



MEETING RECAP

Westside Regional Alliance of Councils

WRAC

November 2018

MOTIONS

RESOLVED That WRAC urges its member NCs and CCs to appoint sub-committees to prepare for the upcoming community plan updating and to assure that the City receives adequate and effective input and vision from the public.

RESOLVED that WRAC be authorized to inform the Mayor, the City Council and the Planning Department that the current timeline for completing the update of the city's 35 community plans does not allow sufficient time for the public to provide adequate and effective input City Planners on community plans.

RESOLVED that the Chair write a letter to City Attorney and Councilmembers to encourage issuance of a public RFP for bus shelter furniture contract that takes community input into account.

HANDOUTS

At our WRAC meeting on November 14th, we heard a report from WRAC LUC, which had hosted Len Nguyen, Planning Deputy from CD11, the last time they met. Len had suggested that since the Planning Dept is hiring new staff to be able to manage the community plans on the two year aimed time-line, many staff members are new and unfamiliar with our neighborhoods. He encouraged member councils to hold local tours with planners. Some Councils/neighborhoods have begun this; others should as well. CD11 is ready to facilitate these invitations/tours. The Chair was asked to send a letter to all member councils to invite City Planners to their communities for perspective. Suggestion was made to encourage LUC's to form a subcommittees of various stakeholders (including businesses, homeowners etc). Members Sann and Handal expressed deep concern over community plan timeline of two years being inadequate and made a motion for councils to ask that time table be adjusted to allow time for community outreach, participation and vision. Motion passed

Faviola Inzunza from DCP said there is a commitment to community input into the community plans. Each community area has a project manager who can take scheduling requests. The time line is flexible based on volume of community input. See also [Council file 16-0422](#) (report back on community plan update process).

We discussed the remaining elements of the Tree Protection Ordinance. It was decided that our position encompasses the Encino POV and instead of moving to reintroduce the subject to member councils, we can inform Encino that they can count on our support, and cite our WRAC letter as part of the coalition to strengthen the Tree Ordinance.

The Proposed Restaurant Beverage Program Ordinance issue ([Council File 17-0981](#)) was discussed. Steve Sann voiced his concern about over-concentration of alcohol licenses in specific areas. Faviola assured us that this is being considered and that community concern/objection can be reported the [ABC Board](#). There will be a Plan Check meeting regarding this topic on Dec 8th. Regarding motorized scooters—a topic we hope to take up in January—Veronica de la Cruz Robles from the office of the City Attorney informed us that they are prosecuting current laws (including DUI), while the city works on an ordinance.

Our next meeting will be held on December 19th. It will be a holiday party and a strategic planning meeting looking ahead to 2019. Chair reported she had met with Exec Committee to go over proposed Bylaws and 501(C)(3) matters, as well as Pepperdine law clinic attorneys drafting documents we can review in December. Issues to be addressed included a “platform” for WRAC, reaffirming our commitment to local laws and processes, as well as a mechanism by which minor adjustments can be made to WRAC positions, without being taken back to member council boards.