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Minutes

Board of Directors Breakfast
September 18, 2013, 8:30-10.00 a.m.

Lenny's Deli (Westwood), 2379 Westwood Blvd., Westwood 90064
One hour free parking (with a restaurant validation) in the surface parking lot immediately north of Lenny's, on Westwood Boulevard. After the first hour free (with validation), it's \$2 for the next hour.

Attendees: Jay Handal, Terrence Gomes, Sharon Commins, Eric DeSobe, Barbara Kohn, Nancy Freedman, Joan Heidt, Marc Saltzberg, Steve Twining, Robin Greenberg, Ryan Krebs
Guests: Katherine Hennigan, John Darnell, Marquis Olison, Rishi Kapada, Felicia Bander, Laura Mack, Soyoon Choo, Cathy Palmer, Gary Goelitz, Jason Killen

1. Welcome/Introductions (3 mins) 8:35AM Jay Handal
2. Close Nominations and Elect WRAC Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary for 2013-14
7-0 Chair Mike Newhouse, Vice-Chair Jay Handal, Secretary Terrence Gomes
3. Appointment of Sharon Commins as WRAC Rep. to "Re:Code LA "Zoning Advisory Committee"
Moved Kohn Second Gomes 7-0 Letter to be drafted by Gomes
4. Government Rep. Updates (5 mins)
 - Daniel Tamm: Westside Rep. from Mayor Garcetti's Office
Focus will be on "Back to Basics" more city services into the community
 - DONE Rep: Joe Hari
Presentation by Nextdoor, Building neighborhoods through social media www.nextdoor.com/la
 - CD 5 Rep: Sheila Kouhkan/Katherine Hennigan
John Darnell in attendance to answer questions about FIT100
 - CD 11: Debbie Dwyer-Harris
No report, not in attendance
5. Committee Updates:
 - A. Land Use (Sharon Commins) (2 mins)
Last meeting had Rocky Wiles, Planning seeking support for consolidation of departments
 - B. Mobility (Steve Twining) (2 mins)
No report
6. Vote on WRAC Motion to support Rate Payer Advocate's recommendation to suspend the FIT-100 program (Jay Handal): Dr. Fred Pickel, DWP, and Public Comment (15 mins)

Dr. Pickel accepts the FIT-50 program but not the FIT-100. As explained in the power point, ratepayers are not getting a fair or reasonable program from DWP on the FIT-100 program. The price that DWP is proposing to pay for solar power under the Feed-in-Tariff is over market by about \$250 million over the next 20 years. For the first 20 megawatts of the 100 megawatt program, DWP is proposing to pay 17 cents per kilowatt hour. This amount declines by 1 cent for the next 20 megawatts to 16 cents, and so on. But when these prices are compared to

current market prices, we are paying \$250 million over market. Dr. Pickel recommends suspension of the FIT-100 program until it can be re-evaluated.

Moved Twining Second Handal 8-1-0 Motion: WRAC votes to support additional cost evaluations for future tranches of the FIT100 program.

7. Murals Ordinance (Chris Spitz) (5 mins). See attached sample motion from PPCC.
Update City Council voted for option B, more motions to follow
8. Updated Billboard Motion, postponed from last month (Jay Handal, from Barbara Brodie) (5 mins)
Moved DeSobe Second Gomes 9-0 Letter to be sent by Handal
 - WRAC moves to advise the elected officials that any potential settlement agreement by and between the City of Los Angeles and any and all outdoor media companies with regards to any type of billboards should be vetted for a minimum of 90 days to all neighborhood councils, Alliances and HOA's prior to council taking action.
9. Presentation from Office of City Admin. Officer Management Consultant re: New Department (30 mins).
10. Update: AGF/Cell Towers (Chris Spitz) (2 minutes) Letter to be sent to City Council
11. Metro Rail Motion (Marc Saltzberg) (5 mins)
Moved Saltzman Second Handal 9-0

Resolved, The _____ Council supports a Metro rail station on the Crenshaw Line (that could also serve as an additional station for the Green Line) at the Intermodal Transit Facility (ITF) proposed for LAX.
12. Motion for leadership on the consolidation of city departments and funding code enforcement (Sharon Commins) (5 mins)
Moved Commins Second Heidt 8-0

WRAC supports the consolidation of departments, per Council File 13-0046. WRAC believes that to fully implement the consolidation, it is necessary to establish a financing mechanism (or fee) to grow the Condition Compliance and Code Enforcement units.
13. Traffic and Parking Motion (Steve Twinning) (5 mins)
Moved Twining Second Handal 9-0

Each Council within WRAC should pass a motion requiring that Traffic and Parking requirements per SB 731be considered in the discussion and presentation of new building projects including all CEQA projects.
14. Update: Proposed Infrastructure Motion (Sharon Commins) (2 minutes).
No report
 - Letter Sent
15. Casden Update (Sharon Commins) (2 mins)
Waiting for submission of documents
16. Update re Community Care Facilities: (Sharon Commins) (2 min)
No report
17. www.westsidescouncils.org (Terry Gomes) Schedule for updates.
18. Update delegate and alternate lists, as well as new NC/CC Chairs.
19. Adjourn, next meeting, October 16, 2013 – make sure big room reserved.
10:00AM