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Minutes

Board of Directors | October 16, 2019

Location

West LA Municipal Building – 1645 Corinth Ave., LA 90024

I. Welcome/Introductions.

- a. The WRAC Board met for its regular monthly meeting on October 16, 2019, Maryam Zar acted as Chair and called the meeting to order at about 8:40 a.m. and asked members and guests to introduce themselves.
- b. Representatives Present: Robin Greenberg (BABCNC;); Larry Watts (BCC); Paula Gerez (NC of W-P); Andrew Lewis (NWWNC); Chris Spitz (PPCC); Eryn Block (PNC); Ira Koslow (VNC); Jane Wishon (WNC); Steve Sann (WWCC); and Roozbeh Farahanipour (WWNC).
- c. **Alternates present:** Robert Schlesinger (BABCNC); David Card (PPCC) Mark Ryavec (VNC) and Barbara Broide (WNC).
- d. **Also present:** Steve Twining (BABCNC) and the government representative identified below.

II. Elections and Chair Announcements.

- a. The Chair called for nominations of Officer or the coming year. The following were duly nominated and elected: Maryam Zar Chair; Larry Watts Vice-Chair respectively and Steve Twining Secretary. Additionally, Barbara Broide volunteered and the Chair appointed her assistant to Secretary Twinning.
- b. The Chair next announced that she had personally paid the WRAC website domain fee. She suggested that WRAC create a pool to pay for incidental expenses such as this or have member councils pay for the site on a rotating basis.
- c. The Chair noted that while the team of Steve Twining as Secretary, with assistance from Members Broide and Watts can prepare minutes proper format, WRAC needs someone to manage its website and perform other administrative tasks. The Chair suggested WRAC hire an administrator as is the practice for NCs. The Chair will present more information on this, but otherwise no action was taken at this time.
- d. The Chair briefly reviewed the ongoing discussions we have had concerning establishing WRAC as a 501(C)(3) and said a decision should be made on this.

III. Approval of Minutes: The minutes for May, June August and September 2019 were approved.

IV. Committee Updates

- a. *Land Use*: Sharon Commins was not present and action on WRAC LUC resolution concerning Density Bonus for TOC projects was deferred.
- b. *Mobility*: Steve Twinning had no report.
- c. *501(C)(3)*: See Chair comments above.
- d. *Events*: December Homelessness event at Podshare in Venice in lieu of our regular meeting/Holiday party.

V. Presentation.

- A. The Chair next introduced Raquel Beltran, the newly appointed General Manager of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.
- B. Raquel Beltran.
 - a. Personal background: she has worked to organize domestic workers in San Diego and Tijuana; with Red Cross disaster response; been on the staff of various elected officials and most recently headed the Pat Brown Institute.
 - b. The mission of DONE is to promote civic engagement on the part of all community based groups and organizations, not simply on the part of NC system.
 - c. She is currently meeting with each NC and Alliance, so far she has visited with 18% of the NCs and with 5 Alliances.
 - d. Her goals for DONE: 1. To be a resource of the NCs; 2. To strengthen the relationship between DONE and the NCs; 3. To improve NC engagement and advocacy; and 4. To improve the relationship between the NCs and other parts of City government.
 - e. Ms. Beltran responded to a number of questions and recommendations from Members. These questions included ones related to the authority of NCs, the role of Community Councils, the role of NCs and community based organizations in the land use process, the need to have City government acknowledge the important role that NCs and other community based organizations play and for their views to be listened to and considered and not ignored by City departments and commissions and the importance of DONE as an advocate on behalf of NCs.
- B. Mike Schull presentation deferred until November WRAC meeting.

VI. Government Rep. Updates

- a. Office of Mayor Garcetti: Ami Fields-Meyer reported that the home sharing ordinance is expected to roll-out in November and kinks are expected. The new rules relating to ride-sharing and taxis at LAX are expected to reduce LAX traffic by 15%. He also reported on the selection of Garcetti to lead worldwide coalition of cities to address climate change.
- b. Dept. of City Planning: Fabiola Inzunza introduced her successor, Fipe Leilua. She also announced the Planning Department website has been updated and now allows citizens to obtain on-line a 1 hour time slot to meet with a planner to discuss land use and zoning issues. She said Planning will conduct informational sessions, including a webinar on October 24. Further information on home-sharing may be found at <https://planning.lacity.org/plans-policies/initiatives-policies/home-sharing> However, all properties must be registered before being used for home-sharing. If someone has questions about home-sharing, they can also call 213-202-5464.

- c. Los Angeles Department of Water & Power: Deborah Hong gave a brief report, including on power upgrade on Sunset, which is scheduled to be completed by Thanksgiving and the 98th Street pipeline project near LAX.
- d. Office of L.A. City Councilmember Paul Koretz (CD 5): Debbie Dyrer Harris described a new low-cost HHH project on Santa Monica Blvd.
- e. Office of L.A. City Councilmember Mike Bonin (CD 11): Ben LaZebnik introduced himself and said Bonin is very sensitive to issues that may arise under home-sharing ordinance and will monitor the situation as the program rolls out. .
- f. Office of L.A. City Attorney Mike Feuer: Veronica de la Cruz Robles announced the untimely and unexpected death of Ranger Captain Torres who had been a valuable and responsive ranger many years. /
- g. Los Angeles Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment: Mike Fong and Seme Park were present. The BONC WLA meeting will be on Nov. 5 at Felicia Mahood Center at 6:00 p.m. The Homeless Committee will meet on November 29 in Room 351 L.A. City Hall, Controller's Office.
- h. Los Angeles Board of Neighborhood Commissioners: Eli Lipmen not present.
- i. Office of L.A. County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl: Zachary Gaidzik described recent action by Supervisor Kuehl
- j. Office of LA County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas: Omar Prioleau not present.
- k. Office of CA Senator Ben Allen: Colby Harriman/Lauren Robinson not present.
- l. Office of CA Assemblymember Richard Bloom: Josh Kurpies not present.
- m. Office of U.S. Representative Karen Bass: Jacqueline Hamilton not present.
- n. Office of U.S. Representative Ted Lieu: Janet Turner did not report.
- o. Office of U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein: Jeanette Christian not present.

VII. New Business- None.

VIII. Old Business- None.

IX. Updates on Pending Motions—

Full motion text can be available at westsidecouncils.com/pending.

*Council passed a modified version of the motion.

- a. Supporting City Sign Ordinance, Version B+, from PLUM, regulating billboard signage on buildings and moving vehicles, in digital or traditional formats, so as to guard against blight and maintain community integrity as well as public safety.
- b. Deny business license or dockless mobility permit, or revoke such license or permit, to any operator or provide which fails or refuses to cooperate fully with law enforcement in providing information about the user of its device, if/when involved in a an accident causing injury.

- c. Requesting that they State mandate the gathering and sharing of ride-share data/information with cities and towns in order for communities to be able to better asses of ride-share services add to or detract from traffic, and/or impact mobility.
- d. Requesting ZA Deny drill site approval for CEB Industrial equipment within Rancho Park Public Golf Course.
Table due to temporary halt issues to operator... pending update...
- e. LA River motion
- f. Support for Wildland Motion proposed by CM Bonin
- g. Support for Campaign Contribution Motion by CM Ryu
- h. Support for the CEQA Appeals Code Amendment of June 6, 2018
Tabled
- i. Density Bonus tracking
- j. Oil drilling safety conditions at Rancho Park Golf Course
Passed by BCC, MVCC, WNC

IX. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at about 10:30 and the next meeting will be on November 20, 2019; 8:30 a.m. at the WLA Municipal Building.