



**AGENDA PACIFIC PALISADES COMMUNITY COUNCIL BOARD MEETING January 12,  
2023 Via Zoom Videoconference**

**6:00 PM – 7:30PM Join**

**Zoom Meeting**

**<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82505310911>**

**Meeting ID: 825 0531 0911**

Audio Only/Dial-In:

**1-669-900-6833 or**

**1-669 444 9171**

**Zoom doors will open at 5:45pm – Meeting will be recorded for Secretarial purposes**

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- 1. Call to Order and Reading of Community Council’s Mission.** The purpose of the Pacific Palisades Community Council shall be to (1) be a forum for the consideration of Community issues, (2) be an advocate for Pacific Palisades to government and private agencies upon issues where there is broad Community agreement, as reflected by two-thirds of the Board Members voting on any one of those issues at a PPCC Meeting, and (3) assist other organizations in the Palisades which want help in accomplishing their objectives or projects, which the PPCC determines to support. *See PPCC Bylaws:* <http://pacpalicc.org/index.php/council-bylaws/>.
- 2. Roll-call of Board members and Certification of Quorum.**
- 3. Introduction of attendees.**
- 4. Approval of Minutes:** November 10, 2022 (no minutes December 8, 2022 -- Holiday Gala/no business meeting).
- 5. Consideration of Agenda & Upcoming Meetings:**
  - January 26: a presentation by Alex Helou, Assistant Director at LA Sanitation. Deborah Hong, LADWP. Intro to Gabriela Medina, CD11 District Director.
  - February 9: Presentation by Brian Hale, LADOT Chief of Parking Enforcement and Tim Fremaux, Sr. Transportation Engineer, LADOT – to discuss parking issues as well as crosswalks and updates on intersections.

*Topics are only a partial list and may be amended.*

**6. Treasurer's Report.**

- 7. General Public Comment.** *This time is reserved for non-Board members to speak on any item of interest to the public that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the PPCC. Speakers will be limited to one minute. Chair retains discretion to extend.*

**8. Reports, Announcements and Concerns.**

**8.1. From the Chair/Presiding Officer.**

- 8.1.1. Walked Potrero Canyon Park with Area and At-large Reps. Would like to invite them to share their impressions.

**8.2. From Officers**

**8.3. From At-Large and Area Representatives**

**8.4. From Organizational Representatives**

- 8.4.1. Kevin Niles, American Legion, Grand opening date and details

**8.5. From Government Offices / Representatives**

- 8.5.1. Brian Espin. LAPD Senior Lead Officer for Pacific Palisades

- 8.5.2. Zac Gaidzik, (temporary) Deputy, County Supervisor Lindsey Horvath, District 3

- 8.5.3. Gabriela Medina, CD11 District Director, Councilmember Traci Park

**8.6. From PPCC Advisors and WRAC Representatives**

- 8.6.1. Lou Kamer, PPCC Transportation Advisor

- 8.6.2. Sharon Kilbride, Homelessness Advisor – PPTFH needs volunteers for the PIT 2023 count on January 25<sup>th</sup>. Start time: 5/5:30 am from Corpus Christi gymnasium. Please email [kimjdave@msn.com](mailto:kimjdave@msn.com) to sign up and volunteer.

- 8.6.3. Chris Spitz, PPCC Primary rep to WRAC

- 8.6.4. K.C. Soll, cert and Emergency Preparedness Liaison

**9. Reports from Committees.**

- 9.1. Palisades Forestry Committee, David Card, Chair**

- 9.2. Holiday Event Committee, Sue Kohl (recap of Holiday event), Haldis Toppel (Chair)**

**10. Old Business – None.**

**11. New Business.**

- 11.1. L.A. City 3-1-1 App Presentation (by Donna Arrechea, Director, 3-1-1 Call Center).**

- 11.2. Smoking on film/movie sets (by Larry Watts, BCC)**

Larry Watts will inform PPCC about a recent motion passed by BCC, prohibiting smoking on filming sets in/near the VHFSZs.

- 11.3. George Wolfberg Park at Potrero Canyon (GWPPC):**

- 11.3.1. Motion to Secure Park Rangers (sponsored by At-large Rep Chris Spitz and Area 6 Reps Cindy Simon and Quentin Fleming):

Pacific Palisades Community Council (PPCC), in the interest of public health and safety, urges Council District 11 to secure the regular service of the Los Angeles City Park Rangers to ensure that Park Rangers are assigned to monitor George Wolfberg Park at Potrero Canyon on a daily basis so that proper usage of this passive, unattended, Park can be enforced in accordance with all laws, including ensuring that users are not gaining access to the Park before or after operating hours and that users are not trapped or otherwise remaining in the Park after the intended sunset closing time.

11.3.2. Discussion and possible motion regarding standing water:

PPCC recognizes a current need for L.A. County Vector Control to support the opening of the George Wolfberg Park at Potrero Canyon (GWPPC) and asks CD11 and RAP to request Vector Control personnel, on a regular basis, to test/monitor standing water gathering at various spots along the riparian way in GWPPC, until the conditions causing standing water in the riparian way are identified and corrected and/or the proposed pump which is intended to effectively recirculate the riparian water begins to function properly and ensures a moving stream that prevents the collection of standing water and/or the chance of mosquitos or other hazards associated with standing water.

11.3.3. Discussion and possible motion/s regarding observations made during our walk through:

- A) Formal Thank you to Congressman Ted Lieu for securing \$1.15 Million in the Omnibus bill for the Lateral Trail linking GWPPC with Temescal Canyon Park.
- B) Formal request to Mayor Karen Bass and/or Councilwoman Traci Park to secure the additional short-fall for the Lateral Trail (now estimated by BOE to cost over \$3M).
- C) Slope erosion – noted by our board members in various areas of GWPPC and must be addressed and repaired by city engineers before it damages the pedestrian trail. There are other observable areas of slippage in areas of the canyon which all need repair.
- D) Biking – Electric, battery operated or motorized bikes and scooters to be prohibited; pedal bikes and non-motorized scooters allowed only on the 12-ft. wide, main pedestrian trail (appropriate “no motorized vehicles” LAMC section added to the signage).
- E) Linking QR code to GWPPC family information and signage.
- F) Dogs off leash – make clear with additional signage that this is prohibited at GWPPC (can be detrimental to turf as well as habitat); urge city to seriously pursue dog park in Pacific Palisades.
- G) Wires and plastic pipe(s) sticking out along the pedestrian pathway – city to address.
- H) Gates: all pedestrian gates must function properly (latched fully closed automatically at sunset and opened automatically at sunrise); the Rhino gate at the end of the pedestrian trail should be operable, or gaps created on both sides of the gate posts that are just wide enough for pedestrian passage, so pedestrians can gain

access to the rest of the trail which descends down to the mouth of the canyon (to where the Lateral Trail would begin).

I) Fencing at Frontera Entrance: Fencing to the left side of the vehicle gate (when entering GWPPC) to be replaced or raised to a height of 6 ft. from the top of the curb/retaining wall where persons have been observed climbing over the now-lower fencing at that point in order to gain access at nighttime.

J) Additional signage on pedestrian gates: Add clear signs on the Frontera, baseball field and Friends St. gates stating to the effect “Park Closed (No Entry) Sunset to Sunrise.” There should be a passive park sign at each entry.

**11.4. Interactive Kiosk Experience (IKE) Program** – discussion and possible motion (recommended by WRAC: <https://westsidecouncils.com/motion/oppose-ike-interactive-kiosk-program-cf-22-1154-2/>) to oppose the city’s proposed IKE program. Proposed motion language:

**Pacific Palisades Community Council** opposes the IKE program present in Council File 22-1154 for the following reasons:

- There is no local competitive bidding process.
- This project needs a financial analysis, as it is using public space to generate revenue.
- This project may have negative environmental impacts and there is no environmental review (CEQA).
- This project creates visual pollution
- This project is a source of driver distraction and poses a threat to safe driving

*[Modified portion highlighted.]*

- This project may result in the installation of digital advertising structures along designated Scenic Highways for which Scenic Corridor Plans have not been adopted, such as Sunset Blvd.; as such, the project violates the Mobility Element of the City’s General Plan (Appendix B, Scenic Highways Guidelines).

*History: Initially, this program was presented as a way to assist tourists in navigating L.A. The “IKE” program calls for digital ad structures across Los Angeles. The city’s Tourism and Convention Board signed a Letter of Intent with Los Angeles to launch this program in 2017 but required a change in the L.A. Municipal Code (LAMC) to allow advertising structures on the public right-of-way in addition to those permitted for transit structures. Under the STAP program, the City Council has approved the new LAMC provision. Scenic LA and its allies have filed suit to oppose both the STAP and the IKE programs, citywide. Further background:*

<https://westsidecouncils.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/Background-Report-IKE.pdf>

## **12. Adjournment.**