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Agenda

Board of Directors Breakfast | January 18, 2017, 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.
After the first hour free (with validation), it is \$2 for the next hour.

- I. **Welcome/Introductions** (2 mins)
- II. **Approval of Minutes** (1 min) — November 2016 minutes
- III. **Government Rep. Updates** (15 mins., or as time permits)
 - *Mayor Garcetti's Office*: Daniel Tamm
 - *DONE*: Mike Fong
 - *BONC*: Commissioner Eli Lipmen
 - *U.S. Representative Karen Bass's Office*: Jacqueline Hamilton
 - *U.S. Representative Ted Lieu's Office*: Janet Turner
 - *LA City Councilmember Koretz's Office (CD 5)*: John Darnell
 - *LA City Councilmember Bonin's Office (CD 11)*: Debbie Dyner-Harris
 - *LA City Attorney Feuer's Office*: Veronica de la Cruz Robles
 - *CA Senator Ben Allen's Office*: Samuel Liu / Eugene Tseng
 - *CA Assemblymember Autumn Burke's Office*: _____
 - *CA Assemblymember Sebastian Ridley-Thomas's Office*: Brian Ross Adams
 - *Re-Code LA Zoning Advisory Committee*: Sharon Commins
- IV. **Committee Updates** (4 mins)
 - *Land Use*: Sharon Commins (2 mins)
 - *Mobility*: Steve Twining (2 mins)
- V. **New Business** (45 mins)
 - a. **WRAC Officer elections**: Vacancy at Vice Chair.
 - b. **Discussion and possible action**: Organizing a regional CD11 Candidate Town Hall (Zar / PPCC)
 - c. **Discussion and possible action**: Organizing a regional LAUSD District 4 Candidate Town Hall (WWNC)
 - d. **Motion**: Request that LA City compute the build out figures for existing multi-family zoned properties (and other zones where housing can now be built) (Broide / WNC)
 - e. **Discussion and possible action**: How can WRAC be more effective in strengthening its member councils?
(See discussion starters, attached)
- VI. **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. **Request for Westside planning bulletins** (Broide / WNC)
Mar 2017 passage deadline / Passed by SORO NC
 - b. **Support for the City's 2017 marijuana regulation ballot measure** (Fitzsimmons / SORO NC)
Mar 2017 passage deadline / Passed by SORO NC

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

- a. **Enforcement of all zoning and building codes** (Commins / MVCC)
May 2016 / Passed by BCC, VNC, WCC, WWNC, PPCC*, WLANC, NCWP, BABCNC, PNC
- b. **Support for the LA Homeless Veterans Leasing Act of 2015 S. 2013 & H.R. 3484** (Brown / WWNC)
April 2016 / Passed by SORO NC, VNC, WNC, WCC, WWNC, PPCC*, BCC*, MVCC*, WLANC, BABCNC, PNC
- c. **City Authority over Conditional Use Beverage (CUB) Permits for Alcohol** (Saltzberg / VNC)
April 2016 / Passed by BABCNC, BCC, MVCC, VNC, WNC, WCC, WWNC, PPCC*, WLANC, PNC, SORO NC
- d. **Short Term Rentals** (Commins / MVCC)
March 2016 / Passed by BABCNC*, BCC*, MVCC*, PPCC*, SORO NC*, VNC*, NCWP*, WCC, WWNC*, WLANC. Given the number of modified versions, a general letter of support will be sent.

VIII. **Adjourn:** Next meeting: February 15, 2017 at 8:30am

WRAC starter ideas

Doug Fitzsimmons 12/6/16

Initiatives

Regular events/speakers/debates

Conducted in revolving partnership with NCs and organizations. Primarily concerned with City issues and trends (rather than County, State or Federal). Important tool to increase City leader awareness of Westside issues and strengthen Westside thought leadership.

WRAC Role: amplify outreach, help secure speakers, logistical support?

Goal: better informed/engaged electorate

NC training

Pick up slack from DONE. Specialized topics like Managing a Board, President's Round Table, New BM Orientation, Funding, Outreach Techniques, Developing New Leaders, etc. Not tethered to single date like NC Congress.

WRAC Role: organizer

Goal: strengthen Westside council leadership teams

Regional co-ordination between NCs

Use LUP committee as template. Apply to safety and policy. Revitalize Transportation/Mobility, perhaps incorporating the sporadic regional meetings held by NCs. We've seen some co-operative effort in the past, but without the structure WRAC could provide. Also: we need to give thought to setting up our regional grievance panel.

WRAC Role: organizer

Goal: co-ordinate policy responses, anticipate upcoming issues

Secure non-profit status with other alliances

Create LARA (LA Regional Alliances) as a non-profit umbrella serving all Alliances. Set up initially as a fiscal sponsor for operations and recipient of donations. Allows Alliances to pay for events, websites, etc. Eventually could act as fiscal sponsor for NC events citywide.

WRAC Role: instigator; legal support?; stakeholder

Goal: help facilitate Alliance and NC events and operations

Revamp meetings

Q: are staff reports and questions helpful or redundant? Should we adopt more formal (or at least, slightly more formal) parliamentary procedures? How do we encourage participation beyond meetings?

Goal: maximize usefulness of time spent in the meeting

Open questions

How do we amplify NC lobbying weight?

How can we better alert/mobilize NCs around urgent issues?

How can we better advocate for the NC system?

How can we organizationally strengthen Westside NCs?

Is there a role for WRAC in helping NCs share resources (accounting, minute-taking, etc.)