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Agenda

Board of Directors | March 20, 2019 - 8:30-10:00am

Location

Lenny's Deli: 2379 Westwood Blvd., LA 90064

Back room will be reserved for us

I. Welcome/Introductions

Chair

II. Approval of Minutes —

Secretary

Items on the Agenda may be taken in any order at the discretion of the Chair

III. Committee Updates (4 mins)

Land Use: Update on last LUC Meeting (Commins)

Mobility: Update on Car Tax (Twinning)

501(C)(3): Formation discussion (Watts)

Events: What topics do we wish to focus on for upcoming Spring event (Zar)

IV. Government Rep. Updates

- Mayor Garcetti's Office: Ami Fields-Meyer
- Dept of City Planning: Fabiola Inzunza
- LADWP: Deborah Hong
- LA City Councilmember Koretz's Office (CD 5): Debbie Dyner Harris
- LA City Councilmember Bonin's Office (CD 11):
- LA City Attorney Feuer's Office: Rob Wilcox
- Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment: Mike Fong
- Board of Neighborhood Commissioners: Eli Lipmen
- LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl's Office: Erin Schneider / Zaire Overton
- LA County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas's Office: Omar Prioleau
- U.S. Representative Karen Bass's Office: Jacqueline Hamilton
- U.S. Representative Ted Lieu's Office: Janet Turner
- CA Senator Ben Allen's Office: Colby Harriman
- CA Assembly member Richard Bloom's Office: Josh Kurpies

V. Presentations

- A. Robert Wilcox – Blue Ribbon Panel on School Safety Report – Office of City Attorney, Mike Feuer
- B. Richard Brady & Devon Clunis – LAPD Community Input, Matrix Consulting Group outreach
- C. Johnathan Hershey, Senior City Planner, LA City – report on growth projection Date for Westside
- D. LAPD West Bureau Operations: Captain III, Vic Davalos

VI. New Business

- A. **LA River: Motion requesting that the City of Los Angeles coordinate flood protection and mitigation of existing flooding risks in the Los Angeles River area with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and County of Los Angeles (LUC)**

Proposed Motion:

" _____ NC/CC supports the idea that all agencies (city, county, state, federal) study options to reduce the impact of a 100-year flood, the costs of which will largely be borne by tax payers. These studies shall include the County gaining control of the channel from the U.S. Army Corps, removing sediment build-up, reducing hardscape (parking lots, building footprints) and expanding open space, increasing the size of spreading grounds and adding drywells to infiltrate stormwater into aquifers, adding swales to small medians and yards, strengthening dams and levees, and evaluating land use and zoning designations within the proximity of the river, which may result in downzoning."

Facts and background:

1. The 2016 USACE Hydrology Report, Floodplain Analysis- Los Angeles River: Barham Boulevard to First Street Flood Plain Management Services Special Studyⁱⁱⁱ sponsored by the city is a comprehensive study that shows that much of the Atwater Village in a high-risk flood zone (risk increased from regular/"safe" Zone X to special Zones A and AE). Proposed FEMA Flood maps show this information, but have not been finalized for release to the public, insurance companies and mortgage companies. As many as 3,000 parcels (homes and businesses) may be at risk (874 houses are currently at risk), as a result of the proposed flood zone remapping. ⁱⁱⁱⁱ
2. Current FEMA FIRM Flood Maps may be inaccurate, because they do not account for this more current/ accurate information in the USACE Report. Flood insurance and mortgages are based on these maps, and insurance and rates likely will increase if flood risk increases. Building foundations may need to be raised, which is expensive and complex construction.
3. River LA (DBA of Los Angeles River Revitalization Corporation) was a public non-profit that was created by the City of Los Angeles and initially funded by the CRA, but many of the boardmembers were developers, instead of the area residents. Increased building size and reduced open space were planned.
4. The City has no flood control authority, but has land use/ zoning authority. The County and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers have flood control authority.
5. Mitigations include early warning systems, channel cleaning, channel size/capacity increase.
6. The L.A. River flood channel lost 50% of capacity from sediment runoff, related to increased paving and development.

7. Current flood protection is 20-year storm with Hesco Barriers, which can increase to 51-year storm if cleaned out. FEMA requires protection from 100-year storm.

Findings and justifications:

1. The Planning Dept. and Bureau of Engineering may have reserved an insufficient amount of land for stormwater spreading grounds for large floods. By construction large buildings and impervious pavement, insufficient soil volume may be provided for required infiltration.
2. In A and AE zones (problematic “special” flood zones), downzoning and reduced density may be required, and open space may need to be increased.
3. All citizens of Los Angeles may face liability from inaccurate flood maps, improper zoning, and insufficient mitigation of flood risks in all areas of the city.

VII. Old Business

A. Motion Opposing Car for Hire digital Advertising (Broide)

There is a new motion presented by Blumenfield pertaining to video advertisements mounted on taxicab vehicles. As the placement of such devices on top of vehicles is already illegal in Los Angeles, the associated action needed is for LAPD to enforce the law.

NCs should consider supporting the [Blumenfield motion](#), [Council File 19-0104](#).

Proposed Motion:

"_____ NC/CC opposes legalization of video advertisements mounted on taxicabs and for-hire vehicles (including services such as Lyft and Uber); and supports the motion by Councilmember Blumenfield to change TaxiCab Rule 415(c), as set forth in [Council File 19-0104](#)."

VIII. Updates on Pending Motions (2 min each) — Full motion text available at westsidecouncils.com/pending. *Council passed a modified version of the motion.

- a. SB 50 – Motion to oppose SB50 (Weiner)
- b. Request for planning data prior to start of Community Plan update
tabled until we hear from CP (arranged by Mayor Garcetti’s Westside Field rep for 3/20/19)
- c. Regulation of personal electric scooters
Passed by WNC*, WLASNC
- d. Support for the CEQA Appeals Code Amendment of June 6, 2018
(update by Barbara Broide)
Passed by WNC, WLASNC
- e. Oil drilling safety conditions at Rancho Park Golf Course
Passed by BCC, MVCC, WNC
Update: Matter will be subject of presentations at April meeting (all agenda announcements tentative until confirmed).

IX. Adjourn

Next meeting, April 17, 2019; 8:30am