year. Vargas suggested that perhaps meeting every other month would make it easier for Board members to attend meetings. Gallo added that in addition to meeting every other month, it was also proposed that committees should be created. Vargas mentioned that there could be a Financial committee, an Operations committee and perhaps even a Communications committee. Wulf said these were all good ideas and that Vargas should return next month with the proposed changes to the bylaws and the meeting structure next month. Vargas agreed to do so.

IX. Meeting Adjourn

Wulf concluded the meeting at 2:21 p.m.

Board Member Attendance

BOARD OF DIRECTORS	PRESENT	ABSENT	BOARD OF DIRECTORS	PRESENT	ABSENT
Thomas Wulf	X		Adam Normandin	X	
Frank Gallo	X		Chris Pearson		X
Dilip Bhavnani		X	Lauren Phillips		X
Matt Klein	X		Dan Rosenfeld		X
Pouya Abdi		X	Mark Rothenberg	X	
Yuval Bar-Zemer		X	Cindy Schwarzstein	X	
Aram Garikian		X	Michael Soroudi	X	
Paul Holliday		X	David Stahl	X	
Matthew Marquez	X		Beth Stryker	X	
Rebecca Liu-Morales	X		Lisa Vacca-Brown	X	
Valerie Mitchell	X		Shep Wainwright		X