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Minutes

Board of Directors Regular Meeting, April 17, 2019

Location

Lenny's Deli: 2379 Westwood Blvd., LA 90064

The WRAC Board met for its regular monthly meeting on April 17, 2019 at Lenny's Deli, 2379 Westwood Blvd., Westwood, CA 90064. Maryam Zar acted as Chair and called the meeting to order at about 8:30 a.m. and asked members and guests to introduce themselves.

Representatives Present: Robin Greenberg (BABCNC); Larry Watts (BCC); Rob Kadota (MVCC); Andrew Lewis (NWWNC); George Wolfberg (PPCC); Eli Lipmen (PNC); Ira Koslow (VNC); Barbara Broide (WNC); Jay Handal (WLA-Sawtelle NC); Steve Sann (WWCC) and Roozbeh Farahanipour (WWNC).

Alternates present: Robert Schlesinger (BABCNC); Nicole Miner (BABCNC); Chris Spitz (PPCC).

Also present: Maryam Zar (WRAC Chair); Steve Twining (Mobility Chair); Sharon Commins (ReCode LA); Terri Tippit (WNC) and the government representatives identified below.

I. Approval of Minutes. The posted February and March 2019 minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

II. Officer and Committee Updates

(This was all from March.)

III. Government Rep. Updates

- Mayor Garcetti's Office: Ami Fields-Meyer announced that LAHSA is sponsoring tours of existing permanent supportive facilities throughout the City. There will be a tour of a facility in the Del Rey neighborhood on Monday April 22. He also stated LAHSA is soliciting RFPs for safe parking locations for the homeless.
- Department of City Planning: Fabiola Inzunza was not present.

- LADWP: Not present.
- LA City Councilmember Koretz's Office (CD 5): Not present
- LA City Councilmember Bonin's Office (CD 11): Not present.
- LA City Attorney Feuer's Office: Not present.
- Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment: Mike Fong spoke briefly about upcoming screenings of the homelessness documentary *Advocates*.
- Board of Neighborhood Commissioners: Eli Lipmen noted a mandatory training proposal for NC members is under consideration as a guideline for determining when a NC member can be removed.
- LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl's Office: Erin Schneider gave an update on recent actions by the Board of Supervisors relating to rent stabilization, Youth Advisory Group, homeless employment and increased mental health services for the LAUSD.
- LA County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas'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: Will Gaines introduced himself as Sen. Allen new Westside representative.
- CA Assembly Member Richard Bloom's Office: Josh Kurpies was present and reported on legislation concerning accessory dwelling units and the definition of public transportation.

IV. Presentations

A. The Chair recognized Terri Tippit of WSNC who gave a lengthy report concerning action by Department of Recreation and Parks to enter a new contract for the operation the Rancho Park Golf Course . This action was taken without notice to the WSNC or community generally based upon the Department of Recreation and Parks position that the Municipal Code grants it the authority to enter new concessions without having to advise or solicit input from an NC, CC or the public generally. There was a consensus that the Chair should write to the various city agencies and officers questioning this practice and that it is inconsistent with policies favoring the City's obligation to solicit input from the impacted NC, CC and neighborhood before final decisions of a significant nature are made. Ms. Tippit also introduced Vicki Curry, VP for Community Affairs at the New Fox Studio.

V. New Business

a. City Attorney Blue Ribbon Panel on School Safety

The Chair opened the floor to discussion on the above subject that had been presented by Rob Wilcox at our March 2019 meeting. Following discussion of this matter and upon a motion duly made and seconded the following was adopted for submission to Member Organizations: RESOLVED, the _____NC or CC supports the findings of the City Attorney’s Blue Ribbon Panel on School Safety and urges the LAUSD to adopt the priorities of the report recommending steps to increasing school safety.

- b. Wildland Urban Interface Hazard Mitigation Task Force.** The Chair opened the floor to discussion on the above subject. Following discussion of this matter and upon a motion duly made and seconded, the following was adopted for submission to Member Organizations: RESOLVED, the _____NC or CC supports Council Member Bonin’s motion for the formation of a Wildland Urban Interface Hazard Mitigation Task Force to conduct neighborhood outreach to community stakeholders and understand /consider their thoughts and concerns.
- c. Resolution: Co-Living Developments.** The Chair opened the floor to discussion on the above subject. Following discussion of this matter and upon a motion duly made and seconded the following was adopted for submission to Member Organizations: The _____Neighborhood/Community Council requests that the City develop planning, zoning and leasing regulations for co-living developments, which are residential in nature but have aspects of hotels/ transient occupancy. Issues include: 1. Length of leases; 2. Parking for “units,” which have larger bedroom counts; 3. Compliance with density bonus ordinances – regulatory framework.
- d. Tracking Density Bonus Housing Units Post-Entitlement Process for Compliance.** The Chair opened the floor to discussion on the above subject. Following discussion of this matter and upon a motion duly made and seconded the following was adopted for submission to Member Organizations: RESOLVED, The _____Neighborhood/Community Council requests that the Housing and Community Investment Dept. fully comply with the regulations of the State and City affordable housing density bonuses ordinances (SB1818 and Prop. JJJ/TOC), per the concerns stated in the City Controller’s audit report of Jan. 2017. This includes ensuring that developers properly register units and record covenants upon occupancy, properly publicize and qualify low-income tenants and audit their status every year, assign the correct restricted rent and review it every year, and conduct annual audits to ensure that the affordable units properly and legally serve the intended population of low-income households of Los Angeles. HCID shall state how it will change its processes to ensure compliance. The job performance metric of the HCID General Manager shall reflect full compliance with the State and City’s affordable housing density bonus programs, especially annual audits of tenants of those units and developers who lease those units.

- e. **A motion to support Appeal ZA-1958-14560-PA1-1A of case No. ZA-14560-PA-1** Hillcrest Beverly Oil Corporation (HBOC) Site-Rancho Park and Hillcrest Golf Course to require annual compliance inspections by the City for the Rancho Park drill site was tabled.
- f. **A motion to urge passage of an ordinance to require Annual Compliance Inspections** for all drill sites in the City of Los Angeles was tabled.
- g. **Motion to support Los Angeles City Council Motion "Fair Work Week Ordinance"** (Council File: 19-0229) was tabled.

VI. Old Business

- a. **Congestion Pricing.** The request that the MTA and the City study congestion pricing was tabled.
- b. **Prohibition on Campaign Contributions.** The Chair opened the floor to discussion on the above subject. Following discussion of this matter and upon a motion duly made and seconded the following was adopted for submission to Member Organizations: RESOLVED, The _____ Neighborhood/Community Council supports Council Member David Ru's motion (CF-19-0046) and its prohibition on developer and contractor contributions to City elected officials with the following clarifications:
 - i. Contributions shall be prohibited to the mayor, city councilmembers, controller, city attorney, and all PACs and non-profits that hold fundraisers or make contributions for those elected officials;
 - ii. Contributions shall be prohibited for 1 year prior to submittal of a development application (those contributions prior to submittal shall be returned) and for 1 year after a development approval and its subsequent issuance of certificate of occupancy;
 - iii. Contributions shall be prohibited from all financiers, developers, applicants, land owners, architects, engineers, contractors and subcontractors, and all employees and spouses of those employees of those firms; and
 - iv. The City Ethics Commission shall be responsible for enforcing the ordinance.

VII. Updates on Pending Motions. Full motion text available on WRAC Website.

*Council passed a modified version of the motion.

- a. SB 50 – Motion to oppose SB50 (Weiner) – Passed by PPCC, BCC, BABCNC, WLANC, WWCC, WWNC, WNC, NCPDR
- b. Opposition to car for hire digital advertising. PPCC, BCC, WNC, VNC.
- c. LA River Motion PPCC, BCC, WLASNC, WNC
- d. Request for Planning data prior to start of Community Plan update went off calendar.
- e. Regulation of personal electric scooters -- Passed by WNC*, WLASNC – *update postponed.*

- f.* Support for the CEQA Appeals Code Amendment of June 6, 2018 (update by Barbara Broide) -- Passed by WNC, WLASNC – *update postponed.*
- g.* Oil drilling safety conditions at Rancho Park Golf Course -- Passed by BCC, MVCC, WNC – *tabled.*

IX. Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at about 10:05 a.m.
Next meeting, May 15, 2019; 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Watts, Secretary