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Minutes

Board of Directors | January 15, 2020

Location

West LA Municipal Building – 1645 Corinth Ave., LA 90024

I. Welcome/Introductions.

- a. The WRAC Board met for its regular monthly meeting on November 20, 2019, Vice-Chair Larry Watts called the meeting to order and began introductions at approximately 8:40 a.m.
- b. The Chair led a brief discussion regarding funds advanced by Chairman Zar on behalf of WRAC, including the purchase off a new projector and filing fees. He suggested each Council should make an annual contribution to WRAC to cover these miscellaneous expenses. No action was taken.
- c. **Representatives Present:** Robin Greenberg (BABCNC); Larry Watts (BCC); Andrew Lewis (NWWNC); Chris Spitz (PPCC); Eryn Block (Palms NC); Ira Koslow (VNC); Jane Wishon (WNC); Paula Gerez (W-P NC); and Steve Sann (WWCC).
- d. **Alternates present:** Mark Ryavec (VNC); Barbara Broide (WNC) and Stefano Water (WNC)
- e. **Also present:** Steve Twining, Secretary (BABCNC) and the government representatives identified below.

II. Approval of Minutes.

- a. Upon a motion duly made and seconded the posted minutes of the November 20, 2019 meeting were approved.

III. Committee Updates

- a. *Land Use:* Sharon Commins was not present and the Chair noted the LUC had not met and that LUC had not finalized a resolution concerning Density Bonus for TOC projects was deferred.
- b. *Mobility:* Steve Twinning will send an electronic report.
- c. *501(C)(3):* No discussion.
- d. *Events:* .

IV. Member Updates.

- a. Member Spitz announced that due to severe health issues George Wolfberg has resigned from the PPCC. She also asked members to review the June 2019 minutes and report on action taken by your respective council. She noted the status of pending motions needs to

be regularly updated. Motion sponsors should follow through with member councils to assure that action is taken on them.

V. Presentation.

- a. The Chair next introduced Daniel Tamm, LA Sanitation and Environment Department.
 - i. He explained that how the department functions as the City's environmental protection agency. Prior to the rainy season debris are cleared and a "Storm Commander" is designated during storms.
 - ii. He reviewed bulky item pick up procedures. In West LA the district yard is located on Stoner.
 - iii. Illegal Dumping penalties range from \$200 to \$25,000 and are enforced.
 - iv. A Safe Recycling Center is located at UCLA.
 - v. Home composting is encouraged.
 - vi. Department can provide free trees to cool neighborhoods.
 - i. The Japanese Garden and Environmental Learning Center at the Tilman Reclamation Plant in Sepulveda Basis is seeking volunteers and is well worth a visit. The plant also provides irrigation for Balboa park. The Department's goal is to achieve 100% recycled water by 2035.
 - vii. Mr. Tamm then played a video about the Department and addressed many issues, including the need for approximately \$8 billion for capital, clean water, watershed protection and storm water recapture, a zero waste initiative, Echo Park lake restoration, Machado Lake cleanup, a green business certification program, restaurant inspections, conversion of landfill methane to energy.
 - viii. Question: In response to a questions concerning the department's ability to meet sewer capacity demands in planning for increased density, in face of an anticipated significant increase in development density, he referred to the Department's strategic plan on its website and to other city agencies involved in the planning process.
- b. The Chair recognized Dominique Hargreaves Deputy Chief Sustainability Officer for the Mayor's Sustainable Cities Plan who described an NC Sustainability Alliance and a tool kit to assist NC's to engage constituents with ways to make neighborhoods more sustainable. She will be going to NC's to ask what is needed. She noted the City needs a way to recycle plastic establish the requirements for compost bins.
- c. There followed a discussion among the board concerning tree planting in the public right of way, including damage to sidewalks, permeable sidewalks, fruit trees, and green alleys.

VI. Government Rep. Updates

- a. Office of Mayor Garcetti: Ami Fields-Meyer was not present.
- b. Dept. of City Planning: Fipe Leilua was not present.
- c. Los Angeles Department of Water & Power: Deborah Hong gave a brief report the concerning Sepulveda pipeline project and resulting traffic impacts. She suggested those with billing complaints contact her directly.

- d. Office of L.A. City Councilmember Paul Koretz (CD 5): Debbie Dyner-Harris reported that Councilmember Nury Martinez has been elected Council President, succeeding Herb Wesson.
- e. Office of L.A. City Councilmember Mike Bonin (CD 11): Ben LaZebnik stated Councilman Bonin supports publicly funding to reduce role of private interests in funding elections. Councilmember Bonin wants to stop condo conversions on the Westside and expects progress in reducing homeless population, as evidenced by: VA temporary shelter opening in March 2020, the legislation allowing the WLA Armory shelter to proceed and a low-cost housing project at Bundy and Missouri which is breaking ground this month.
- f. Office of L.A. City Attorney Mike Feuer: Veronica de la Cruz Robles was not present.
- g. Los Angeles Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment: Semee Park announced training and proposed policy regarding censure and removal of NC Members in violation of the Code of Conduct. Comments on foregoing can be submitted until January 21, 2020.
- h. Los Angeles Board of Neighborhood Commissioners: Eli Lipmen discussed issues related to sustainability and the climate emergency. He mentioned the Neighborhood Sustainability Alliance and recommended that councils consider sustainability goals.
- i. Office of L.A. County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl: Zachary Gaidzik was not present. Stephanie Cohen reported the Board of Supervisors new chair Kathryn Barger and on various recent developments at the County, including 68 Homeless projects to be added with some 5000 beds. All housing must be pet friendly. She also discussed a shark warning light and strobe system to be installed for the hearing impaired. She also announced that she is moving to a new position as Social Services Director and that Fernando Morales will become the new District Director.
- j. Office of LA County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas: Omar Prioleau not present.
- k. Office of CA Senator Ben Allen: Colby Harriman/Lauren Robinson not present.
- l. Office of Assembly member Richard Bloom: Reported generally on new legislation and the deadline submitting for new bills is January 31, 20220.
- m. Office of U.S. Representative Karen Bass: Jacqueline Hamilton not present.
- a. Office of U.S. Representative Ted Lieu: Janet Turner reported Lieu has introduced a bill to address teen smoking and vaping, as well as two funding bills to help with the homeless crisis. She reminded members that 33rd Cong. District residents can compete in an art competition and that students interested in attending a Service Academy should attend an event with Military recruiters on February 29..
- b. Office of U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein: Jeanette Christian not present.

VII. New Business: None.

VIII. Old Business- None.

IX. Updates on Pending Motions—

Full motion text can be available at westsidecouncils.com/pending.

*Council passed a modified version of the motion.

- a. Support for City Attorney’s study and recommendation on a city-wide vaping ban.

- b. Develop planning, zoning and leasing regulations for co-living units.
- c. Supporting City Sign Ordinance, Version B+, from PLUM, regulating billboard signage on buildings and moving vehicles, in digital or traditional formats, so as to guard against blight and maintain community integrity as well as public safety.
- d. Deny business license or dockless mobility permit, or revoke such license or permit, to any operator or provide which fails or refuses to cooperate fully with law enforcement in providing information about the user of its device, if/when involved in a an accident causing injury.
- e. Requesting that they State mandate the gathering and sharing of ride-share data/information with cities and towns in order for communities to be able to better asses of ride-share services add to or detract from traffic, and/or impact mobility.
- f. Requesting ZA Deny drill site approval for CEB Industrial equipment within Rancho Park Public Golf Course.
Table due to temporary halt issues to operator... pending update...
- g. LA River motion
- h. Support for Wildland Motion proposed by CM Bonin
- i. Support for Campaign Contribution Motion by CM Ryu
- j. Support for the CEQA Appeals Code Amendment of June 6, 2018
Tabled
- k. Density Bonus tracking
 - l. Oil drilling safety conditions at Rancho Park Golf Course
Passed by BCC, MVCC, WNC
Note: Please update the Chair if your council has passed motions (or modified versions) by emailing maryamzarjd@gmail.com – with subject line: Motion passage update – ‘council name

IX. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at about 10:30 and the next regular meeting will be on February 19, 2020; 8:30 a.m. at the WLA Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Twining, Secretary