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MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

February 21, 2018

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: Larry Watts (BCC); Nikki Miner (BABCNC); Steve Twining (BABCNC); Robert Schleisinger (BABCNC); Nick Greif (PNC); Maryam Zar (PPCC); Chris Spitz (PCC) Ira Koslow (VNC); Doug Fitzsimmons (SORONC); Barbara Broide (WNC); Sharon Commins (MVCC); and John Heidt (WCC)
- IV. Also present: Patrick Frank the government representatives and guest presenter noted below .
- V. There were no minutes available for the November 2017 meeting.
- VI. Government Rep. Updates
 - *Mayor Garcetti's Office*: Daniel Tamm not present
 - *Dept of City Planning*: Lisette Covarrubias reported on the Planning 101 training, part 2 on April 9 at Iman Cultural Center from 6:00 to 8:30 pm...
 - *LADWP*: Deborah Hong
 - *LA City Councilmember Koretz's Office (CD 5)*: Joseph Galloway not present.
 - *LA City Councilmember Bonin's Office (CD 11)*: Hannah Levien. Introduced herself as Debbi Diner Harris's successor and announced there will be Great Streets Open House with details to follow.
 - *LA City Attorney Feuer's Office*: Veronica de la Cruz Robles not present.
 - *Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment*: Mike Fong
 - Los Angeles City Clerk- Andrew Choi described new funding procedures for NCs.
 - *Board of Neighborhood Commissioners*: Commissioner Eli Lipmen not present.
 - *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 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.
- VII. Guest Presentations
 - a. Louis Ting from LADWP gave an extensive description of the plans for LADWP to transition to a "Clean Energy Future and 100% Renewable Energy study. This includes the elimination of all coal based energy generation by

2025 and having 65% of LADWP power generated by renewable energy sources by 2036. He also distributed a power point summary of his presentation.

- b. Laila Alequersh, a consultant with the Office of the LA gave a lengthy and detailed report on the Department of Public Works Survey of street related infrastructure programs that she led. The objectives of the study were to develop ways to improve coordination among City departments and external partners; assure delivery of Public Works in the most efficient and effective manner; and improve the relationship between residents and City government.

VIII. Committee Updates- There was not time for this subject.

IX. New Business —

- a. The Chair recognized Member Broide who spoke of the efforts by students and others at UCLA to form a new Neighborhood Council and the problems this would present. She urged WRAC to ask DONE to call a "time out" on the process of forming a new Westwood area NC as unnecessary and potentially divisive. No action was taken at this time.
- b. There was not sufficient time to address the remaining items on the agenda.

X. The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:05 am.

XI. : Next meeting: March 21, 2018 at 8:30am