



## **AGENDA**

### **PPCC BOARD MEETING**

**January 25, 2024**

**Via Zoom Videoconference**

**6:00 PM – 8:00PM**

**Meeting ID: 854 8661 0425**

**Passcode: 592034**

### **NEW Link to Join Zoom Meeting**

**<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88283101185?pwd=G7rqFX4t6sGl3K6B4srbYL9HC67efX.1>**

**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:**  
Guests: Estefania Lopez Perez, Sr. Policy Associate, Inclusive Action for the City, to speak on street vending regulations and more. Recommended to us by Capri Maddox, GM LA Civil & Human Rights and Equity Department. Juan Fregoso, Council District 11 District Director.
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Draft January 11, 2024 minutes for approval (<https://pacpalicc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/Jan-11-2024-draft-Minutes.pdf>)
5. **Consideration of Agenda & Upcoming Meetings.**
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. Report on positions and letters/significant correspondence since the last meeting

8.1.2. Updates regarding public safety matters – cameras for open spaces (LA Parks Foundation. Flock for possible Condor camera pilot. Foot patrols using RAP vendor also possible. Community funding discussion.)

8.1.3. Developments (if any) regarding Potrero Canyon coastal access

8.1.4. Update re conversation with new CD11 Dist Dir., Juan Fregoso

8.1.5. Update on LA Park Commission meeting in Pacific Palisades

8.1.6. New talks regarding a community garden

8.1.7. Update on [CF 15-0389-S2](#) on CC status at City hearings & proceedings

8.2. From Officers and Chair Emeritus

8.2.1. Sue Kohl, Vice President

8.2.2. Beth Holden-Garland, Secretary

8.2.3. Dave Card, Chair Emeritus

8.3. From At-Large and Area Representatives

8.3.1. Cindi Young, Area One 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate

8.3.2. Murray Levy, Area One primary

8.3.3. Karen Ridgley, Area Four primary

8.3.4. Chris Spitz, At-Large Rep

8.4. From Organizational Representatives

8.4.1. PPRA activities and concerns: Courtney Macker, Primary representative

a Unpermitted food stand activity (see speaker along, with updates from State & County reps)

8.5. From Government Offices / Representatives

8.5.1. Brian Espin, Senior Lead Officer (SLO), Pacific Palisades, Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD)

8.5.2. Michael Amster, CD11 Field Deputy, Pacific Palisades & Brentwood joined by District Director, Juan Fregoso.

8.5.3. Radmehr Noroozi, SD 24, Field Representative, Palisades, Brentwood, Westwood and Westside

8.5.4. Skylar Payab, AD 42, Field Deputy, Pacific Palisades & Brentwood

8.5.5. Marian Ensley, West Area Field Deputy, Mayor Karen Bass

8.5.6. Zac Gaidzick, Coastal and westside Field Deputy, County Supervisor, Lindsey Horvath

8.6. From PPCC Advisors and WRAC Representatives

8.6.1. WRAC updates, Chris Spitz & Maryam Zar

8.6.2. PCH Taskforce meeting update; Lou Kamer, PPCC Transportation Advisor

9. Reports from PPCC Committees and community groups:

9.1. Committee of the Three Chairs – Card, Spitz, Zar

9.1.1. Nomination of Area Eight 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate for board affirmation.

9.2. PPCC Land Use Committee (LUC) -- Steve Cron and Chris Spitz, co-chairs.

9.2.1. LUC motion/recommendation for board approval of draft letter to CM Park suggesting solutions to hillside construction problems. See proposed draft letter attached. See LUC Report at: <https://pacpalicc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/LUC-Report-re-Construction-Problems.pdf>. (see draft letter attached – [click](#) to link to full letter)

10. Old Business:

11. New Business:

Motions regarding vehicle Dwelling & Parking

(sponsored by At-Large rep, Chris Spitz (WRAC VP))

(\*11.1.2. is now a WRAC Recommended motion)

11.1.1. Pacific Palisades Community Council supports CF 23-0914 (Park), which calls for recommendations for a citywide program to designate streets where RVs/oversize vehicles can safely park with access to services, including housing navigation, portable restrooms, automotive repair and septic tank disposal, and would also restrict RV parking in residential areas, commercial corridors and other sensitive areas.

11.1.2. Pacific Palisades Community Council requests that the restriction in LAMC Sec. 41.18 on camping near sensitive uses be defined to include dwelling in vehicles of all sizes as well as all forms of camping within 500 feet of sensitive uses, including libraries, parks, schools and day-care centers, and that Councilwoman Park bring a motion in City Council to amend LAMC 41.18 for this purpose.

(\*WRAC motion asks for all CMs representing WRAC member councils – Park, Yaroslavsky, Raman and/or Hutt - to bring this motion)

Click link for background info: <https://pacpalicc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/Background-Motions-Vehicle-dwelling.pdf>

12. Adjournment

**DRAFT** revised letter re hillside construction issues

January \_\_, 2024

Honorable Traci Park  
Councilwoman, Los Angeles City Council District 11

*Via email*

Re: Hillside Construction Problems and Public Safety in Pacific Palisades

Dear Councilwoman Park:

As you know, Pacific Palisades Community Council (PPCC) represents many hillside residential areas with narrow streets and limited points of entry and exit, including in the Castellammare and Paseo Miramar neighborhoods (Area One), in the Highlands and Marquez Knolls areas (Areas Two and Three), and in additional PPCC areas located north and south of Sunset Blvd., which have hillside-designated lots situated along substandard streets with limited access points.

For residents' safety, emergency vehicles must be able to pass through hillside streets freely and quickly. When an emergency medical situation arises, it is imperative that residents are able to get help without delay. Moreover, Pacific Palisades is located entirely within the designated Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone (VHFHSZ), and some of our hillside neighborhoods are distant from the fire station that serves them. Protecting the ability of first responders to enter, and of residents to evacuate quickly should a catastrophic fire or other disaster occur, is a critical matter of public safety.

Our hillside neighborhoods have experienced the adverse impacts of high density construction, resulting in hazardous conditions which threaten residents' safety and also create potential liability for the City. A recent egregious example occurred on Paseo Miramar in Area One, as evidenced by an alarming recording that was shown at the public PPCC meeting on October 26, 2023 and is posted on the PPCC website. We strongly encourage you to view the video at:

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/4fmur01pic9uj30cbpqbd/h?dl=0&preview=ONE+WAY+OUT%2C+1080p.mp4&rlkey=266joflnqtyoy0e69ula4ltcn>

As the video demonstrates, ongoing construction on Paseo Miramar has caused frequent roadway blockages in densely populated roads, lasting for extended periods and jeopardizing the public safety of thousands of residents. Emergency vehicles and residents could not enter or exit the neighborhood. Builders and workers ignored neighbors' pleas to coordinate hauling and construction activities so that the streets could be cleared. As a result, a highly dangerous and frightening situation continued, not only disrupting ingress and egress, but also putting lives at risk. PPCC board and community members alike expressed shock and dismay to learn of these hazardous conditions and have urged that measures be implemented in our hillside neighborhoods to mitigate the clear risk to public safety.

We note that the following situations are especially hazardous:

- Areas with multiple haul routes operating at the same time or with a single haul route operating with very heavy traffic,
- Failure of sites utilizing the same ingress and egress points to coordinate their hauling and large deliveries, including cement trucks,
- Failure of sites to provide appropriate traffic control when hauling or receiving deliveries,
- Failure of sites to verify "passability" of streets prior to attempting deliveries of oversized construction equipment,
- Worker parking, material storage and construction bins and trailers narrowing roads to a single lane of traffic,
- Sites utilizing cul-de-sacs for parking and storage of materials.

We acknowledge that home construction and renovation is in demand and widespread in Pacific Palisades. We are also conscious of, and respect, constituents' property rights. But putting residents' lives at risk during