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Minutes

Board of Directors Breakfast | September 21, 2016, 8:30-10:00am

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.
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I. Welcome/Introductions (2 mins)

- *Attendees:* Larry Watts, Steve Twining, Nick Greif, Rob Kadota, Barbara Broide, Eric Nakamura, Ira Koslow, Doug Fitzsimmons, Robin Greenberg, Nickie Miner, Mike Newhouse, Maryam Zar
- *Guests:* Daniel Tamm, Mike Ai, Eli Lipmen, John Darnell

II. Approval of Minutes (1 min) — August 2016 minutes: tabled

III. Government Rep. Updates (10 mins as time permits after presentations)

- *Mayor Garcetti's Office:* Daniel Tamm — no report
- *DONE:* Mike Fong — no report
- *U.S. Representative Karen Bass's Office:* Jacqueline Hamilton — no report
- *U.S. Representative Ted Lieu's Office:* Janet Turner — VA enhanced use leasing passed in Congress; President to sign. Investigating Exxon/Mobil over carbon pricing.
- *LA City Councilmember Koretz's Office (CD 5):* John Darnell — Resurfacing Venice Blvd. in Palms. New trash cans installed along Pico in SORO. Planning will consider BMO in November.
- *LA City Councilmember Bonin's Office (CD 11):* Debbie Dyner-Harris — LA is the third dirtiest city in the country. Asked DWP to research total move to clean energy.
- *LA City Attorney Feuer's Office:* Veronica de la Cruz Robles — no report
- *CA Senator Ben Allen's Office:* Samuel Liu/Eugene Tseng — no report
- *CA Assemblymember Autumn Burke's Office:* — no report
- *CA Assemblymember Sebastian Ridley-Thomas's Office:* Patrick MacFarlane — Update on Zika virus. Supporting climate legislation.
- *Re-Code LA Zoning Advisory Committee:* Sharon Commins — no report
- *BONC:* Eli Lipmen — changes to BONC membership: Josh LaFarga, Harbor; Debbie Wehbe, Central; Maggie Daret-Quiroz, Eve Sinclair. New rule: NC Boardmembers must sign code of conduct every two years.

IV. Committee Updates (6 mins)

- *Land Use:* Sharon Commins (2 mins) — no report
- *Mobility:* Steve Twining (2 mins) —
- *Website:* Doug Fitzsimmons (2 min) — proposed that we have an email distribution list for WRAC members. Nickie requested an increase in font size for agendas and minutes.

V. Discussions & Presentations

- CM Harris-Dawson to present and take questions about the City's Comprehensive Homeless Strategic Plan and the General Obligation Bond that will be on the November Ballot. Jay Handal, signer of No on HHH, to present counter arguments. Q&A to follow. (45 Minutes)
 - See attached information sheet. Jay Handal unable to attend.
 - Valley homeless population growing the fastest. We have to prioritize efforts. HHH funds expected to be tripled to approx. \$4 billion with Federal matching. CM Harris-Dawson introduced Brian M., policy advocate, who spoke movingly about his own homeless and foster care experiences. Jerry Newman, of the Business Leader Taskforce on Homelessness spoke of the lack of current resources to address the problem. LA is at the forefront of the homelessness epidemic. Hopes to have homeless vets in housing by mid-2017.
 - Nickie: Where will new housing be built? There's a dangerous element, too. Jerry: Housing distributed throughout the City, near to where homeless populations live now. CM H-D: Like the general population, there's a wide variety of people. Majority want housing. We'll do it with a mix of public/private dollars. Barbara: Will we be able to trust the City to spend it wisely? CM H-D: We'll have an oversight committee, and the bond requires that projects be shovel-ready. Cost/unit will fluctuate, as we'll build all over the City and pay prevailing wage. Influx of money will spur competition. Nick: What if it doesn't pass? CM H-D: LA gains high ground in court by trying to pass bond. Ira: This reduces societal costs...is there a mechanism to bring new people into the program? CM H-D: This has been a problem. Even qualified people have been rejected trying to find affordable housing. Jerry: 80-90% stay in program for 3 years. Better matching helps. We need to offer support at multiple levels. Larry: Will homelessness continue to rise? Jerry: We're in a tidal wave now, but it's trending down. Steve: How much will it cost the average homeowner? CM H-D: average of \$45/year, or \$9/\$100K home value. It won't affect migration to LA. Eli: What about Section 8 housing? Jerry: This will be a mix of new construction and renovation. Robin: We have 18 year-old foster kids on the street. Apartment owners aren't educated about Section 8 benefits. CM H-D: This is a problem, even for people with vouchers. Need to have available housing inventory.
 - Mike N. moves to recommend WRAC member councils support HHH. Larry W. seconds. Unanimous agreement.
- Daniel Osztreicher on behalf of LAWA to present Landside Access Modernization Program Environmental Impact Report (20 minutes)
 - See attached information sheet. More info at connectinglax.com.

VI. New Business (5 mins)

- a. **WRAC Officer Elections:** Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary
 - i. **Mike Newhouse for Chair.** Nominated by Nickie M. and Steve T., approved unanimously.
 - ii. **Doug Fitzsimmons for Vice Chair.** Nominated by Mike N. and Nickie M., approved unanimously
 - iii. **Larry Watts for Secretary.** Nominated by Mike N. and Doug F., approved unanimously.
- b. **MOTION:** WRAC Co-Sponsorship of Venice Neighborhood Council Town Hall on City's Comprehensive Homeless Strategic Plan and the General Obligation Bond (5 mins) Ivan Spiegel on behalf of VNC — clarified that it would be a WRAC Town Hall, not VNC. Goal is to hold it before vote-by-mail ballots go out on Oct 11. NC/CCs only need to help get the word out. Motion passed without objection.

VII. Updates on Pending Motions (2 min each) — Full motion text available at westsidecouncils.com/pending.

Asterisk = Council passed a modified version of the motion.

- a. **Support the draft master plan for the Dept. of Veterans Affairs WLA campus** (Sharon Commins)
September 2016 Passage Deadline / Passed by SORO NC, VNC, WNC, WCC, WWNC, WLANC, BABCNC, PNC. Expiration date extended to October.
- b. **Amendment to the Small Lot Subdivision Ordinance** (Sharon Commins)
September 2016 Passage Deadline / Passed by WNC, WCC, WWNC, VNC, WLANC, MVCC, BABCNC*, PNC. Expiration date extended to October.
- c. **Recommendation to Modify NC Community Stakeholder Definition** (Doug Fitzsimmons)
September 2016 Passage Deadline / Passed by SORO NC, WCC, WSNC, BABCNC, WNC. Expiration date extended to October.

VIII. **Positions Adopted** — Full motion text available at westsidecouncils.com/positions.

Letters still need to be sent. Will co-ordinate with executive team.

IX. **WRAC Goals Moving Forward, and Discussion of General WRAC Direction Moving Forward** (15 mins)

Item tabled.

X. **WRAC Town Halls going forward** (5 mins)

Item tabled.

XI. **Adjourn:** Next meeting: October 19, 2016 at 8:30am