



Minutes

June 20, 2018

- I. Member Fitzsimmons acted as Chair and call the meeting to order at about 8:05.
- II. Members present: Larry Watts (BCC); Nickie Miner (BABCNC); Steve Twining (BABCNC); Robert Schleisinger (BABCNC); Robin Greenberg (BABCNC); Maryam Zar (PPCC); Chris Spitz (PPC); Doug Fitzsimmons (SORO NC) Ira Koslow (VNC); Barbara Broide (WNC); Ann Hayward (WWNC); Sara Roos (MVNC); Sharon Commins (MVCC); and Steve Zann (WCC).
- III. Also present: Deborah Hong (LADWP); Fabiola Inzunza (DCP); Tom Rothman (DCP); Bonnie Kim (DCP); Josh Kurpies (Assemblyman Bloom); Joe Galloway (CD-5); Chuy Orozco (CD-11); Daniel Tamm (Mayor); Eli Lipmen (Bd. Neighborhood Comm.) and Mike Fong (DONE).
- IV. The Chair invited a motion to approve the minutes and upon a motion duly made and seconded, the previously circulated draft minutes of the May 20, 2018 meeting were approved.
- V. Alliance Updates
 - *Mobility*: Steve Twining reported that progress on Metro’s planning for the Sepulveda Pass corridor is moving forward very slowly. There was a brief discussion as to why Metro doesn’t pay more attention to an above ground solution as a tunnel will mean no stop at Mulholland Drive. There also was a brief discussion of the Boring experiment by Member Broide.
 - *Events*: Maryam Zar reported that she continues to locate a suitable venue for a Regional Town Hall on Homelessness
- VI. WRAC Planning Discussion
 - a. The Chair next asked Member Zar to lead a discussion concerning WRAC priorities, objectives and processes. There followed a lengthy exchange among the Board of various suggestions, including annually focusing on a few key issues as way to strengthen WRAC’s voice rather than dilute it attempting to address every issue that

arises during the year. Member Zar asked whether the board thought annual dues per member of \$200 would be supported. There was a suggestion that WRAC rely on more face to face meetings with City, County and State legislators, the Mayor and other officials may be a more effective way to communicate our message and know that it is received by the intended audience. Transportation, homelessness, and local control over land use issues should be included among the important issues WRAC should address. There was a suggestion to communicate with government representatives in advance of WRAC meetings when we have questions or issues we want them to address. There was also a discussion as to how we might encourage WRAC members to participate in WRAC, particularly Del Rey NC and the NC of Westchester/Playa. In that regard it was suggested that exploring their participation in meetings telephonically might help.

- b. The Chair announced that since North Westwood NC has become a reality, we should invite it to join WRAC. After discussion this was tabled until after North Westwood NC has been formally organized and its members are elected.
- c. Member Zar said we still need to decide whether to reorganize WRAC as corporation qualified under IRC section 501 (c) (3) should be pursued. The Chair asked Members Zar, Broide and Watts to consider this and report their recommendations.

VII. New Business

- a. The Chair next asked for a discussion SB 831 and the recommendation of the WRAC LUPC. This bill would allow up to the 1,200 sf legal limit of the square footage of accessory dwelling units to be exempt from FAR calculations. Member Commins expressed the view that SB 831 would effectively allow a triplex by right on every R-1 property. The following points were also made:
 - i. No compelling reason has been stated for why this specific exemption is needed.
 - ii. By exempting the FAR for ADUs, the floor area could increase 100% for buildings in low-density neighborhoods.
 - iii. The City of Los Angeles has established 14 Floor Area Overlay Zones, and their FAR limits would be abolished.
 - iv. Local municipalities should decide FAR standards like these.
 - v. ADUs are not counted in State inventories of housing units or housing units projections.

Thereafter upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was resolved that WRAC recommend to its member organizations that SB 831 be opposed.

- b. The Chair called for a discussion of the WRAC LUPC suggestion concerning an audit to Assess efficacy of the Administrative Citation Enforcement (ACE) pilot program.

ACE began two years ago as a pilot program in only two departments, and the program should be reviewed for effectiveness. ACE may be an effective program to expand to other departments, including DBS Code Enforcement. But, assessments are not available, on which those decisions rely.

Thereafter upon a motion duly made and seconded the following was adopted:

RESOLVED, that WRAC recommend to its member organizations inform the City as follows:

The _____ Council requests that the city do an audit and assess the effectiveness of the Administrative Citation Enforcement pilot program for Animal Control and the Police Dept. The audit should include plans to implement the program in other departments.

- c. The Chair announced that the WRAC LUPC recommends the City adopt regulations governing Personal Electric Scooters.

Thereafter upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was resolved that WRAC recommend to its member organizations that they inform the City as follows:

The _____ Council requests that the city regulate personal electric scooter issues with regard to public safety and accessibility and that it enforce existing laws that are applicable to similar wheeled vehicles.

- d. The Chair next called for a discussion of the WRAC LUPC suggestion concerning the proposed CEQA Appeals Code Amendment. No formalized appeal process exists, and this amendment will allow residents to file appeals. A fee of \$250 is reasonable for the city, which has numerous low-income residents. There was discussion concerning whether the new ordinance if adopted would increase the fee for filing appeals. Planner Rothman who was present stated the ordinance is simply designed to formally codify current practice and will not result in any fee increase.

Thereafter upon a motion duly made and seconded the following was adopted:

RESOLVED, that WRAC recommend to its member organizations inform the City as follows:

The _____ Council supports CEQA Appeals Code Amendment of June 6, 2018 (CPC-2018-2657-CA ENV-2018-2658-CE) and recommends limiting the fee for residents to \$250.

VIII. Government Representatives Reports.

- *Mayor Garcetti's Office:* Daniel Tamm noted the selection of Michael Moore as the new LAPD Chief. He then discussed the issue of siting temporary bridge housing

throughout all city neighborhoods. He stressed that while processes for the development of permanent supportive housing have been streamlined, it will still take several years before such housing will become a reality. In the meantime, the City must address the existing homeless crisis with temporary bridge housing. This must occur where the problem exists, hence the need for bridge housing throughout the city.

- *Dept of City Planning*: Fabiola Inzunza announced that the process for updating Westside community plans is getting underway, more to follow.
- *LADWP*: Deborah Hong announced a project will shortly begin at Venice and Sepulveda Boulevards and DWP is reaching out with notices to the community most effected.
- *LA City Councilmember Koretz's Office (CD 5)*: Joseph Galloway agreed that face to face meetings with Council office are valuable and that Council member Koretz invites these .
 - *LA City Councilmember Bonin's Office (CD 11)*: Chuy Orozco explained that while many in attendance at recent meeting in Venice concerning proposed bridge housing on old Metro bus lot were supportive, some who opposed the project had been misinformed about the project. CD 11 will continue to reach out to the effected community.
- *LA City Attorney Feuer's Office*: Not present.
- *Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment*: Mike Fong reported on budget issues.
- *Board of Neighborhood Commissioners*: Commissioner Eli Lipmen noted there are further NC subdivisions under consideration.
- *LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl's Office*: Not present.
- *U.S. Representative Karen Bass's Office*: Not present.
- *U.S. Representative Ted Lieu's Office*: Not present.
- *CA Senator Ben Allen's Office*: Not present.
- *CA Assemblymember Richard Bloom's Office*: Josh Kurpies reported on State Budget process.
- *CA Assembly District 54*: Not present.
- *Re-Code LA Zoning Advisory Committee*: Sharon Commins

IX. Guest Presentations

- Tom Rothman and Bonnie Kim from the Department of City Planning gave an extensive presentation on the Revisions to the Zoning Code's Process and Procedures ordinance resulting from the ReCode LA process. Their report is set forth in the attached materials.

X. Current status of pending motions— Full motion text available at westsidecouncils.com/pending.

Asterisk = Council passed a modified version of the motion.

- a. Oil drilling safety conditions at Rancho Park Golf Course
September 2018 passage deadline / Passed by BCC
- b. Opposition to SB828, requiring zoning capacity for 200% of state assigned RHNA goals
July 2018 passage deadline / Passed by
- c. Opposition to SB831 eliminating the FAR (floor area square footage) of Accessory Dwelling Units from a site's total floor area
July 2018 passage deadline / Passed by BABCNC, BCC
- d. Opposition to SB946 establishing sidewalk vending regulations for local municipalities
July 2018 passage deadline / Passed by BABCNC, BCC
- e. Westwood NC subdivision
WRAC executive action taken March 2018 / June 2018 passage deadline / Passed by BABCNC, WNC, BCC
- f. Opposition to lifting the beach curfew (WRAC LUPC)
June 2018 passage deadline / Passed by BABCNC, NCWP, WNC, BCC
- g. Support for Protected Tree ordinance (WRAC LUPC)
June 2018 passage deadline / Passed by BABCNC, WNC, SORO NC
- h. Opposition to the automatic renewal of the City's bus shelter advertising 20-year contract with Decaux
June 2018 passage deadline / Passed by BABCNC, PPCC*, BCC
- i. Reserved Seating for Board Reps with a CIS of Board Resolution (Greenberg / BABCNC)
June 2018 passage deadline / Passed by BABCNC, BCC, PPCC, PNC*, SORO NC, VNC, WNC

XI. At approximately 10:20 a.m. the Chair adjourned the meeting until July 18, 2018 at 8:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Watts, Secretary