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## Agenda

Board of Directors Breakfast | July 19, 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) — June 2017 minutes
- III. **Government Rep. Updates** (15 mins, or as time permits)
  - *Mayor Garcetti's Office:* Daniel Tamm
  - *Dept of City Planning:* Lisette Covarrubias
  - *LA City Councilmember Koretz's Office (CD 5):*
  - *LA City Councilmember Bonin's Office (CD 11):* Debbie Dyner-Harris
  - *LA City Attorney Feuer's Office:* Veronica de la Cruz Robles
  - *Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment:* Mike Fong
  - *Board of Neighborhood Commissioners:* Commissioner Eli Lipmen
  - *LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl's Office:* Stephanie Cohen
  - *U.S. Representative Karen Bass's Office:* Jacqueline Hamilton
  - *U.S. Representative Ted Lieu's Office:* Janet Turner
  - *CA Senator Ben Allen's Office:* Samuel Liu / Eugene Tseng
  - *CA Assemblymember Sebastian Ridley-Thomas's Office:* Brian Ross Adams
  - *Re-Code LA Zoning Advisory Committee:* Sharon Commins
- IV. **Committee Updates** (10 mins)
  - *Executive:* Doug Fitzsimmons (5 mins)
  - *Land Use and Planning:* Sharon Commins (2 mins)
  - *Mobility:* Steve Twining (2 mins)
  - *Events:* Maryam Zar (2 mins)
  - *Homelessness:* TBD
- V. **Guest Presentation** (20 mins)
  - a. *Homelessness and the Measure H spending plan:* Alisa Orduna, Office of the Mayor
- VI. **New Business** (45 mins) — Additional motion background information available at [westsidecouncils.com/pending](http://westsidecouncils.com/pending).
  - a. **Increased transparency into the relationship between LA DWP and the IBEW** (Broide / WNC)

*Whereas* the DWP Board of Water and Power Commissions approved the new labor agreement between the Department of Water and Power and IBEW Local 18 at a Special Meeting on Tuesday, June 20, 2017;  
*Whereas* the Notice of this Special Meeting was not given until Monday, June 19, 2017;  
*Whereas* the documentation concerning the new labor agreement was not placed on line until the day of the meeting;  
*Whereas* the City Council approved the new labor agreement on June 28, 2017;  
*Whereas* DWP, the City Council, and the Mayor did not conduct any outreach to the Neighborhood

Councils or the Ratepayers;

Whereas the lack of transparency erodes the trust of confidence of Ratepayers and Angelenos in the Department, the City Council, and the Mayor;

Therefore, the \_\_\_\_\_ NC/CC joins with the Neighborhood Council DWP Advocacy Committee in condemning the lack of transparency by DWP, the City Council, and the Mayor;

Therefore, the \_\_\_\_\_ NC/CC calls for a full presentation and discussion on the new labor agreement to the Neighborhood Councils and Ratepayers.

b. **Motion: Changes to Proposed City Cannabis Regulations** (Fitzsimmons / SORO NC)

\_\_\_\_\_NC/CC recommends the following changes and additions to the City's proposed cannabis regulations:

- i. To conform with State law, create a stable and legitimate business environment, and avoid the kind of exploitable "grey areas" created by Prop. D, the City must implement an unambiguous licensing system for commercial cannabis activities and include those activities as enumerated uses in the City's municipal code.
- ii. Complaints about specific cannabis businesses collected by City staff, LAPD, Council offices, Neighborhood Councils, and the City's MyLA311 app should be included and considered in the licensing approval and renewal process.
- iii. Hearing dates and non-sensitive application information should be posted upon receipt on the Cannabis Dept.'s website, and notice sent to affected NCs.
- iv. The standard application process should include an assessment from the Planning Dept. on land use considerations, and should not be split into a separate land use approval and appeals process.
- v. Retail cannabis storefronts should be limited to operating hours of 7am to 9pm. Deliveries should extend no later than 11pm.
- vi. In the interest of eliminating black market sales, the City should conduct a market-sizing study by January 1, 2019 (and every five years thereafter) to assess how well the City is addressing demand and to inform regulatory adjustments.

c. **Possible Amendment: Reserved Seating for Board Reps with a CIS of Board Resolution** (LANCC)

The LANCC motion says:

*One row of seats be reserved for Neighborhood Council Boardmembers who attend a commission or City Council meeting. Neighborhood Council Boardmembers, as elected officials who represent their communities, should never be turned away from a meeting while performing their duties due to a lack of seating space.*

d. **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](http://westsidecouncils.com/pending).

*Asterisk = Council passed a modified version of the motion.*

a. **Permit Streamlining Act compliance with deadlines**

September 2017 passage deadline / Passed by

i. **Version 1** (WRAC LUPC)

The City shall take proactive, definitive measures to comply with State laws that establish time limits for entitlement approvals, including the Permit Streamlining Act, and shall advise Neighborhood and Community Councils of these time limits as they draw near. These measures shall include but not be limited to:

1. Creation of a new tracking/tagging system with deadline alerts.
2. Align the date of the CEQA determination (whenever possible to be aligned with the entitlement determination).
3. Asking all applicants to voluntarily extend any determinative timelines at time of application submittal.

ii. **Version 2** (Broide / WNC)

The \_\_\_\_\_NC/CC calls upon the Planning Dept. to immediately outline concrete steps it will take to ensure that going forward, in making decisions on discretionary land use applications, the Planning dept. will meet all deadline required under Permit Streamlining Act.

b. **Sepulveda/Pico/Exposition station mixed-use project** (WRAC LUPC)

September 2017 passage deadline / Passed by

c. **Temporary offsite advertising signs on construction sites** (WRAC LUPC)

September 2017 passage deadline / Passed by

d. **Cell towers aka wireless facilities in public right-of-way and on city property** (WRAC LUPC)

September 2017 passage deadline / Passed by

e. **Open Space Element update of General Plan** (WRAC LUPC)

September 2017 passage deadline / Passed by

f. **Culver City Expo Station** (WRAC LUPC)

September 2017 passage deadline / Passed by

g. **Reserved Seating for Board Reps with a CIS of Board Resolution** (Greenberg / BABCNC)

September 2017 passage deadline / Passed by BABCNC

h. **Transparency in General Plan development process**

August 2017 passage deadline / Passed by BABCNC\*, WNC

i. **Support for LA Dept. of Public Works Memorandum of Understanding** (Watts / BCC)

July 2017 passage deadline / Passed by SORO NC, VNC, WNC

j. **Proposal to extend NC notice for City motions** (Fitzsimmons / SORO NC)

July 2017 passage deadline / Passed by SORO NC, WNC

VIII. **Adjourn:** Next meeting: August 16, 2017 at 8:30am