



MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

September 20, 2017

Lenny's Deli (Westwood), 2379 Westwood Blvd., Westwood, CA 90064

- I.
- II. Doug Fitzsimmons acted as Chair and called the meeting to order at about 10:40 a.m.
- III. Members present: Members present: Larry Watts (BCC); Steve Twining (BABCNC); Robin Greenberg (BABCNC); Nikki Miner (BABCNC); Robert Schleisinger (BABCNC); Sarah Auerswald (MVCC); Nick Grief (PNC); Matyam Zar (PPCC); Ira Koslow (VNC); Doug Fitzsimmons (SORONC); Steve Sann (WCC); Barbara Broide (WNC); and Sharon Commins (MVCC).
- IV. Also present: Maureen Smith and the government representatives noted below.
- V. The August 2017 minutes were approved.
- VI. The Chair introduced Councilmember David Ryu, who is the Chair of LA's Health, Education, and Neighborhood Council Committee who addressed the Board on a variety of subjects, including governmental transparency, on-line voting, assurances the NC representatives have access to Council and committee meetings when they have comments on matters under consideration. There followed a lengthy question and answer period on those and other topics.
- VII. Government Rep. Updates
 - *Mayor Garcetti's Office*: Daniel Tamm not present..
 - *Dept of City Planning*: Lisette Covarrubias spoke briefly on the pending open space GP element review, plans for permanent supportive housing and the conversion of older hotel/motels into permanent supportive housing.
 - *LADWP*: Jason Stinnett was present but nothing new to report and no questions were directed to him.
 - *LA City Councilmember Koretz's Office (CD 5)*: Joseph Galloway
 - *LA City Councilmember Bonin's Office (CD 11)*: Debbie Dyner-Harris not present.
 - *LA City Attorney Feuer's Office*: Veronica de la Cruz Robles
 - *Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment*: Mike Fong spoke briefly about the recent
 - *Board of Neighborhood Commissioners*: Commissioner Eli Lipmen
 - *LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl's Office*: Stephanie Cohen described the Assessment and Counseling Center proposed for West LA that the County Department of Health Services and the CLARE Foundation are planning. It will not be a sidewalk *LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl's Office*: Stephanie Cohen described the Assessment and Counseling Center proposed for West LA that the County Department of Health Services and the CLARE Foundation are planning. It will not be a sidewalk "drop off" point. She says currently when the police take someone under the influence to a hospital ER they are required to remain at hospital until the individual is released. This can take

hours. The proposed facility will allow first responders to deliver an individual to this facility and then leave to return to their other duties. Meanwhile the individual will be offered treatment and informed of long term treatment and housing options. If they accept, they will be delivered to the facility as space is available. In the meantime, they can remain at the WLA facility. If treatment is declined, the individual will be transported to where they were initially picked up. She explained the project is still in planning stages and there will be further community outreach.

- She also described issues related to converting the now closed WLA Courthouse into permanent supportive housing.

U.S. Representative Karen Bass's Office: Jacqueline Hamilton not present.

- *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 Richard Bloom's Office:* Josh Kurpies not present
- *CA Assemblymember Sebastian Ridley-Thomas's Office:* Brian Ross Adams not present.
- *Re-Code LA Zoning Advisory Committee:* Sharon Commins gave an update and urged people to attend Re-Code LA planning meetings and pay attention to new and proposed state legislation that may limit local land use decisions.

VIII. Committee Updates

- *Executive:* Doug Fitzsimmons reminded board of earlier discussion to establish a non-profit WRAC corporation.
- *Land Use and Planning:* Sharon Commins (No report)
- *Mobility:* Steve Twining (No report)
- *Events:* Maryam Zar (No report)
- *Homelessness:* TBD

IX. New Business — Additional motion background information available at westsidecouncils.com/pending.

a. Motion: *Reduced Parking Requirements for Therapy Practices*

Given a) the shortage of medical office space in Los Angeles, resulting in rents 30% higher than comparable commercial office space; b) that therapists, forced to choose between medical office space (zoned with reduced parking requirements) and non-medical space (which requires five parking spaces per 1,000 sq ft), often choose medical and thus further drive up demand; and c) that therapists do not require the specialty plumbing and facilities of other medical specialties; the _____ NC/CC recommends that for psychotherapy and marriage and family therapist (MFT) practices which service single patients per session during normal business hours (9am to 5pm), the City should reduce the requirement from five (5) parking spaces per 1,000 sq ft of non-medical office space to three (3) parking spaces. Original motion passed after amendment changing recommended requirement from five (5) parking spaces per 1,000 sq ft of non-medical office space be reduced to three parking spaces. Motion amended to reduce the parking requirement to three rather than two parking spaces passed.

b. Motion: *Recommendations for the Sidewalk Repair Program* (Greenberg / BABCNC)

WRAC members should adopt resolutions consistent with the BABC NC letter of September 14, 2017 attached to the Agenda for the WRAC September 20, 2017 meeting relating to the sidewalk repair program. Motion passed.

- c. Motion: *Address Issues with RecycLA Franchise Waste Program* (Fitzsimmons / SORO NC)
In response to widespread stakeholder complaints, the _____ NC/CC calls upon the City to immediately:
- i. mandate franchisees publicly document they have both the equipment and resources necessary to provide the timely and satisfactory services to ALL their customers;
 - ii. proactively provide ALL customers of the new franchisees appropriate education on what the intent of the new regulations are and how they can manage their waste to keep their fees close to those paid under their previous service providers;
 - iii. ensure that condo owners, apartment owners and businesses throughout Los Angeles are charged appropriately for the services contracted and that those payments do not exceed those for equivalent services paid by single-family homeowners;
 - iv. set up a complaint line separate from the 311 call center to ensure issues are properly addressed until the transition is complete to customer satisfaction;
 - v. re-open the fee schedule (and conditions for extra services) as created by outside consultants and approved by the City Council to include stakeholder input through the Neighborhood Council system; and
 - vi. to avoid worsening the homelessness crisis in the City, develop and implement strategies to mitigate the impact of rate increases on low-income households. Motion passed.
- d. Motion: *Divestment from Wells Fargo and Creation of a Municipal Bank* (Fitzsimmons / SORO NC). This motion was divide into two separate motions.
- Motion #1. The _____ NC/CC supports the City Council's call to divest the City's approximately \$40 million in securities and end its contract with Wells Fargo, due to the bank's fraudulent and grossly unethical conduct in opening millions of fake accounts and improperly charging mortgage fees, and the subsequent downgrading of their Community Reinvestment Act rating. Motion passed.
- Motion #2. The _____ NC/CC supports exploring the feasibility of creating a Los Angeles City Municipal Bank, chartered to reinvest in our communities, affordable housing, and small businesses (including addressing the banking needs of legal commercial cannabis activity), and aid in the City's transition to renewable energy. Motion tabled. No action taken, motion tabled.
- e. 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. No action taken this time.

- f. Arman Tarzi on behalf of the Los Angeles Ethics Commission describe the process underway to revise the Los Angeles Lobbying Ordinance. He urged the WRAC members and their constituents to send comments concerning the proposed ordinance to ethics.policy@lacity.org prior to the next meeting of the Ethics Commission on October 17 at 9:30 A.M. in Room 1060 at City Hall.
- X. 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. Increased transparency into the relationship between LADWP and the IBEW (Broide / WNC)
 October 2017 passage deadline / Passed by —BCC,
- b. Changes to Proposed City Cannabis Regulations (Fitzsimmons / SORO NC)
 October 2017 passage deadline / Passed by SORO NC, BABCNC, BCC*, WNC
- c. Permit Streamlining Act compliance with deadlines
 September 2017 passage deadline / Passed by BCC, WCC (v1), WNC (v1), PPCC (v1)
- 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.
- d. Sepulveda/Pico/Exposition station mixed-use project (WRAC LUPC)
 September 2017 passage deadline / Passed by WCC, BCC
- e. Temporary offsite advertising signs on construction sites (WRAC LUPC)
 September 2017 passage deadline / Passed by WCC, WNC, SORO NC*, BCC
- f. SB 649 cell towers aka wireless facilities in public right-of-way and on city property (WRAC LUPC)
 September 2017 passage deadline / Passed by PPCC, WCC, SORO NC, BABCNC, BCC, WNC, WWNC, MVCC, NCWP, WLANC, DRNC, PNC
Approved by a majority of WRAC member councils.
- g. Open Space Element update of General Plan (WRAC LUPC)
 September 2017 passage deadline / Passed by BCC, PPCC
- h. Culver City Expo Station (WRAC LUPC)
 September 2017 passage deadline / Passed by WNC, BCC
- i. Reserved Seating for Board Reps with a CIS of Board Resolution (Greenberg / BABCNC)
 September 2017 passage deadline / Passed by BABCNC, WNC, SORO NC, BCC, PPCC

- j. Support for a Memorandum of Understanding with LA Dept. of Public Works (Watts / BCC)
July 2017 passage deadline / Passed by BCC, SORO NC, VNC, WNC, WCC, PNC

XI. Adjourn: Next meeting: October 18, 2017 at 8:30am