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## MINUTES

Board of Directors Breakfast | August 16, 2017, 8:30-10:00am

Lenny's Deli (Westwood), 2379 Westwood Blvd., Westwood, CA 90064

- I. Representatives in Attendance: Steve Twinning, BABCNC; Larry Watts, BCC; Chris Spitz, PPCC; Doug Fitzimmons, SORO NC; Mike Newhouse, VNC; Robert Schlesinger, BABCNC; and Sarah Auerswald, MVCC.
- II. **Member Fitzimmons chaired the meeting and called it to order at 8:40.**
- III. **Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the** posted June and July 2017 minutes were approved.
- IV. **Guest Presentation** (20 mins)
  - a. Assemblymember Richard Bloom, California District 50 spoke briefly and then answered questions concerning various issues, including homelessness, CEQA, SB 649 and SB 35.
- V. **Government Rep. Updates**
  - *Mayor Garcetti's Office:* Daniel Tamm was not present.
  - *Dept of City Planning:* Lisette Covarrubias was not present.
  - *LADWP:* Jason Stinnett gave a brief update on the Silverlake reservoir.
  - *LA City Councilmember Koretz's Office (CD 5)* was not represented.
  - *LA City Councilmember Bonin's Office (CD 11):* Debbie Dyner-Harris discussed the new trash hauling franchises for commercial and multi-family housing, the Great Streets initiative and street safety measures implemented and under consideration.
  - *LA City Attorney Feuer's Office* was not present.
  - *Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment:* Mike Fong was not present.
  - *Board of Neighborhood Commissioners:* Commissioner Eli Lipmen was not present.
  - *LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl's Office:* Stephanie Cohen was not present.
  - *U.S. Representative Karen Bass's Office:* Jacqueline Hamilton addressed issues related to the new flight patterns implemented by the FAA which increased aircraft noise in some communities while lessening it in others. She also explained that Representative Bass continues to focus her legislative efforts on child welfare and healthcare issues, while being concerned about the Executive Branch efforts to depopulate the State Department, the EPA, and other agencies, while also threatening to undermine the ACA in various ways.
  - *U.S. Representative Ted Lieu's Office:* Janet Turner was not present.
  - *CA Senator Ben Allen's Office:* was not represented.
  - *CA Assemblymember Richard Bloom's Office:* Josh Kurpies was present but did not speak.
  - *CA Assemblymember Sebastian Ridley-Thomas's Office:* Brian Ross Adams
  - *Re-Code LA Zoning Advisory Committee:* Sharon Commins was not present.
- VI. **Committee Updates** (10 mins)
  - *Land Use and Planning:* Sharon Commins was not present/
  - *Mobility:* Steve Twining did not have a report.
  - *Events:* Maryam Zar was not present.

- *Homelessness*: Member Steve Twinning suggested that the former WLA Courthouse might be suitable for sustainable housing.
- *Housing Shortage*- Member Auerswald expressed frustration that although the vast majority of people recognize the housing crisis in California and Los Angeles in particular, whenever a new multi-family housing is proposed, it faces community opposition. She suggested that WRAC sponsor a town hall to address housing issues generally and, in particular how to address the housing needs of young families who work in the Westside.

VII. **New Business** — Additional motion background information available at [westsidecouncils.com/pending](http://westsidecouncils.com/pending).

- a. Member Fitzsimmons spoke of difficulties concerning oral advice from the City Attorney related to various subjects, including the Brown Act as applied to issues coming before an NC that does not implicate any financial interest on the part of NC members and the limitations on amending adopted resolutions involving the expenditure of NC funds. A meeting has been set with the City Attorney's office to discuss these subjects.
- b. **Discussion and possible action:** How can WRAC be more effective in strengthening its member councils? This was tabled.
- c. Jack Silvers, M.D. spoke concerning the easing of parking requirements for psychotherapy and marriage and family counseling practices to allow them to more easily locate their offices in non-medical buildings. No action was taken.

VIII. **Updates on Pending Motions** — Full motion text available at [westsidecouncils.com/pending](http://westsidecouncils.com/pending).

*Asterisk = Council passed a modified version of the motion.*

- a. **Increased transparency into the relationship between LADWP and the IBEW** (Broide / WNC)  
October 2017 passage deadline / Passed by BCC
- b. **Changes to Proposed City Cannabis Regulations** (Fitzsimmons / SORO NC)  
October 2017 passage deadline / Passed by SORO NC, BABCNC, BCC\*
- c. **Permit Streamlining Act compliance with deadlines**  
September 2017 passage deadline / Passed by BCC, WCC (v1), WNC (v1), PPCC (v1)
  - i. **Version 1** (WRAC LUPC)  
The City shall take proactive, definitive measures to comply with State laws that establish time limits for entitlement approvals, including the Permit Streamlining Act, and shall advise Neighborhood and Community Councils of these time limits as they draw near. These measures shall include but not be limited to:
    1. Creation of a new tracking/tagging system with deadline alerts.
    2. Align the date of the CEQA determination (whenever possible to be aligned with the entitlement determination).
    3. Asking all applicants to voluntarily extend any determinative timelines at time of application submittal.
  - ii. **Version 2** (Broide / WNC)  
The \_\_\_\_\_NC/CC calls upon the Planning Dept. to immediately outline concrete steps it will take to ensure that going forward, in making decisions on discretionary land use applications, the Planning dept. will meet all deadline required under Permit Streamlining Act.
- d. **Sepulveda/Pico/Exposition station mixed-use project** (WRAC LUPC)  
September 2017 passage deadline / Passed by WCC
- e. **Temporary offsite advertising signs on construction sites** (WRAC LUPC)  
September 2017 passage deadline / Passed by WCC, WNC, SORO NC\*
- f. **SB 649 cell towers aka wireless facilities in public right-of-way and on city property** (WRAC LUPC)  
September 2017 passage deadline / Passed by PPCC, WCC, SORO NC, BABCNC, BCC, WNC, WWNC,

MVCC, NCWP, WLANC, DRNC

*Approved by a majority of WRAC member councils.*

- g. **Open Space Element update of General Plan** (WRAC LUPC)  
September 2017 passage deadline / Passed by
- h. **Culver City Expo Station** (WRAC LUPC)  
September 2017 passage deadline / Passed by WNC
- i. **Reserved Seating for Board Reps with a CIS of Board Resolution** (Greenberg / BABCNC)  
September 2017 passage deadline / Passed by BABCNC, WNC, SORO NC, BCC
- j. **Transparency in General Plan development process**  
August 2017 passage deadline / Passed by BABCNC\*, WNC, WCC, SORO NC

IX. **Adjourn:** Next meeting: September 20, 2017 at 8:30am

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Watts, Secretary