

# Westside Regional Alliance of Councils

**Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council**  
**Brentwood Community Council**  
**Del Rey Neighborhood Council**  
**Mar Vista Community Council**  
**Neighborhood Council of Westchester-Playa**  
**Pacific Palisades Community Council**

**Palms Neighborhood Council**  
**South Robertson Neighborhoods Council**  
**Venice Neighborhood Council**  
**West LA Neighborhood Council**  
**Westside Neighborhood Council**  
**Westwood Community Council**  
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## Minutes

**Board of Directors Breakfast**  
**August 21, 2013, 8:30-10.00 a.m.**

**Lenny's Deli (Westwood), 2379 Westwood Blvd., Westwood 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's \$2 for the next hour.**

Attendees: Mike Newhouse, Jay Handal, Terrence Gomes, Sharon Commins, Eric DeSobe, Barbara Kohn, Samuel Haws, Nancy Freedman, John Heidt, Marc Saltzberg, Steve Twining, Robin Greenberg, Steve Sann,

Guests: Camden Collins, Debbie Dynere Harris, Mike Bonin, Paula Waxman, JR DeShazu, Colleen Mason Hefler, Daniel Tamm, Rishi Kapadia, Laura Mack, Chris Hope, James Brennan, Sumi Parekh, Evan Gillespie, Andy Shrader, Spike Lewis, Fred Pickel

1. Welcome/Introductions (3 mins) 8:32AM Michael Newhouse
2. Minutes approved-next month
3. Government Rep. Updates (5 mins)
  - Daniel Tamm: Westside Rep. from Mayor Garcetti's Office Mayor's goals for first term, City Hall to work better, building a strong staff for teamwork, economic development and job creation, strengthening neighborhoods.
  - DONE Rep: Do we have a new one? Amber Meshack
  - CD 5 Rep: Do we have a new one? No
  - CD 11: Do we have a new one? Debbie Harris
3. Committee Updates:
  - A. Land Use (Sharon Commins) (2 mins) no report
  - B. Mobility (Steve Twining) (2 mins) no report
4. Councilmember Mike Bonin Q & A (20 mins)CM Bonin talked about his City Hall assignments, Westside traffic issues and completing the light rail to LAX.
5. Continued WRAC Motion to support Rate Payer Advocate's recommendation to suspend the FIT-100 program (Jay Handal): Dr. Fred Pickel, DWP, and Public Comment (45 mins)

Dr. Pickel accepts the FIT-50 program but not the FIT-100. As explained in the power point, ratepayers are not getting a fair or reasonable program from DWP on the FIT-100 program. The price that DWP is proposing to pay for solar power under the Feed-in-Tariff is over market by about \$250 million over the next 20 years. For the first 20 megawatts of the 100 megawatt program, DWP is proposing to pay 17 cents per kilowatt hour. This amount declines by 1 cent for the next 20 megawatts to 16 cents, and so on. But when these prices are compared to current market prices, we are paying \$250 million over market. Dr. Pickel recommends suspension of the FIT-100 program until it can be re-evaluated. Both sides were heard and a decision was made for the individual councils to do further research.
6. Murals Ordinance (Chris Spitz) (5 mins). See attached sample motion from PPCC. PPCC and MVCC passed motion to support option B. VNC passed motion to support option A. Motion postponed until next meeting.
7. Updated Billboard Motion (Jay Handal, from Barbara Brodie) (5 mins)

- WRAC moves to advise the elected officials that any potential settlement agreement by and between the City of Los Angeles and any and all outdoor media companies with regards to any type of billboards should be vetted for a minimum of 90 days to all neighborhood councils, Alliances and HOA's prior to council taking action. Motion Sann Second Saltzberg 11-0
  
- 8. Update: Cell Towers (Chris Spitz) (2 minutes) Postponed
- 9. Proposed Infrastructure Motion (Sharon Commins) (2 minutes).
  - Letter to be sent.
- 10. Casden Update (Sharon Commins) (2 mins) LU waiting for design and parking documents. Report next month.
- 11. Update re Community Care Facilities: (2 min) Update new City Council Ad Hoc Committee to be created to address the issue.
- 12. [www.westsidecouncils.org](http://www.westsidecouncils.org) (Terry Gomes) Schedule for updates. Start posting agendas on the site the Friday before meetings?
- 13. Update delegate and alternate lists, as well as new NC/CC Chairs. Update sent to DONE
- 14. Open nominations for WRAC Board 2013-2014. Election will be at the next WRAC Board Meeting on September 18, 2013.
- 15. Adjourn, next meeting, September 18, 2013. 9:59AM