



## AGENDA

### PPCC BOARD MEETING

February 8, 2024

Via Zoom Videoconference

6:00 PM – 8:00PM

Meeting ID: 882 8310 1185

Passcode: 553444

### NEW Link to Join Zoom Meeting

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

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:**  
Guests: Introduction to new LAPD Patrol Captain, Alicia Jordan.  
Possible attendance by new CD11 District Director, Juan Fregoso.
  - 4. Approval of Minutes:** Draft January 25, 2024 minutes for approval: <https://pacpalicc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/Jan-25-2024-draft-Minutes.pdf> (check website for draft: <https://pacpalicc.org/index.php/ppcc-agendas-2023-2024-term/> )
  - 5. Consideration of Agenda & Upcoming Meetings.**  
February 22: Jackie Wiley, Outreach Specialist, CA Dept of Financial Protection & Innovation  
March 14: Hybrid meeting with in-person element at the Palisades Library meeting room
  - 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: <https://pacpalicc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/PPCC-Hillside-Construction-Letter.pdf> , [https://pacpalicc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/CF-23-0914-Park.RV\\_.pdf](https://pacpalicc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/CF-23-0914-Park.RV_.pdf) and from last meeting:

[https://mcusercontent.com/e67def3ada76c274bac379123/files/f8e178fa-d9dc-cec7-7b28-d680fe95fdcc/In support of Dog Park 2024.01.pdf](https://mcusercontent.com/e67def3ada76c274bac379123/files/f8e178fa-d9dc-cec7-7b28-d680fe95fdcc/In_support_of_Dog_Park_2024.01.pdf)

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

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

8.1.4. Update re community meet/greet with new CD11 Dist Dir., Juan Fregoso

8.1.5. Reminder: LA Park Commission meeting in Pacific Palisades

8.1.6. Al-Fresco dining alcohol sales permit to be ministerial “administrative process” with no notice requirement.

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 (PPTFH matters)

8.3.2. Murray Levy, Area One primary (Hillside construction matters)

8.3.3. Karen Ridgley, Area Four primary (rain issues)

8.3.4. Chris Spitz, At-Large Rep (pilot measure regarding street takeovers)

8.4. From Organizational Representatives

8.5. From Government Offices / Representatives (as available)

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

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

9. Reports from PPCC Committees and community groups:

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

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

The Committee of the Three Chairs nominates Daliah Setareh as 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate for Area Eight. Daliah has the support of both the Primary and the 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate board member serving Area Eight, Andrew Wolfberg and Eli Safaie-Kia, respectively.

9.2. PPCC Land Use Committee (LUC) regarding CEQA thresholds for Hillside Construction review – DCP proposes lowering thresholds. LUC recommends opposition -- Chris Spitz, Chair

The proposed position letter is presented to the Board for discussion and approval. After discussion and review of relevant materials, the PPCC LUC concluded that the proposal to change the construction noise thresholds should be opposed, and then developed the draft position letter. **The proposed letter is based on the LUC's review of numerous relevant resources and materials. See those resources and background information below** and the draft proposed letter in its entirety on our website: <https://pacpalicc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/Draft-PPCC-letter-CEQA-construction-noise.pdf>

10. Old Business:

11. New Business:

11.1. Motion in support of CF 24-0055, requesting support for measure to enforce the city's restriction on gas-powered leaf blowers, sponsored by Resilient Palisades and Chris Spitz, At-large Representative:

Background: Pacific Palisades Community Council (PPCC) has long-supported regulations restricting the use of gas-powered leaf blowers in residential neighborhoods. Advocacy by determined, environmentally conscious Palisadians led to enactment of the existing ban in Los Angeles. A respected community environmental organization and member of the PPCC board, Resilient Palisades, has engaged in educational outreach campaigns to Palisadians and gardeners (in both English and Spanish) on harm caused by gas-powered blowers. In addition, in 2023, Resilient Palisades coordinated and funded purchases of nearly 50 commercial electric blowers for gardeners who work in the Palisades and committed to give up their gas-powered blowers. Unfortunately, over the years PPCC has regularly heard reports about residents' illegal use of gas-powered leaf blowers and inadequate enforcement of the ban.

Motion: PPCC therefore strongly supports the motion in Council File 24-0055 (Raman), requesting a report-back on measures to better enforce the City's longstanding restriction on gas-powered leaf blowers within 500 ft. of residences, as well as development of an

educational program and outreach to residents, landscapers and gardeners with information about the current regulations, the environmental impact and available rebate and trade-in programs.

## 12. Adjournment

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**PPCC Land Use Committee (LUC) Report  
Re Construction Noise Thresholds Proposal**

The PPCC LUC learned in December 2023 about a sudden proposal by the Dept. of City Planning (DCP) to change the City's Construction Noise Thresholds. We have also learned that in November 2023, the Mayor directed DCP to make these changes in order to streamline affordable housing construction. A DCP hearing was held a few days before Christmas. Because many constituents expressed concerns about inadequate notice, the DCP extended the comment deadline (now to February 19); there will be no further hearings before the DCP Director alone decides on the changes (no review or decision by the City Council).

The LUC has now drafted a proposed position letter – to be presented for Board discussion and approval at the PPCC meeting on February 8, 2024. The proposed letter is based on the LUC's review of numerous relevant resources and materials, including:

- DCP Proposal/Report re Construction Noise Thresholds  
[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Pr-aE37k4KW\\_HSkVqc-sM1Jyb\\_Y9z2ZK/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Pr-aE37k4KW_HSkVqc-sM1Jyb_Y9z2ZK/view)
- DCP Summary of Proposal  
[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1YtEyGT\\_cTbL1d\\_1TPBrXgosHbAKsls8J/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1YtEyGT_cTbL1d_1TPBrXgosHbAKsls8J/view)
- Mayor's Executive Directive No. 7:  
<https://mayor.lacity.gov/sites/g/files/wph2066/files/2023-11/ED%207%20-%20Streamlining%20and%20Accelerating%20Housing%20Production%20%281%29.pdf>
- Noise Element of the City's General Plan:  
[https://planning.lacity.gov/odocument/b49a8631-19b2-4477-8c7f-08b48093cddd/Noise\\_Element.pdf](https://planning.lacity.gov/odocument/b49a8631-19b2-4477-8c7f-08b48093cddd/Noise_Element.pdf)
- LA City Charter (sec. 506) and LAMC noise regulations (LAMC sec. 111, *et seq.*; note: "presumed ambient noise levels" for LA residential zones are 50 dBA daytime and 40 dBA nighttime, sec. 111.03)  
[https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/los\\_angeles/latest/lamc/0-0-0-193741](https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/los_angeles/latest/lamc/0-0-0-193741)
- Pub. Resources Code Sec. 21001(b) (CEQA intent):  
<https://law.justia.com/codes/california/2022/code-prc/division-13/chapter-1/section-21001/>
- CEQA Guidelines, Cal. Code Regs. Sec. 15064.7(b):  
<https://www.law.cornell.edu/regulations/california/14-CCR-15064.7>
- Opposition letter (Bel Air-Beverly Crest NC President Dr. Travis Longcore, Jan. 9, 2024)  
[https://pacpalicc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/NoiseVibration\\_BABCNC.pdf](https://pacpalicc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/NoiseVibration_BABCNC.pdf) (note: letter approved by the BABCNC Board Jan. 24, 2024)

After discussion and review of relevant materials, LUC members concluded that the proposal to change the construction noise thresholds should be opposed, and then developed the draft position letter. The community will have an opportunity to weigh in on the draft letter at the public PPCC Board meeting on February 8, 2024.

Additional information:

CEQA – California Environmental Protection Act.

Noise Element – section of the General Plan for the City of Los Angeles (*see also definitions of General Plan & CEQA in PPCC Glossary*: <https://pacpalicc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Glossary-Phrases-Acronyms-2023.pdf>).

dBA – "A-weighted" decibel scale readings that have been adjusted to take into account the varying sensitivity of the human ear to different frequencies of sound (DCP proposes a daytime cap of 80 dBA Leq.; *see draft letter*).

Leq – "Equivalent Continuous Average Sound Level"; represents sound level exposure over an elapsed time period.

Those interested in more information may contact LUC Chair Chris Spitz, [ppfriends3@hotmail.com](mailto:ppfriends3@hotmail.com)

PPCC LUC: Chair – Chris Spitz; Members – James Alexakis, Richard Blumenberg, Steve Cron, Michael Edlen, Howard Robinson, Joanna Spak, Maryam Zar (*ex officio*/non-voting)