



MEETING RECAP

Westside Regional Alliance of Councils

WRAC

October 2018

MOTIONS

None passed

At our WRAC meeting on October 17th, board members took up LUPC suggested motions for street tree removal. We resolved to table the motion to support Encino NC's motion which asked the city to amend the municipal code to include enforcement, tracking and corrective distribution funds. We chose to adopt a general request to increase the budget for the Urban Forestry Department in order to be able to achieve the city's tree canopy protection goals, and to request that notice be given to CC and NCs affected when an initial permit is filed, or 45 days before a street tree removal (whichever comes first), in order for constituents to meet hearing dates/deadlines for comment. These are consistent with the [motion](#) we have already passed in the support of the [Koretz/Bonin Motion](#).

We further tabled a Community Plan related motion to form a Citizen's Advisory Board, due to concerns that this would add another layer of bureaucracy to the process. Rather, we wish to convey our expectation that communities will be involved in the process and that feedback will be incorporated and/or explained to the community when it isn't. Our objective is also to set benchmarks for progress so the community plan updates are not rushed within an unreasonably truncated period of time, dictated by a timeline set by CPC.

Motions that were dropped include the AC Duceaux bus shelter contract, which the city has stopped negotiating. We will urge the City to issue an RFP. WRAC will also send a letter reflecting our supermajority position on the overnight beach access restriction issues, which 9 Councils now support.

We heard updates from BOS, CD5, CD11, Dept of City Planning, LADWP, and DONE, as well as presentations from [The Advocates](#) regarding a film that will begin its screening at the SM Laemmle this week and [Commonomics USA](#), advocating for a public bank for LA City (Yes on B). Look for those details in upcoming minutes.

The Chair announced that she was forming an Executive Committee that includes an Alternate and an elected official representative. Her Executive Committee will consist of Rob Kadota (VC), Larry Wattz (Secretary), Barbara Broide, (WNC Alt) and Debbie Dyer Harris (CD5 District Director).

Lastly, motions passed can be noticed to the Chair via the website "[Contact Us](#)" page. Use the drop down menu and choose "motions passed by my Council".

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