



MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

November 15, 2017

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

- I. The Chair welcomed the various attendees.
- II. Doug Fitzsimmons acted as Chair and called the meeting to order at about 8:35 a.m.
- III. Members present: Members present: Steve Twining (BABCNC); Nikki Miner (BABCNC); Robin Greenberg (BABCNC) Robert Schleisinger (BABCNC); Nick Greif (PNC); Maryam Zar (PPCC); Chris Spitz (PPCC); Michael Newhouse (VNC);; Doug Fitzsimmons (SORONC); Barbara Broide (WNC); Sharon Commins (MVCC); Steve Zann (WCC); and Eli Lippman (WNC)
- IV. Also present: The government representatives noted below.
- V. The draft minutes for the October 2017 meeting were approved.
- VI. Government Rep. Updates
 - *Mayor Garcetti's Office:* Daniel Tamm not present..
 - *Dept of City Planning:* Lisette Covarrubias not present.
 - *LADWP:* Deborah Hong gave a presentation followed by a brief Q and Q. .
 - *LA City Councilmember Koretz's Office (CD 5):*Joseph Galloway not present.
 - *LA City Councilmember Bonin's Office (CD 11)*Debbie Dyer Harris reported on permanent supportive housing planned on the old West LA Animal shelter site (Bundy and Missouri). This is being built by Thomas Safran & Associates.

Councilman Bonin is working on a permanent supportive housing ordinance so that all members of city council can be on board. The ordinance will streamline the process, eliminate red tape and entitlement processes, consolidates application process. 55 year contract, 50% homeless and 50% affordable. The local control component remains but streamlines the application process. Look up the draft ordinance.

The City council has directed DOT to have a zero emission bus fleet by 2030.

Sunset: unpermitted lane closures on weekdays were happening. CD-11 had project promptly shut down; is monitoring the situation and working with Bureau of Engineering and Bureau of Contractors to prevent a repeat of this practice..

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- *LA City Attorney Feuer's Office:* Veronica de la Cruz Robles not present.
- *Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment:* Mike Fong announced Civic university 2.0 is starting on January 8th..
- *Board of Neighborhood Commissioners:* Commissioner Eli Lippman reported on behalf of BONC that three NC have been honored: BABC NC, MV NC and SORO NC.
 - BONC is also seeking applicants for a board to make recommendations for make NC funding more equitable. BONC also intends to clarify "stakeholder definitions," which may impact upcoming elections. BONC wants to improve the election process, both in person and online. However, the next regular election will not occur earlier than June 2018.

BONC sent suggested changes to the subdivision policy to various NC's. Objective is to improve clarity and transparency in the application for NC subdivisions. This will require City Council approval. This arose after UCLA and some Westwood stakeholders requested a new NC that would include UCLA, Westwood Village, the park, the apartment by complexes and Persian community. A recommendation to this effect has been sent to CM Ryu's office. BONC sent suggested changes to the subdivision policy to various NC's. Objective is to improve clarity and transparency in the application for NC subdivisions. This will require City Council approval

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- *LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl's Office:* Stephanie Cohen not present.
- *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 reported the legislative session for the year is done. Also reported on certain legislative measures: Polystyrene ban bill; Electric vehicles and initiatives; Education (protecting CA from Fed regulations).
- *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 present but had nothing new to report because matters have been postponed until 2018.

VII. Guest Presentation

- a. Sophi from City Clerk's office discussed NC Election Workshops.
- b. Commissioner Jon Merritt of the Innovation and performance Commission described city's efforts to identify potential ways to make the city a better place for all. He stated the City has funds to support creative ideas. Pilot projects. So far the Commission has solicited city employees only, but will eventually will reach out to the public generally.
- c. Patrick Frank of Ban Billboard Blight reported that after years of study and proposals to restrict billboards, the billboard industry has been successful in lobbying for a draft ordinance that would effectively eliminate most, if not all ability to restrict billboards, including within public parks.

VIII. Committee Updates

- *Executive Maryam Zar* briefly discussed forming a non-profit WRAC corporation and said the subject will be discussed at a future WRAC meeting. She noted that Pepperdine Law School representatives have agreed to assist on a pro bono basis, including assisting with corporate record keeping formalities and filings.
- *Land Use and Planning*: Sharon Commins Discussed SB 827 and the risk that the State will preempt local land use decision making.
- *Mobility*: No report..
- *Events*: No report..
- *Homelessness*: Member Watts reported on a presentation by Tom Safran to the BCC on permanent support housing projects, including projects in the Westside.

IX. New Business —

a. Motion favoring adoption of ordinance regulating “party houses. ” Following discussion and upon a motion duly made and seconded, the resolution set forth in the agenda was passed and sent to member councils for further action.

b. Motion to promote NC system. Following discussion and upon a motion duly made and seconded, the resolution set forth in the agenda with the amendment that DONE use 10% of swept funds for promotion of NC's was passed and forwarded to member councils for further action.

c. The EXPO corridor transit plan was discussed including what WRAC can do to support community planning process and balance or counter what the city/CPC does. There was a consensus that the Council's consideration and adoption should be delayed till Feb 2018 to allow for greater community input.

The Chair was asked to write and send the letter to Council requesting the foregoing..

d. Impact of Commercial Cannabis activity. Various representatives expressed concern that cannabis (cash) businesses will overtake all other businesses. Following discussion and upon a motion duly made and seconded, the resolution set forth in the agenda was passed and sent to member councils for further action.

e. Amendment of Westside Multi-family Q Conditions. Tabled.

f. Proposed changes Small-lot subdivision ordinance. Following discussion and upon a motion duly made and seconded, the resolution set forth in the agenda was passed and sent to member councils for further action.

g. There was not sufficient time to discuss and consider possible action on the suggestions set forth on the agenda to make WRAC more effective in strengthening its member council.

X. Updates on Pending Motions — Full motion text available at westsidecouncils.com/pending.

Asterisk = Council passed a modified version of the motion.

a. The time for acting upon items a-e on the agenda was extended to November 30, 2017.

b. The resolution related to greater transparency in relations between LADWP and the IBEW was dropped for failing to be adopted by WRAC member councils.

XI. Adjourn: Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at approximately 10:15 a.m. Next meeting: will be on January 17, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.