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Agenda

Board of Directors Breakfast | April 18, 2018, 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.
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- I. **Welcome/Introductions** (2 mins)
- II. **Approval of Minutes** (1 min) — November 2017, February 2018, and March 2018 minutes
- III. **Guest Presentations** (10 mins)
 - *Ballona Wetlands Draft EIR background*: Marcia Hanscom, Ballona Institute and Chair, Sierra Club Ballona Wetlands Restoration Committee
- IV. **Unfinished Business** (45 mins)
 - a. **Discussion and possible action: 501(c)(3) non-profit status for WRAC, including proposed bylaws changes**
See supporting documents from February 2018 meeting.
 - b. **Resolution: oppose the Planning Commission's recommendation and revisions to Expo Transit Neighborhood Plans** [LUPC vote: 8-0-0]
The _____ Council of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils opposes the Planning Commission's recommendation and revisions to increase density around the Westside NC and West L.A. Sawtelle NC district areas in the Exposition Station Neighborhood Transit Plan for the following reasons (Westwood, Sepulveda and Bundy Stations):
 - i. Insufficient consideration of the years long public processes, including numerous outreach meetings and public hearings, undergirding the plan
 - ii. Insufficient analysis of population growth and zoning capacity
 - iii. Insufficient analysis of infrastructure expansion capacity needs and costs
 - iv. Failure to analyze the plan options within the context of the existing community and neighboring properties and land uses
 - c. **Resolution: to oppose SB828** [LUPC vote 8-0-0]
The _____ Council of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils opposes SB828, which would allow the state to require cities approve zoning capacity for 200% of state assigned RHNA goals, and trigger a by-right process for approvals overriding all local plans IF cities fail to meet all assigned RHNA goals. WRAC notes this bill is based on arbitrary numbers, and by-right approvals with no affordable housing requirements would be a disincentive for developers to use city density bonus ordinances that produce affordable housing—and an unintended consequence of the legislation.
 - d. **Resolution: to oppose SB831** [LUPC vote 8-0-0]
The _____ Council of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils opposes SB813, which would eliminate the FAR, floor area square footage, of Accessory Dwelling Units from a site's total floor area. No

compelling reason, and no planning justification, has been presented that demonstrates how the physical conditioned, livable space of an ADU is different from the physical conditioned, livable space of the primary residence on the property.

e. **Resolution: to oppose SB946** [LUPC vote 8-0-0]

The _____ Council of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils opposes SB946, in which the State of California would establish sidewalk vending regulations for local municipalities. The bill would require local regulations to permit vending in parks and public spaces and would not allow location restrictions unless “directly related to objective health, safety or welfare concerns”. The City of Los Angeles is currently analyzing sidewalk vending options. Local control and jurisdiction over sidewalk vending is strongly preferred, and should be preserved.

f. **Resolution: support a Short-Term Rentals Ordinance IF the following specific conditions—based upon WRAC membership votes and the preceding WRAC letter on STRs—are included** [LUPC vote 8-0-0]

Any City of Los Angeles Short-Term Rentals Ordinance shall include the following:

- i. A cap on the number of nights that a room can be rented each year, and with no provision for a CUP or other process for individual hosts to receive permission to exceed the annual cap
- ii. Requirement of proof of primary residence and liability insurance for the specific use.
- iii. No self-certification.
- iv. Short-term rental tax revenues shall not go into the General Fund. The highest priority for use of revenues shall be enforcement of the ordinance, and after that, revenues shall go to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

WRAC notes that Many NCs prefer a full prohibition on short-term rentals in R zones, for reasons that include tranquil neighborhoods, impossibility of enforcement, and loss of hotel revenue and jobs. However, many Councilors support short-term rentals in R zones, and full opposition may not be feasible.

g. **Resolution: to support the Del Rey NC’s public comment letter for the Ballona Wetlands EIR** [LUPC vote 8-0-0]

Comments include:

- i. Proposals are for a reconstruction, not a restoration—how is this better than the current re-naturing process?
- ii. Soil displacement may create large, unnatural mounds, and dirt and dust during grading.
- iii. Wildlife may be run off and killed during grading—how will animals and birds be protected?
- iv. Baseball field shall remain in operation as there is a shortage of active recreational field space in the area.
- v. No parking garage shall be built.
- vi. Bike path shall remain in operation.
- vii. Public access shall be limited—wildlife needs peace and quiet to breed and thrive.
- viii. Runoff debris and trash—how will it be prevented and collected?
- ix. Additional stormwater analysis to ensure no flooding during grading and final finished use.
- x. Eliminate the gas storage facility.
- xi. How will the finished use be managed?

V. **New Business** (10 mins) — Additional motion background information available at westsidecouncils.com/pending.

- a. **Motion: support Councilmember Koretz's motion (CF 17-1426) urging the City to explore options and adopt regulations on group living homes, including Sober Living Homes**

VI. **Committee Updates** (10 mins)

- *Executive*: Doug Fitzsimmons (2 mins)
- *Land Use and Planning*: Sharon Commins (2 mins)
- *Mobility*: Steve Twining (2 mins)
- *Events*: Maryam Zar (2 mins)
- a. *Homelessness*: TBD

VII. **Government Rep. Updates** (15 mins, or as time permits)

- *Mayor Garcetti's Office*: Daniel Tamm
- *Dept of City Planning*: Fabiola Inzunza
- *LADWP*: Deborah Hong
- *LA City Councilmember Koretz's Office (CD 5)*: Joseph Galloway
- *LA City Councilmember Bonin's Office (CD 11)*: Lisa Cahill
- *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 Richard Bloom's Office*: Josh Kurpies
- *CA Assembly District 54*: Brian Ross Adams
- *Re-Code LA Zoning Advisory Committee*: Sharon Commins

VIII. **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. **Westwood NC subdivision**
WRAC executive action taken March 2018 / June 2018 passage deadline / Passed by BABCNC
- b. **Opposition to lifting the beach curfew** (WRAC LUPC)
June 2018 passage deadline / Passed by BABCNC, NCWP
- c. **Support for Protected Tree ordinance** (WRAC LUPC)
June 2018 passage deadline / Passed by BABCNC
- d. **Opposition to the automatic renewal of the City's bus shelter advertising 20-year contract with Decaux**
June 2018 passage deadline / Passed by BABCNC, PPCC*
- e. **Reserved Seating for Board Reps with a CIS of Board Resolution** (Greenberg / BABCNC)
June 2018 passage deadline / Passed by BABCNC, BCC, PPCC, PNC*, SORO NC, VNC, WNC
- f. **Opposition to Transit-rich Housing Bonus Bill [Wiener, SB 827]** (WRAC LUPC)
Official position taken Feb 2018 / April 2018 passage deadline / Passed by BABCNC, BCC, DRNC, NCWP, PPCC*, SORO NC*, VNC, WLASNC, WNC*, WCC, WWNC

IX. **Adjourn**: Next meeting: May 21, 2018 at 8:30am