

Westside Regional Alliance of Councils

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Agenda

**Board of Directors Breakfast
March 18, 2015, 8:30-10.00 a.m.**

Lenny's Deli (Westwood), 2379 Westwood Blvd., Westwood, CA 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.

1. Welcome/Introductions (3 mins)
2. Approval of Minutes: January and February 2014 (1 min.)
3. Government Rep. Updates (15 mins)
 - Mayor Garcetti's Office: Daniel Tamm
 - DONE Rep: Thomas Soong
 - Congressman Ted Lieu's Office: Janet Turner
 - CD 5 Rep: Jesus Orozco
 - CD 11: Debbie Dyner-Harris
 - Sen. Ben Allen's Office: Samuel Liu
 - Asm. Autumn Burke's Office: Odysseus Bostick
 - Asm. Sebastian Ridley-Thomas's Office: Scott Malsin
 - LADOT Pedestrian Adv. Comm.: Eli Lipmen
 - Code LA "Zoning Adv. Comm.": Sharon Commins
 - BONC: Rep. Eli Lipmen
4. Committee Updates: (4 mins.)
 - A. Land Use (Sharon Commins) (2 mins)

Resolution: City shall revise appeals process for Building Permits. Appeals of DBS determinations shall be done via the same simple process as appeals of Planning Dept. and Planning Commission determinations with similar fees. DBS "appeals" shall not be treated as a new case with public notification and CEQA requirements, because it is an appeal. An appeal is not a new proposed development project; it is an appeal of an already filed development project.

Justification: The current 2-step process is long, onerous and expensive for regular citizens. The first DBS administrative review takes 6 weeks and costs \$470. An appeal of that DBS determination requires public notification (\$20 for adjacent addresses from Assessor, \$165 for labels and sign postings) and a new case submittal (\$700). The total fee for a regular citizen to appeal DBS permits comes to \$1,400. (Planning appeals cost \$200, which is \$1,200 less).

- B. Mobility (Steve Twining) (2 mins)
5. Presentation: LAFD Operations West Bureau Commander - Deputy Chief Joseph Castro and Assistant Chief Pat Butler (15 mins.)

Joe and Pat have been appointed by the Fire Chief to Operations West Bureau - serving West LA. They will provide an overview of their new role to WRAC and discuss the new LAFD Reorganization Plan, aimed at better serving community and fire station needs.

6. Motion: Vote on which 3 WRAC Agenda Setting Goals to Push for 2015 (15 mins.)
 - A. Time Traveled added to LOS and VMT
 - B. Code Compliance across the board
 - C. How the city hires staff
 - D. Higher revenue generating areas should get specific funds for use in those communities.
 - E. Keep percentage of parking revenues in districts.
 - F. Spend energy on communicating what WRAC is.
 - G. Push CEQA review in house, rather than written by developers.

7. Motion: Re: Support for Council File 14-0600-S253 (Jay Handal) (5 mins) (**May 2015 Passage Deadline**)

Which Councils have passed?: ___ wlanc _____

8. Motion: Re Support For Koretz' Powergrid Update Motion (Sandy Brown) (10 mins)

9. Motion: Re Revised City Sign Ordinance Motion (Sandy Brown) (10 mins)

10. Motion: Support for Council File 15-0020 – Collecting Fees Related to Condition Compliance (Marc Saltzberg) (10 mins.)

WRAC supports Council File 15-0020

(<http://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=15-0020>) asking that the Planning Department to report back in 45 days on the best practices of other jurisdictions, including the County of Los Angeles, to ensure proper resource allocation for condition inspections and enforcement AND further asks that the Council instruct the Planning Department, in consultation with the City Attorney, and any other appropriate City department, bureau, or agency, to work cooperatively to propose a method by which inspection fees related to condition compliance are required and collected by the City prior to the release of any final approval of a projects

Additional requirements are frequently placed on development projects through conditions of approval. "...often these conditions go overlooked because of the City's lack of resources to enforce its own conditions. On 01/06/2015, the Los Angeles Times published an article, "In L.A., Conditions Placed on Developers Go Unheeded (<http://www.latimes.com/local/cityhall/la-me-development-ignored-20150105-story.html#page=1>)," that spoke to the need for additional fees to cover the expense of allocating more staff to inspect and enforce the conditions of approval on the City's many projects. In other jurisdictions, such as Los Angeles County, conditions of approval specify the number of inspections required over the duration of the grant term necessary to ensure proper compliance with the conditions of approval. The conditions also obligate an applicant to cover the cost of such inspections. This approach ensures that the City has the resources it needs to enforce commitments made to the community, and helps to keep neighborhoods first.

11. Update: Re: Sup. for Council File 14-1624 (Rppt re: ways and means for Comm. Imp. Projs.) (Jay Handal) (1 min.) (**Apr. 2015 Passage Deadline**)

Which Councils have passed?: ___ wlanc _____

12. Update: Re: Support for Council File 13-0025SI (Hit and Run Rewards) (Jay Handal) (1 min.) (**Apr. 2015 Passage Deadline**)

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13. Update: Re Support for Council File 14-1738 (LAPD Body Cameras) (Jay Handal) (1 min.) (**Apr. 2015 Passage Deadline**)

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14. Update: Housing Unit Audits Motion (Sharon Commins) (1 min.) (**Letter Sent**)

15. www.westsidecouncils.org (Terry Gomes).

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16. Next WRAC Town Hall: Mayor Garcetti
17. Adjourn. Next meeting, April 15, 2015