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Minutes

Board of Directors Breakfast | March 15, 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)

- *Members present:* Larry Watts (BCC); Steve Twining (BABCNC); Robin Greenberg (BABCNC); Rob Kadota (MVCC); Nick Grief (PNC); Ira Koslow (VNC); Doug Fitzsimmons (SORONC); Mike Newhouse (VNC); Barbara Broide (WNC); Steve Sann (WCC); and Sharon Cummins (MVCC).
- *Also present:* Eli Lipmen (BONC); John Darnell (CD-5); David Wright (LADWP); Brooks Baker (LADWP); Jason Skinnett (LADWP); Mike Fong (DONE); Sharon Commins (ReCodeLA), Cat Stevens (PNC); Mitchell Keck (WNC); Stepahie Cohen (Assembly Dist. 50); Debbie Dyner Harris (CD-11) and Sylvia Moore (Ca. Common Cause).

II. Approval of Minutes (1 min) — Tabled.

III. Government Rep. Updates

- *Mayor Garcetti's Office:* Daniel Tamm — Discussed mayor's pedestrian safety goals, Youth initiative, the fact that all city commissions new have equal numbers of male and female members; the fact that passage of Prop. H represents historic opportunity for city and county to cooperate to end homelessness and Vision Zero; LA Olympics bid.
- *DONE:* Mike Fong — Proposed NC By law changes need to be submitted
- *U.S. Representative Karen Bass's Office:* Jacqueline Hamilton — not present.
- *U.S. Representative Ted Lieu's Office:* Janet Turner-- not present.
- *LA City Councilmember Koretz's Office (CD 5):* John Darnell — Discussed his move to BONC.
- *LA City Councilmember Bonin's Office (CD 11):* Debbie Dyner-Harris — mowing of median strips delayed because city contractor quit, but a new one has now been retained.
- *LA City Attorney Feuer's Office:* Veronica de la Cruz Robles — not present.
- *CA Senator Ben Allen's Office:* Samuel Liu/Eugene Tseng — not present.
- *CA Assemblymember Autumn Burke's Office:* — not present.
- *CA Assemblymember Sebastian Ridley-Thomas's Office:* Patrick MacFarlane — not present.
- *Re-Code LA Zoning Advisory Committee:* Sharon Commins — Thinks Measure S failed because it addressed too many different issues. However, some Measure S opponents, such as LA Plus, now feel they have mandate to increase residential density. There are a number of bills pending in the State Legislature that would shift jurisdiction over many planning issues from the local level to the state which need to be opposed. She see a shift to planning for the market from planning for communities. She see Westside as a prime target of the pro-density group, who mistakenly claim Westside is not dense when in fact some Westside neighborhoods are as dense as Eastside.
- *BONC:* Eli Lipmen — Discussed timing for submission of proposed NC by law amendments.

IV. Committee Updates (6 mins)

- *Land Use*: Sharon Commins (2 mins) — Reported on recommendations by traffic consultants concerning elimination of street parking
- *Mobility*: Steve Twining (2 mins) — no report

V. Discussions & Presentations

The Chair next introduced David Wright, General Manager of LADWP. Mr. Wright described in detail the new LADWP Customer Bill of Rights as well as water conservation and other issues.

VI. Old Business

- a. There was a discussion concerning the February 27, 2017 CD-11 candidates Forum at the Windward School. The Chair thanked Member Zar and all other who worked so hard to make the Forum a success.
- b. The Chair next indicated he has combined the two motions passed last month relating to a WRAC request that the City Planning Department compute the maximum buildout under existing zoning for low, medium and high density residential and commercial zones and updated current figures on population and population density in the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils area.

VI. New Business

- a. The Chair next discussed establishing a WRAC Events Committee. Upon motion duly made and seconded and following discussion concerning the proposed committee the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, that WRAC establish an Events Committee.

- b. The Chair appointed Member Zar to be the initial chair of the Events Committee.
- c. The matter of Safe Parking program sites was tabled.
- d. The Chair next addressed whether WRAC members ought to support for 2017 Budget Advocates white paper. Thereafter, upon motion duly made and seconded and following discussion the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, that WRAC hereby supports the works of the NC Budget Advocates and their White Paper dated 3/8/2017 and approves the filing of a Community Impact Statement for Council file 17-0600.

- e. The Chair next addressed whether WRAC members ought to support the LA County Sharps Collection and Disposal Ordinance. publichealth.lacounty.gov/docs/EPR_DraftOrdinance.pdf This is a Countywide program designed to improve the safe disposal of unwanted medicines and medical supplies. This program should reduce risks of medicine abuse and poisonings, help prevent dangerous and costly needle sticks, and protect our waterways and environment. Several members suggested that WRAC support the provisions of the draft ordinance and strongly urge the county to adopt this legislation. Thereafter, upon motion duly made and seconded and following further discussion, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, that WRAC hereby supports creating a county-wide stewardship program for the safe and convenient disposal of unwanted medicines from households. Ensuring easy access to collection sites providing secure and environmentally sound disposal of leftover medicines and sharp medical supplies will

- VII. The Chair next invited discussion concerning the **Creation of Cannabis Licensing Commission in view of the recent legalization of recreational marijuana**. The City's Rules, Elections, Intergovernmental Relations, and Neighborhoods Committee has made recommendations to establish the administrative structure for adult-use and medical cannabis business licensing, including:

- a. The creation of a new Cannabis Licensing Commission with the authority to administer the cannabis license and hearing process, as well as renewals, revocation, inspection co-ordination, and audits;
 - i. Commission comprised of five members with 4-year staggered terms;

- ii. No member may have been a registered lobbyist within the City for any cannabis-related activities for the 12 months prior to appointment;
- iii. Three appointments by the Mayor and two appointments by the City Council;
- iv. Minimum of one Commission appointee by the Mayor to be an elected member of Neighborhood Council at the time of the appointment.
- v. The hiring of an Executive Director by July 1, 2017 to oversee Commission staff.
- vi. Requiring the CAO to immediately prepare budget and staffing plans to allow the Commission the Commission to be fully operational by Sept. 1, 2017, and conduct a fee study to achieve full cost recovery for cannabis regulations.
- vii. The establishment of an online cannabis licensing program

Thereafter, following further discussion upon motion duly made and seconded and following the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, WRAC supports the establishment of a Cannabis Licensing Commission in accordance with the foregoing guidelines. (A motion to this effect has been passed by (Passed by SORO NC, PNC, WNC))

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

Request for baseline data on population density and zoning capacities for growth (WRAC LUPC);

Note: incorporates both requests for maximum build-out and population density

May 2017 passage deadline (Passed by WWNC)

Support for Back to Basic Car proposal passage deadline / Not yet passed by a member Council

Request for Westside planning bulletins (Passed by BCC)

March 2017 passage deadline (Passed by SORO NC, PNC, WNC & BCC)

IX. **Adjourn:** Next meeting: April 19, 2017 at 8:30am