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Minutes

Exceptional Digital Meeting of the Board of Directors | August 19, 2020 - 9:15am

Location

On-line

I. Welcome/Introductions.

- a. The WRAC Board conducted its regular monthly meeting by on-line video and audio on August 19, 2020. Chair Maryam Zar called the meeting to order and began introductions at approximately 9:15 a.m.
- b. **Representatives Participating:** Matt Wersinger (DRNC); Stacy Shure (MVCC); Robin Greenberg (BABCNC); Andrew Lewis (NWWNC); Chris Spitz (PPCC); Ira Koslow (VNC); Paula Gerez (NCWP); Barbara Broide (WNC); Steve Sann (WCC); Ann Hayman (WWNC); Jay Handal (WLASNC)
- c. **Alternates present:** Mark Ryavec (VNC); Nickie Miner (BABCNC)
- d. **Also present:** Steve Twining (WRAC Secretary), Robert Schlesinger, Nick Greif (Chief of Staff, Councilmember Ryu), Sharon Commins (WRAC LUPC Chair), Sam Yebri and the government representatives identified below
- e. **Chair Updates – Deferred.**

II. Approval of Minutes – Deferred.

III. Member Updates – Deferred.

IV. Committee Updates.

LUPC recommended motions. After discussion, the Board unanimously voted to recommend two motions to member councils that had been recommended in turn by the Committee:

Motion 1

Although Los Angeles TOC program provides some affordable housing, the housing crisis [ie workforce and moderate to low income] will not be solved without significant public funding. Zoning increases and increase in supply will not significantly reduce housing costs. Los Angeles is already zoned for 8 million persons, and can accommodate the 456,000 new RHNA homes

already, so up-zoning in single family neighborhoods and other neighborhoods will not make housing more affordable.

Therefore, _____ NC/CC opposes these 8 proposed state bills: SB 902; SB 1120; SB 1085; SB 995; SB 1385; AB 725; AB 3040; AB 2345 because they will not increase affordability in Los Angeles. Instead, _____ NC/CC supports more public grant funding from state, cities and federal resources and encourages state bills that forward the goal of funding housing at levels that would make a positive difference to solving our affordable [ie workforce and moderate to low income] housing crisis such as SB 1299.

Motion 2

Resolved: That SB 330 provides that “protected” (RSO) units must be replaced on a 1:1 basis and this is not being complied with in Los Angeles; further SB 330 provides that “protected” (RSO) tenants may maintain residency in their units during the Ellis Act Eviction process until 6 months prior to commencement of construction, which is also not being complied with in the City of Los Angeles.

Therefore, _____ NC/CC demands that the City of Los Angeles comply with the provisions of SB 330 immediately to minimize the effects of displacement in the face of rising development caused by non-compliance with these provisions. And, further, that the City Attorney direct HCIDLA to add these two provisions to an Ellis Act Eviction checklist before approving any Ellis Act Eviction.

V. Presentations.

LA Mayor Eric Garcetti was introduced and gave a presentation about numerous topics of interest. An extensive Q&A ensued with members.

VI. Government Rep. Updates.

- a. LAPD, West Bureau: Commanding Officer, Capt. Jonathan Tom not present.
- b. Office of Mayor Garcetti: Mayor Eric Garcetti, Lisa Payne & Kevin Taylor present and gave remarks.
- c. Dept. of City Planning: Fipe Leilua not present.
- d. Los Angeles Department of Water & Power: Deborah Hong present and gave remarks.
- e. Office of L.A. City Councilmember Mike Bonin (CD 11): Ben LaZebnik & Matthew Teclé not present.
- f. Office of L.A. City Councilmember Paul Koretz (CD 5): Debbie Dyner-Harris not present.
- g. Office of L.A. City Attorney Mike Feuer: Veronica de la Cruz Robles present; no remarks.

- h. Los Angeles Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment: Raquel Beltran & Julian Antelin present and gave remarks.
- i. Los Angeles Board of Neighborhood Commissioners: Eli Lipmen present and gave remarks.
- j. Office of L.A. County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl: Zachary Gaidzik (West Area) not present; Erin Schneider (East Area) present and gave remarks.
- k. Office of LA County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas: Emily Watson not present.
- l. Office of CA Senator Ben Allen: Liliana Pond not present.
- m. Office of Assembly member Richard Bloom: Josh Kurpies not present.
- n. Office of U.S. Representative Karen Bass: Jacqueline Hamilton not present.
- o. Office of U.S. Representative Ted Lieu: Janet Turner present and gave remarks.
- p. Los Angeles Emergency Management Dept.: Jackie Koci Tamayo present and gave remarks.

VII. New Business – None.

VIII. Old Business – Deferred.

IX. Updates on Pending Motions. *[Note: listing of member councils that have passed motions to be updated/confirmed in October 2020.]*

- a. WRAC dues. *Unclear if motion passed in May or June; to be determined.*
- b. State of California mandate that localities be empowered to assess the impact of traffic and congestion generated by ride share services by requiring ride-share companies to provide necessary data. *Keep on agenda for next month.*
- c. Opposition to car-for-hire digital advertising. PPCC, BCC, WLASNC. *Keep on agenda for next month.*
- d. LA River Motion. PPCC, WLASNC, BABCNC. *Moot; take off agenda.*
- e. Bonin Wildland Motion. PPCC, BCC, BABCNC. *Moot; take off agenda.*
- f. Regulation of personal electric scooters. *Moot; take off agenda.*
- g. Rancho Park Oil & Gas Drilling. MVCC, WNC, WLASNC. *Moot; take off agenda.*
- h. Ryu Campaign Contribution Motion. PPCC, BABCNC. *Moot; take off agenda.*
- i. Supporting City Sign Ordinance, Version B+, from PLUM *[Note: should be “from CPC”]*, regulating billboard signage on buildings and moving vehicles, in digital or traditional formats, to guard against blight and maintain community integrity and public safety. PPCC. *Additional councils have passed; keep on agenda for next month.*
- j. Deny business license or dockless mobility permits, or revoke such license where device provider fails or refuse to cooperate with law enforcement. PPCC. *Keep on agenda for next month.*

- k. Requesting that the State mandate the gathering and sharing of ride-share data/information with cities and towns in order for communities to be able to better assess if ride share services add to or detract from traffic, and/or impact mobility. PPCC, BABCNC, BCC, WCC, WWNC, WNC, DRNC* *No discussion [see item IX.b].*

X. Adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned after approximately two hours.