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CHAIR'S JULY MEETING RECAP

Digital Meeting of the Board of Directors

July 15, 2020 – 9:30am

(Minutes will be circulated in the normal course of business)

Chair gave an update on

- Bylaws amendments proposed - discussion. 2nd reading in August
- Continued discussion of “WRAC Platform language” – see attached revised document based on input regarding Coastal guidelines and language regarding strict scrutiny.
- August Meeting: August 19th, 10am for an executive meeting to go over bylaws amendments and platform language as well as any motions and updates. Then meet again in a Town Hall style meeting 4pm with Dr. Barbara Ferrer, LA County Public Health Director.

Alexandria Nasseef from Studio City/Sherman Oaks gave public comment. She is from the education committee and is working on a program of donations for LAUSD families. Would like our support. Will find out more.

During board member updates

- Matt Wersinger from Del Rey NC reported that DLNC passed the resolution to approve funds for WRAC and approved the motion to expand the ability of NC's to advocate their positions to entities beyond the City family. He shared that Asst. City Attorney in charge of NC affairs, Steve Houchin, advised that the city charter which created NCs limits their reach to city actors. See letter attached. Matt reported that CM Bonin and others will support our call to lift the limited reach of NCs. Councils: Please pass the motion.
- MVCC reported that they voted to support the platform language with amendments (add police, parks and education. Dial back zoning.) Stacy Shure will help redraft the language for further board review in August. They also voted to support the broader than City motion, supported the WRAC policy statement concerning budget and supported WRAC LUC motion asking for postponement of package of Atkins bills.

MVCC would like our support to convince City Council to pass a motion preventing LAPD from assisting in walk-outs or evictions. LAPD Pacific Division Captain, Steven Embrich agreed that

LAPD is not naturally in a position to have to assist in evictions in LA right now. Debbie Dyer Harris from CM Paul Koretz's office indicated that the CM might be interested in supporting such a motion. Stacy Shure said CM Bonin is as well. MVCC will formulate a Motion for the next meeting.

MVCC would further like to see WRAC formulate a position/language for the post eviction moratorium landscape for renters and homeowners.

During Committee updates

- Steve Twinning brought up again the issue of Congestion Pricing – suggested that it is a problematic proposal that will disproportionately impact elderly and low income people. Would like WRAC to formulate a position around this issue. The Chair noted that WRAC needs to revive the mobility committee, and called for volunteers for leadership and membership. Suggested we bring someone from Metro to speak to WRAC.

During Government Representative updates

- Veronica de la Cruz Robles from the City Attorney's Neighborhood Prosecutor team reported that party house violations were on the rise during COVID-19 stay at home orders and that the office of the CA is working on enforcing safer at home orders.
- Kevin Taylor introduced himself to the Board and made his contact details available to all and said he was happy to schedule one on one introductions. WRAC Chair and board welcomed him.

He is seeking suggestions on locations to do direct outreach on LA AI Fresco program and remind everyone to participate in the Census, and continue to remind and encourage others to do so, as well. It cannot be said enough times to remind all (including need for community leaders to help support the public health message): wear a mask, wash your hands, keep a safe social distance, and stay home as much as possible. Help stop the spread of COVID-19.

- Fipe Leiula from City Planning reported that the DCP has replaced in-person community plan presentations with webinars. A schedule is being emailed to all. Some changes in the Beverage ordinance to watch for, including the elimination of some CUPs during COVID the crisis.
- Janet Turner from the Office of Congressman Ted Lieu reported that the Congressman was supporting the Moving Forward Act for Green jobs and the Congressman's select committee on climate change has created a plan to solve the climate crisis by 2050. Plans including solar legislation. She reiterated the urge to participate in the Census and reminded everyone that the US Postal Service has a "zero tolerance" policy for dog bites – any incident of dog biting will result in the cessation of mail delivery in perpetuity.
- See updated from Zachary Gaidzik, Deborah Hong and CM Koretz attached.

We had three important presentations, in order of appearance from Stephanie Cohen from Supervisor Kuehl's office on the West LA Courthouse project, Assemblymember Bloom on various state issues and LAPD Captain Embrich for a Pacific Division update.

Look for those reports in an upcoming email.