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Minutes

Board of Directors Meeting | June 21, 2017,
Lenny's Deli (Westwood), 2379 Westwood Blvd., Westwood, CA 90064

I. Welcome/Introductions (2 mins)

- *Members present:* Larry Watts (BCC); Maryam Zar (PPCC); Chris Spitz (PPCC); Steve Twining (BABCNC); Robin Greenberg (BABCNC); Rob Kadota (MVCC); Ira Koslow (VNC); Doug Fitzsimmons (SORONC); Mike Newhouse (VNC); Jamie Keeton (WLASNC); Beth Hirsh (SORO NC); Steve Sann (WCC) and Sharon Commins (MVCC).
- *Also present:* Lisette Covarrubias (LA Plan. Dept.); Sharon Commins (ReCodeLA); Stephanie Cohen (Sheila Kuehl) Michael Feuer(City Atty.); Jason Stinett (LA DWP) and Daniel Tamm (Mayor's Office).

II. Approval of Minutes (1 min) — The draft minutes for May were approved.

III. Government Rep. Updates

- *Mayor Garcetti's Office:* Daniel Tamm — Briefly discussed permanent supportive housing and potential Westside locations.
- *LA City Councilmember Koretz Office (CD-5)-* Not present.
- *LA City Councilmember Bonin's Office (CD 11):* Debbie Dyner-Harris — Not present.
- *LA City Attorney Feuer's Office:* Veronica de la Cruz Robles — not present.
- *Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment- Mike Fong--*Not present.
 - *Board of Neighborhood Commissioners- Eli Lipman--*Not present.
- *U.S. Representative Karen Bass's office-*Jacqueline Hamilton
- *U.S. Representative Ted Lieu's office- Janet Turner-* 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 — The Re-Code LA committee will meet in June, but not in May or July. A revised Re-Code draft should be released August. Many in DTLA and the Eastside consider the Westside to be elitist NIMBY's fighting more affordable housing in their neighborhoods.
- *BONC:* Eli Lipmen — Not present.
- *LA DWP-* Jason Stinnett.
- *LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl's office-* Stephanie Cohen

IV. Committee Updates (6 mins)

- *Land Use:* Sharon Commins (2 mins) — Reported the most recent Re-Code LA revisions will be published in late July.
- *Mobility:* Steve Twining (2 mins) — Gave short update.

V. Guest Presentation

The Chair next introduced City Attorney Mike Feuer who spoke extensively on homelessness in the city and current effort to address the crisis, which he stressed requires strong community support. He described efforts by City Attorney's office to dispatch teams to interact with homeless individuals, a program to cooperate with LA County, use of low level citations for minor ordinance violations which substitute community service in place of fines. He also discussed converting old under used motels to house the homeless. Some members expressed reservations over the impact of these housing programs upon existing neighborhoods. No action was taken at this time.

In response to a questions concerning imposition of conditions upon liquor CUBs, he said there must be some showing of an actual nuisance that justifies the conditions, not simply potential problems.

The chair recognized Greg Good, the Mayor's Chief of Legislative and External Affairs who spoke briefly on the Affordable Housing Linkage Fee.

VI. New Business

There followed brief discussions concerning various upcoming events and motions to be submitted to WRAC members.

- A.. Motion: Permit Streamlining Act compliance with deadlines
- B. Creation of a new tracking/tagging system with deadline alerts.
- C. Motion: Sepulveda/Pico/Exposition station mixed-use project (WRAC LUPC)
- D. Motion: Temporary offsite advertising signs on construction sites (WRAC LUPC)
- E. Motion: Cell towers aka wireless facilities in public right-of-way and on city property (WRAC LUPC)

WRAC recommends opposing SB 649, which removes from cities the discretionary regulation of "small cell" cell phone towers in the public right-of-way and on city property.

- F. Motion: Open Space Element update of General Plan (WRAC LUPC)
- G. Motion: Culver City Expo Station (WRAC LUPC)
- H. Motion: Reserved Seating for Board Reps with a CIS of Board Resolution (Greenberg / BABCNC)
- I. Discussion and possible action: How can WRAC be more effective in strengthening its member councils?
 - i. Idea: Creating a truly transparent / public way to keep track of policy issues/measures and to keep them moving, including a definition of adequate notice for important measures and hearings.
 - ii. Idea: Collecting and distributing best practices. Sharing training resources. How best to implement?
 - iii. Idea: Creating more regional co-operative committees: public safety, public policy, others? Encourage Council committee chairs to participate and take ideas back.

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. Transparency in General Plan development process
August 2017 passage deadline / Passed by BABCNC*, WNC
- b. Support for LA Dept. of Public Works Memorandum of Understanding (Watts / BCC)
July 2017 passage deadline / Passed by SORO NC, VNC, WNC
- c. Proposal to extend NC notice for City motions (Fitzsimmons / SORO NC)
July 2017 passage deadline / Passed by SORO NC, WNC
- d. Support for 2017 Budget Advocates white paper (Handal / WLASNC)
June 2017 passage deadline / Passed by PNC, SORO NC, VNC, WNC
- e. Support for LA County Sharps Collection and Disposal Ordinance (Fitzsimmons / SORO NC)
June 2017 passage deadline / Passed by BCC, PNC, SORO NC, VNC, WNC
- f. 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

June 2017 passage deadline / Passed by PPCC, SORO NC, VNC, WNC, WWNC

g. Support for Back to Basic Car proposal (Twining / BABCNC)

June 2017 passage deadline / Passed by BCC, SORO NC, VNC, WNC

h. Request for Westside planning bulletins (Broide / WNC)

June 2017 passage deadline / Passed by BCC, PNC, SORO NC, VNC, WNC

VIII. Adjourn: Next meeting: July 19, 2017 at 8:30am

Respectfully submitted, Larry Watts, Secretary