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Minutes

Board of Directors Breakfast | May 16, 2018, 8:00-9:30am

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. Vice-Chair Maryam Zar acted as chair and called the meeting to order at approximately 8:10 a.m. The Chair next asked the members and guests to introduce themselves.
- II. Members present: Larry Watts (BCC); Nickie Miner (BABCNC); Steve Twining (BABCNC); Robert Schleisinger (BABCNC); Claire Jadulang (PNC) Nick Greif (PNC); Maryam Zar (PPCC); Ira Koslow (VNC); Barbara Broide (WNC); Sara Roos (MVNC); Sharon Commins (MVCC); and Steve Zann (WCC)
- III. Also present: Clark Ajwani (DWP); Shannon Louis (Supervisor Kuehl); Janet Turner (Rep. Lieu); Lanna Mecand (Sen. Allen); Deborah Hong (LADWP); Rosemary MsCarron (DCP); Fabiola Inzunza (DCP); David Somers (DOT); Rubina Ghazariaqn (DCP); Josh Kurpies (Assemblyman Bloom); Joe Galloway (CD-5); Ma'syan Dembo (Urban Transport) ; Carmen Hawkins (City Atty.); Daniel Tamm (Mayor); and John Darnell (DONE).
- IV. Approval of the April 2018 Minutes was deferred.
- V. Alliance Updates
 - The chair announced that she is still working on organizing a town hall event to discuss ongoing State, County, City a local neighborhood efforts to address the homeless crisis and obtain community input. She is attempting to identify a suitable and centrally located venue for the event, which given WRAC's limitations has to be free of cost, and not needing a CLI.
 - *Land Use and Planning*: Sharon Commins (2 mins) – Sharon reminded all that though it was voted down in committee, the battle over SB 827 is far from over.
 - *Mobility*: Steve Twining (2 mins)
 - *Events*: Maryam Zar (2 mins)
 - Regional Town Hall event: Homelessness
 - *Homelessness*: TBD
- VI. Unfinished Business (45 mins)
 - a. Expo Transit Neighborhood Plan- Member Barbara Broide is going to edit a draft proposed resolution. No action taken.
 - b. Short Term Rentals; Matter has been sent back to committee by Council with instructions to expedite incorporation of numerous amendments/report backs and to submit to City Attorney to prepare a draft ordinance. No action taken at this time.

- c. Councilmember Koretz motion (CF 17-1426) re: group living homes, brief discussion no action taken.

VII. New Business

- a. *Benedict Canyon Hotel*: Member Robert Schleisinger described a proposed hotel project, the Retreat at Benedict Canyon. Project will require plan amendments as well other discretionary action. If allowed to proceed, he views this as a threat to all Canyon and Santa Monica Mountain communities. Unclear what by right development is allowed for this 33 acre parcel. No action taken at this time.
- b. Chair recognized Member Steve Sann who expressed the concerns of Westwood CC that the proposed subdivision of Westwood NC is really intended to unfairly lessen the effectiveness of homeowners in Westwood. The proponents of the subdivision favor easing of restrictions which they view as hindering needed development. The election will be on Tuesday May 22 between 2:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. at two polling stations: Bruin Walk and Westwood Recreation Center, Room C, 1350 S. Sepulveda Blvd.
- c. Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) for Los Angeles Firefighters and Police Officers. After discussion and upon motion duly made and seconded, the attached Community Impact Statement from Eagle Rock NC will be sent to WRAC members for background, but otherwise no action taken at this time.
- d. *Boring Project*: Member B. Broide described the CEQA exemption for the Boring Project and its proposed tunnel under Sepulveda Blvd. from Pico Blvd. to Washington Blvd. She expressed concern as to the lack of transparency and notice concerning this and whether it should be addressed as a transportation matter. A town hall informational meeting is planned for Thursday.
- e. *Motion to reconsider and table until Fall 2018*: support for the Del Rey NC's public comment letter for the Ballona Wetlands EIR Previously passed by WRAC in April.
- f. Group Living - Matter tabled until we are advised concerning position of CD 5 on the matter.
- g. Chair recognized Member Sara Roos who addressed an oil drilling site in Rancho Park and its impact upon the surrounding residential neighborhood. Thereupon following discussion and upon a motion duly made and seconded, the following resolution was adopted and will be circulated to WRAC members:

WHEREAS industrial oil drilling operations at Rancho Park Public Golf Course are ongoing and in close proximity to thousands of residents, and

WHEREAS there is an extensive history at this Drillsite of City Code violations, Conditions-of-Use violations, and repeated industrial accidents, and

WHEREAS considerable and widespread concern regarding potential jeopardy to human health and safety from extractive oil and gas operations in close

proximity to dense residential areas is demonstrable from the widely reported physical symptoms and complaints about communications following the odorant spill of November 29, 2017, reminiscent of the 2015 natural gas leak further north at Aliso Canyon.

THEREFORE be it resolved to exhort that the Zoning Administrator (ZA) follow precedent and deny Drillsite approval of CEB industrial equipment within the residentially zoned Rancho Park Public Golf Course, and FURTHER mandate all the following safety conditions:

- (i) 24/7 emissions monitoring using up-to-date laser-based equipment,*
- (ii) Annual compliance inspections by the ZA's office and Petroleum Administrator,*
- (iii) Mandatory periodic Reviews of Conditions by the ZA on a 5 year cycle to allow for updating of ZA assigned conditions of use,*
- (iv) A clear emergency and accident reporting plan by which the oil company must notify LAFD, LAPD, the Petroleum Administrator, and Council District 5.*

VIII. Government Rep. Updates

- **Mayor Garcetti's Office:** Daniel Tamm spoke concerning bridge housing plan to provide immediate temporary shelter for the homeless and the need for each community in the City to get behind the effort.
- **Dept of City Planning:** Fabiola Inzunza discussed the new Planning Department newsletter and the new bicycle and farmers' markets ordinances There was also discussion of what the proposed tree ordinance does and does not do to preserve the urban canopy. There will be an in lieu fee of \$250 per tree for single family residences and \$2500 per tree, up to four trees, in connection with commercial projects.
- **LADWP:** Deborah Hong described 2018 L.A. Aqueduct-Owens Valley tour schedules
- **LA City Councilmember Koretz's Office (CD 5):** Joseph Galloway
- **LA City Councilmember Bonin's Office (CD 11):** Lisa Cahill not present.
- **LA City Attorney Feuer's Office:** There was not time for Carmen Hawkins to report.
- **Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment:** John Darnell
- **Board of Neighborhood Commissioners:** Eli Lipman was not present.
- **LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl's Office:** Shannon Louis had no report.
- **U.S. Representative Karen Bass's Office:** Jacqueline Hamilton was not present.
- **U.S. Representative Ted Lieu's Office:** Janet Turner reported on WLAVA plans for temporary solutions to homeless veterans including an overnight parking area and temporary bridge housing. Issue is complicated for many reasons, including need not to interfere with ongoing EIS in connection with long term master plan.
- **CA Senator Ben Allen's Office:** Lanna Mecand had no update.
- **CA Assemblyman: Richard Bloom's Office:** Josh Kurpies had no update.
- **CA Assembly District 54:** Brian Ross Adams. Not present.
- **Re-Code LA Zoning Advisory Committee:** Sharon Commins. No report.

IX. Guest Presentations

- *City & County Safe, Clean Water Program*: Clark Ajwani, DWP Government Affairs described LA's Safe, Clean Water Program, which is intended to address impacts of climate change and includes increased storm water recapture designed to clean and help restore local aquifers, leverage various funding sources to increase ROI, engage stakeholders aid in developing projects, etc. Program to be funded by parcel tax that should generate around \$300 million annually.
- *Transportation Demand Management Ordinance and SB 743*: Rubina Ghazariaqn (CP) and David Somer (DOT) gave extensive report on new State requirement (SB-743) that cities use Vehicle Miles Traveled (VTM) instead of the current Level of Service (LOS) to measure CEQA impacts. This will be incorporated in the revised Traffic Demand Management Ordinance (TDM). The revised TDM will incorporate the VMT measurement which is intended to result in more sustainable mitigation outcomes. LOS mitigation has tended to look for traffic improvements (street widening, right turn lanes, etc) which eventually lead to increased traffic and less safe streets. City intends to use local traffic forecasting models to insure CEQA compliance and develop VMT reductions. Under VMT analysis City will seek both programmatic (carshare, transit subsidies, child care, carpool incentives, demand pricing, etc.) and phusical measures (carshare kiosk, bicycle parking, accessibility improvements, etc.) to reduce vehicle trips

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

Asterisk = Council passed a modified version of the motion.

- a. Opposition to SB828, requiring zoning capacity for 200% of state assigned RHNA goals
July 2018 passage deadline / Passed by
- b. Opposition to SB831 eliminating the FAR (floor area square footage) of Accessory Dwelling Units from a site's total floor area
July 2018 passage deadline / Passed by BABCNC, BCC
- c. Opposition to SB946 establishing sidewalk vending regulations for local municipalities
July 2018 passage deadline / Passed by BABCNC, BCC
- d. Westwood NC subdivision
WRAC executive action taken March 2018 / June 2018 passage deadline / Passed by BABCNC, WNC
- e. Opposition to lifting the beach curfew (WRAC LUPC)
June 2018 passage deadline / Passed by BABCNC, NCWP, WNC
- f. Support for Protected Tree ordinance (WRAC LUPC)
June 2018 passage deadline / Passed by BABCNC, WNC
- g. 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*
- h. 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

XI. Adjourn: Next meeting: June 20, 2018 at 8:00 a.m.