

# 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**  
**May 20, 2015, 8:30-10.00 a.m.**

**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's \$2 for the next hour.**

**Attendees:** Michael Newhouse, Jay Handal, Terrence Gomes, Doug Fitzsimmons, Sharon Commins, Marrisa Stewart, Nancy Freedman, Barbara Broide, Roozbeh Farahani, Sandy Brown, Aurelia Friedman, Nickie Minor, Steve Twining, Robin Green, Marc Saltzberg, Chris Spitz, Steve Sann,

**Guests:** Eli Lipmen, Debbie Dyer Harris, Daniel Tamm, Janet Turner, Eugene Tseng, John Darnell

1. Welcome/Introductions (3 mins) 8:31AM Newhouse
2. Approval of Minutes: March and April 2015 (1 min.) postpone
3. Government Rep. Updates (15 mins)
  - Mayor Garcetti's Office: Daniel Tamm minimum wage
  - DONE Rep: Thomas Soong No report
  - Congressman Ted Lieu's Office: Janet Turner Update on USPS deliveries
  - CD 5 Rep: Jesus Orozco Fire Station 71 Pancake Breakfast
  - CD 11: Debbie Dyer-Harris Motion passed to have all government offices at WLA Civic Center
  - Sen. Ben Allen's Office: Samuel Liu SB-608 Homeless bill to allow resting in public space.
  - Asm. Autumn Burke's Office: Odysseus Bostick No Report
  - Asm. Sebastian Ridley-Thomas's Office: Scott Malsin No Report
  - LADOT Pedestrian Adv. Comm.: Eli Lipmen No Report
  - Code LA "Zoning Adv. Comm.": Sharon Commins Masonization meeting June 8, 2015 6:00PM-8:00PM
  - BONC: Rep. Eli Lipmen No report
4. Committee Updates: (4 mins.)
  - A. Land Use (Sharon Commins) (2 mins) No speaker this month. Committee discussed priorities for coming year.
  - B. Mobility (Steve Twining) (2 mins) Meeting with CM Bonin to discuss traffic issues as head of transportation committee.
5. Presentation: The CAO's Livability Report (Mark Williams) (10 mins)

Mark would like to talk about the report and opportunities for the City of LA and Neighborhood Councils to partner on 10 solid steps to improving the quality of life in our communities. No report
6. Presentation: Small Asphalt Repair Program (Aida Valencia) (10 mins.)

Discussion of City and NC/CC partnership to prioritize the street repairs in our neighborhoods. No report. Committee discussed how the program worked.
7. Motion: Community Council Inclusion in Wesson Proposal to Give NCs Special Treatment at City Hearings (Chris Spitz) (5 mins) (**August 2015 Passage Deadline**) Moved: Spitz Second: Handal unanimous

CM Wesson is proposing, based on apparent recommendations from DONE, that NCs and NC Alliances (of whatever nature and status, including those without bylaws or governing rules or regular meetings or even NC membership requirements) be given preferential treatment (5 additional minutes for argument, before public comment) at City Council and other City agency meetings/hearings. WRAC supports Community Councils being afforded this same status.

8. Update: Re Revised City Sign Ordinance Motion (Sandy Brown) (10 mins) (Postponed from February) (**June 2015 Passage Deadline**)
  1. Only digital signs in sign districts
  2. Mandatory take down of signs that were illegally erected
  3. Signs need to be upgraded to current lawPostponed
9. Update: Neighborhood Council Monitoring of City Services (Marc Saltzberg) (5 mins) (**July 2015 Passage Deadline**)

WRAC recommends that land use and planning-related recommendations shall be disclosed in all City determinations in a "standing" section of City Staff Reports and City Determinations called "Neighborhood Council/Community Council Recommendations." Along with those recommendations, an explanation to be provided by the City decision makers if the NC recommendations are NOT followed in 30 days.  
Moved: Saltzberg Second:Spitz Unanimous
10. Update: Change to Coastal Exemption Review/Approval Process and Procedure (5 mins) (**July 2015 Passage Deadline**)

**Which Councils have passed?: VNC to do outreach**
11. Update: Re Support For Koretz' Powergrid Update Motion (Sandy Brown) (1 min) (**July 2015 Passage Deadline**)

**Which Councils have passed?: MVCC, Palms, Westside, WWNC, PPCC, BABCNC**
12. Update: Appeals Process for Building Permits (Sharon Commins) (1 min) (**June 2015 Passage Deadline**)

**Which Councils have passed?: \_\_\_\_\_**
13. Update: WRAC Goals for 2015
  - A. Time Traveled added to LOS and VMT
  - B. Code Compliance across the board
  - C. Keep percentage of parking revenues in districts. Committee to create motion for next month.
14. Update: Support for Council File 15-0020 – Collecting Fees Related to Condition Compliance (Marc Saltzberg) (10 mins.) (**June 2015 Passage Deadline**)

**Which Councils have passed?: WLANC, Motion passed by City Council**
15. Update: Re: Sup. for Council File 14-1624 (Rpt re: ways and means for Comm. Imp. Projs.) (Jay Handal) (1 min.) (**May 2015 Passage Deadline**)

**Which Councils have passed?: WLANC, Remove**
16. Update: Housing Unit Audits Motion (Sharon Commins) (1 min.) (**Letter Sent**)
17. [www.westsidecouncils.org](http://www.westsidecouncils.org) (Doug Fitzsimmons).

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18. Adjourn. Next meeting, June 17, 2015 Adjourned 9:45AM Newhouse