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Minutes

Exceptional Digital Meeting of the Board of Directors | May 13, 2020 - 10:00am

Location

On-line

I. Welcome/Introductions.

- a. The WRAC Board conducted its regular monthly meeting on-line video and audio on April 2, 2020, Chair Maryam Zar called the meeting to order and began introductions at approximately 10:00 a.m.
- b. **Representatives Participating:** Robin Greenberg (BABCNC;); Larry Watts (BCC); Matt Wersinger (DRNC); Andrew Lewis (NWWNC); Chris Spitz (PPCC); Ira Koslow (VNC); Paula Gerez (NCWP); Jane Wishon (WNC).
- c. **Alternates present:** Nickie Miner (BABCNC); Mark Ryavec (VNC); Ann Heyman (WWNC); and Barbara Broide (WNC).
- d. **Also present:** Steve Twining, Secretary (BABCNC), and the government representatives identified below.

II. Approval of Minutes.

- a. The draft minutes of the April 2, 2020 meeting were approved. (??)

III. Committee Updates

- a. *Land Use:* No report..
- b. *Mobility:* No report.
- c. *501(C)(3):* No discussion.
- d. *Events:* None were announced.

IV. Member Updates.

- a. Member Greenberg announced the BABCNC is sponsoring a blood drive
- b. Member Koslow discussed the need for a procedure for censuring unacceptable and disruptive behavior.

- c. Member Spitz described a PPCC/BCC Meals for Heroes program providing UCLA MC, Santa Monica Hosp. ER; St. John's Hosp., LAFD and LAPD. She also commented on the need for a bylaws amendment to provide for virtual meetings.
- d. The Chair discussed a WRAC platform addressing foundational principles for administrative issues as distinguished from policy positions. This would require a bylaws amendment.

V. Presentation.

- a. The Chair introduced Jackie Koci Tamayo and Aram Sahakian from the LA Dept. of Emergency Management who gave a lengthy presentation concerning the City's response to the COVID pandemic. Some of the information included the following .
 - i. A level I was activated on March 6, 2020 with about 150 people staffing each operations center, many working remotely and supporting many missions.
 - ii. Thirty-three testing sites, including a mega-site at Dodger Stadium have been established.
 - iii. To date four childcare centers have been established for first responders, with more to follow.
 - iv. An extensive Q & A followed their presentation.

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 pending projects.
- d. Office of L.A. City Councilmember Mike Bonin (CD 11): Ben LaZebnik reported the City Council has approved NCs meeting digitally via Zoom. He also reported that Councilman Bonin will be meeting with community representatives to discuss feeding centers.
- e. Office of L.A. City Councilmember Paul Koretz (CD 5): Debbie Dyrer-Harris reported that CD 5 is distributing regular newsletters, renter protection options and other COVID relate issues.
- f. Office of L.A. City Attorney Mike Feuer: Veronica de la Cruz Robles was present.
- g. Los Angeles Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment: Semee Park not present.
- h. Los Angeles Board of Neighborhood Commissioners: Eli Lipmen not present.
- i. Office of L.A. County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl: Zachary Gaidzik was present.

- 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: Josh Kurpies was not present.
- m. Office of U.S. Representative Karen Bass: Jacqueline Hamilton not present.
 - a. Office of U.S. Representative Ted Lieu: Janet Turner 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.
- n. **New Business:** The following motion received from WRAC LUC was discussed but did not receive a second.
 - i. WHEREAS, prior to the Covid 19 Emergency, Neighborhood and Community Councils served as the only notice to the general community of planning projects and due to the current Covid 19 Public Health Emergency, NCs and CCs have not been able to establish credited virtual meetings where the outcomes of discussion and Community Impact Statements are affirmatively recognized by the City and the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.
 - ii. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the ----- NC/CC requests that the L.A. Dept. of City Planning, City Planning Commission and Area Planning Commissions cease all discretionary approvals until such a time as all Neighborhood Councils, Community Councils, The City Planning Commission, Area Planning Commissions and the Dept. of City Planning Itself have established adequate measures to ensure full public participation and access to Hearings and Documents

VII. Old Business- None.

VIII. Updates on Pending Motions— There were no updates.

IX. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at about 10:30 and the next regular meeting will be likely again be virtual on June 17, 2020. The Chair will provide notice.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Twinning, Secretary