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Minutes

July 19, 2018

- I. **Doug Fitzsimmons acted as Chair and called the meeting to order at approximately 8:45. He welcomed the guests and asked the members to introduce themselves.**
 - a. **Present: Steve Twining (BABCNC); Nickie Miner (BABCNC); Robin Greenberg (BABCNC); Robert Schlesinger (BABCNC); Larry Watts (BCC); Rob Kadota (MVCC); Sara Ross (MVCC); Chris Spitz (PPCC); George Wolfberg (PPCC); Doug Fitzsimmons (SORONCZ); Ira Koslow (VNC); Steve Sann (WCC); Barbara Broide (WNC); and Ann Hayman (WNC).**
 - b. **Also present: Jonathan Hershey (City Planning); Slmi Aliu (City Planning); Emily Gable (City Planning); Fabiola Inzuna (City Planning); Debora Hong (LADWP); Daniel Tamm (Mayor's Office); Joseph Galloway (CD-5); Chuy Orozco (CD-11); Mike Fong (Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment); Eli Lipman (Bd. of N. Comm.); Janet Turner (Cong. Lieu's Office); and Shannon Lewis (Sheila Kuehl's Office).**
- II. **The Chair asked if there were any corrections to the draft June 2018 minutes and it was noted that two names were incorrectly spelled. Thereafter the draft minutes as corrected were approved.**
- III. **Alliance Updates (10 mins)**
 - There were no council announcements.
 - Member Commins stated there was nothing new to report concerning Land Use and Planning
 - Member Twining did not report but Member Broide indicated the League of Women Voters is sponsoring a panel on transportation issues chaired by Dennis Zane and she will distribute a link for those interested.
 - *Events:* Maryam Zar not present.
 - Homelessness: No report.
 - WRAC non-profit working group.
- IV. **New Business** — Additional motion background information available at westsidecouncils.com/pending. No new business was discussed.
- V. **Government Rep. Updates (15 mins, or as time permits)**
 - *Mayor Garcetti's Office:* Daniel Tamm reported that through a federal grant the LAFD recently received four new vehicles. He also stressed the importance of an *ad hoc* committee on Bridge Housing. Member Koslow inquired about the section of sites and the nature of the temporary housing that would be provided, how long it would be provided and other issue. Tamm noted that a very successful program in the Valley involving a Jewish synagogue that has made its parking lot available for use by people living in vehicles. They spend the night at the site and leave during the day for jobs or other activities. There have been zero problems reported during the two years the program has been in operation.
 - *Dept of City Planning:* Fabiola Inzunza noted Planning has recently published a new Transit Oriented Housing report.
 - *LADWP:* Deborah Hong reported that delays in restoring service following recent hot weather caused power outages were primarily the result of repairs having to be made to underground transmission systems which, because of the heat and confined work areas, takes more time. She also said the primary cause of the outages in the first instance was the failure of users to cut back on usage during peak periods of demand.

- *LA City Councilmember Koretz's Office (CD 5)*: Joseph Galloway announced new CD-5 staff, including Debbie Dyner-Harris as the new District Director.
- *LA City Councilmember Bonin's Office (CD 11)*: Chuy Orozco announced that there will be a Hike With Mike on July 20 and Mike will be joined by School Board Member Nick Melvoin. He also announced that LAPD has hired a number of additional officers and that legislation on regulating electronic scooters is proceeding (CF-17-1125).
- *LA City Attorney Feuer's Office*: Veronica de la Cruz Robles was not present.
- *Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment*: Mike Fong discussed upcoming Congress of NCs on November 22, 2018 with more information to follow.
- *Board of Neighborhood Commissioners*: Commissioner Eli Lipmen reported on upcoming hearings on proposed NC reforms. Member Sann said it was very important to review the process for subdividing existing NC areas to avoid a repeat of the difficulties experienced in connection with recent subdivision of the Westwood NC.
- *LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl's Office*: **Shannon Lewis gave a brief update on issues pending in Supervisor's Kuehl's office.**
- *U.S. Representative Karen Bass's Office*: Jacqueline Hamilton. Not present/
- *U.S. Representative Ted Lieu's Office*: Janet Turner announced the public meeting on July 26 to address the Purple Line station at WLA VA.
- *CA Senator Ben Allen's Office*: Samuel Liu / Eugene Tseng. Not present.
- *CA Assemblymember Richard Bloom's Office*: Josh Kurpies. Not present.
- *CA Assembly District 54*: Brian Ross Adams. Not present.
- *Re-Code LA Zoning Advisory Committee*: Sharon Commins urged people to attend Re-Code committee meetings.

VI. Guest Presentations

- *Updating Westside Community Plans*: **Jonathan Hershey, Smi Aliu and Emily Gable** from City Planning gave a lengthy report on the upcoming updates to Westside Community Plans. The first updates will begin in Fall 2018 with the following Community Plans: Palms-Mar Vista-Del Rey; Westchester-Playa del Rey; West Los Angeles; and the Venice Community Plan areas. They distributed written materials concerning and explained the Planning Department's Outreach Plan and schedule. The update process for the following Community Plan areas will not begin until 2021: Westwood; Bel Air; and Brentwood-Pacific Palisades. There was discussion of the importance of an NC or CC getting an early start in considering their plan area needs and not wait for the formal city process to play out. Hershey noted that specific plans will likely be folded into the zoning code. He thinks it unlikely any new zones will materially change the content of existing specific plans.
- *LA Works*: Beverlee Gale, Outreach Coordinator gave a brief report on her organizations efforts to assist the homeless move from the streets to housing. She will send further information to WRAC members.

VII. Updates on Pending Motions — Full motion text available at westsidecouncils.com/pending.

Asterisk = Council passed a modified version of the motion.

- Opposition to SB831 eliminating the FAR (floor area square footage) of Accessory Dwelling Units from a site's total floor area**
September 2018 passage deadline / Passed by BABCNC, BCC, WNC
- Audit of the City's Administrative Citation Enforcement (ACE) pilot program**
September 2018 passage deadline / Passed by
- Regulation of personal electric scooters**
September 2018 passage deadline / Passed by

- d. **Support for the CEQA Appeals Code Amendment of June 6, 2018**
September 2018 passage deadline / Passed by
- e. **Oil drilling safety conditions at Rancho Park Golf Course**
September 2018 passage deadline / Passed by BCC, MVCC
- f. **Opposition to the Deferred Retirement Option Plan of the LA Police and Firefighters**
September 2018 passage deadline / Passed by
- g. **Opposition to SB828, requiring zoning capacity for 200% of state assigned RHNA goals**
July 2018 passage deadline / Passed by
- h. **Opposition to SB946 establishing sidewalk vending regulations for local municipalities**
July 2018 passage deadline / Passed by BABCNC, BCC, PPCC
- i. **Opposition to lifting the beach curfew (WRAC LUPC)**
July 2018 passage deadline / Passed by BABCNC, NCWP, WNC, PPCC, BCC, WWNC
- j. **Support for Protected Tree ordinance**
July 2018 passage deadline / Passed by BABCNC, WNC, SORO NC, VNC
- k. **Opposition to the automatic renewal of the City's bus shelter advertising 20-year contract with Decaux**
July 2018 passage deadline / Passed by BABCNC, PPCC*, BCC, VNC, WWNC
- l. **Reserved Seating for Board Reps with a CIS of Board Resolution**
July 2018 passage deadline / Passed by a majority of WRAC councils: BABCNC, BCC, PPCC, PNC*, SORO NC, VNC, WNC, WCC, WWNC

VIII. **The Chair adjourned the meeting at approximately 10:15** and announced the next meeting will be on August 15, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. at Lenny's Deli.