



## AGENDA

### PPCC BOARD MEETING

July 27, 2023

**Via Zoom Videoconference Only**

6:00 PM – 8:00PM

Meeting ID: 854 8661 0425

Passcode: 592034

#### Link to Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85486610425?pwd=aGNFdVVkY1VKN09rUURPUm5zd2JXdz09>

Meeting will be recorded for Secretarial purposes

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:** June 22, 2023 -
5. **Consideration of Agenda & Upcoming Meetings:**  
August 24<sup>th</sup> will be our only August meeting. In September, we will begin meeting again on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month.  
On August 24<sup>th</sup>, we will hear from Armine Sargsyan, Community Relations & Outreach, CA Dept of Insurance, regarding wildfire insurance and more.  
*Topics are only a partial list and may be amended.*
6. **Treasurer’s Report.**  
The Treasurer will give her first report of the year with a preview of this term’s budget, outlining overhead costs and discussing the upcoming events and projects for which we will need to raise money. (Note: the previous Treasurer distributed his final report to the board at the end of the year. A copy of the balance sheet to accompany that report can be found at:

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. Letter written to oppose too quick a time line for digital billboard advertising review and by City Planning. See <https://pacpalicc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/extend-comment-for-billboard-blight.pdf>

8.1.2. Temescal Canyon Rd repair update (pending from LA St Services)

8.1.3. Met new LAPD Captain, Rich Gabaldon

8.1.4. Partnering with BCC for a fall community meeting on Cannabis regulation, LAPD crime prevention and traffic mitigation as school starts (buses and car traffic)

8.1.5. 50<sup>th</sup> Celebration report

8.1.6. Potrero Canyon updates

8.1.7. Organizational rotations (September)

8.1.8. Pole-top update

8.1.9. Committees reassigned (see website)

8.1.10. Continue to meet online (perhaps in person quarterly...)

8.1.11. PAB Board meeting update

8.1.12. RAP Commission meeting

8.2. From Officers and Chair Emeritus

8.2.1. Sue Kohl, VP, welcome and update on new information posted on the website

8.2.2. Dave Card, Chair Emeritus, update on City Ordinance to prohibit planting or sale of non-native plants in Los Angeles. (see City Council Motion attached)

8.2.3. Beth Holden-Garland, Secretary, update on logo and social media

8.3. From At-Large and Area Representatives

8.3.1. Murray Levy, Area One Primary Representative

8.3.2. Chris Spitz, At-large Representative

8.4. From Organizational Representatives

8.4.1. Resilient Palisades, Ryan Craig

8.5. From Government Offices / Representatives

8.5.1. State

8.5.2. City

8.5.3. County

8.5.4. LAPD

8.6. From PPCC Committees, Advisors and WRAC Representatives

**9. Reports from PPCC Committees:**

Committee of Three Chairs, Chair David Card: 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate for Area 5 applications open for 30 days. Noticed on Friday July 21<sup>st</sup>: <https://pacpalicc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/PPCC-Alternates-App.Notice-2023-2.pdf>

**10. Old Business:**

Review of application for amended Coastal Development Permit (CDP) at 15245 W. De Pauw Street. PPCC has opposed applications for after-the-fact amendments to the CDP for this project over the years, most recently with our April 24, 2023 letter to Planning Department (link to copy of letter). The West Los Angeles Area Planning Commission denied the prior amendment application for this project in 2020 (link to 2020 Letter of Determination). The Owner has now applied again in two separate applications, the first of which will be heard by WLA APC on August 7, 2023. PPCC has historically opposed. We wish to bring the current board up to speed as we look ahead to remaining on the record with opposition. (see supporting documents, attached.)

**11. New Business**

**12. Adjournment**

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For additional information see [www.pacpalicc.org](http://www.pacpalicc.org) or e-mail [info@pacpalicc.org](mailto:info@pacpalicc.org)



MOTION

The City has prioritized the protection of biodiversity for most of the last decade through the recruitment of a Biodiversity Expert Panel, made up of scientists, researchers, professors and practitioners from the various world-class universities and organizations around Los Angeles.

The Bureau of Sanitation has led the Expert Panel in the creation of an LA City Biodiversity Index to count and account for the plants, animals and insects that inhabit the region, and to better prioritize their protection, especially from City-related activities.

Yet, the Los Angeles region faces a biodiversity crisis wherein over 90% of local butterflies, songbirds, and other pollinators have disappeared in the last century, driven by the heretofore unconscious replacement of local native flora with non-native plant and tree species.

The City is aware that addressing our local biodiversity crisis is necessary as part of any larger effort to address climate change risks to human health and the long term habitability of our city.

Now through the work of the Biodiversity Experts, the City more fully understands the impacts of its choices, particularly landscaping choices, on the region's future biological health.

As many Angelenos experienced during the COVID lockdown, such nature-based activities as seeing butterflies and hearing songbirds have been linked to human health benefits such as lower blood pressure and an increased sense of well-being and overall happiness.

California native landscaping plants and trees can thrive in our urban environment and furnish all the benefits non-native plants and trees can offer in terms of canopy shade to offset the heat island effect, beauty, and shade comfort for humans, while being low in maintenance costs, yet native plant and tree species provide the only true path to regional climate resilience for biodiversity, water and energy savings, and the elimination of soil amendment runoff pollution.

There are abundant and sufficient California native plant and tree options for every ornamental landscaping application in Los Angeles, including more than 30 California native tree species already on the City of Los Angeles Approved Street Tree List and over 500 California native drought tolerant plants that have been adopted into horticulture trade to fill every landscaping niche for size, shape, color, fragrance, bloom season, and beauty.

California native plant and tree species present an underutilized opportunity to foster local identity, embrace the Indigenous, geographical and cultural heritage of Los Angeles, and continue the City's trajectory of biodiversity leadership in a time of mass extinctions..

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## PACIFIC PALISADES COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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April 24, 2023

Juliet Oh, Senior City Planner  
200 N. Spring St., Room 721  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Via email: [Juliet.Oh@lacity.org](mailto:Juliet.Oh@lacity.org)

Re: **DIR-2019-938-CDP, Amendment to ZA-2000-3281-CDP-AMDT1;**  
**ENV-2019-939-CE;**  
**15245 W. De Pauw St., Pacific Palisades;**  
**OPPOSE applications, and Request for Removal Order.**

Dear Ms. Oh,

Pacific Palisades Community Council (PPCC) is the most broad-based community organization in Pacific Palisades and has been the voice of the community since 1973.

We write today to restate our previous opposition (<https://pacpalicc.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/DIR-15425-W-De-Pauw-2.pdf>) to the large concrete deck structure that was constructed years ago without a permit at 15245 W. De Pauw St., in Pacific Palisades, and, by extension, to oppose the Proposed Amendment to ZA-2000-3281-CDP for the property at 15245 W. De Pauw Street., which seeks after-the-fact approval for the large concrete deck structure built without a necessary amendment to the Coastal Development Permit issued by the California Coastal Commission in July 2000 (Permit No. 5-00-218).

PPCC has supported the creation and construction of a city park at Potrero Canyon for decades. The 46-acre park has finally been completed and open to the public since December 10, 2022. At the community's request, the City Planning Department issued "Z.I. Bulletin No. 2422 Potrero Canyon" which sets forth rim development guidelines specific to Potrero Canyon, purposefully limiting development in the rear of the adjacent residential properties and protecting the views from the trails of "George Wolfberg Park at Potrero Canyon".

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**NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT**

April 10, 2023

**Owner/Applicant**  
Louis Magur  
The Louis and Wendy L.  
Magur Revocable Living Trust  
17374 W. Sunset Boulevard  
Pacific Palisades, CA 90272

**Case No.:** ZA-2000-3281-CDP-AMDT1  
**CEQA:** ENV-2018-7537-CE  
**Location:** 15245 W. De Pauw Street  
**Council District:** 11 – Park  
**Neighborhood Council:** None  
**Community Plan Area:** Brentwood – Pacific Palisades  
**Land Use Designation:** Low Residential  
**Zone:** R1-1  
**Legal Description:** Lot 15, Block 19, TR 9300

*Last day to submit written  
objection, pursuant to LAMC  
Section 12.20.2-O.2: April 24, 2023*

**APPROVED COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT**

On November 8, 2000, Pursuant to the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 12.20.2, the Zoning Administrator approved a Coastal Development Permit (ZA-2000-3281-CDP) for a project consisting of: the construction of a 3,900 square-foot, two-story, 25-foot in height, single family dwelling on a 7,500 square-foot vacant lot. The project is located in the Single Permit Jurisdiction area of the Coastal Zone.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT**

Pursuant to the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 12.20.2-O, the applicant proposes an amendment of the previously approved Coastal Development Permit to replace an uncovered deck, located at the rear portion of the structure, with a new covered patio. Upon review of the proposed change, the designee of the Director of Planning has determined the requested amendment constitutes an immaterial change to the previously approved Coastal Development Permit.