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Minutes

Digital Meeting of the Board of Directors / September 16, 2020 – 9:30am

Location: Zoom

I. Welcome/Introductions

Chair Updates and Elections

- a. The WRAC Board conducted its regular monthly meeting by on-line video and audio on September 16, 2020. Chair Maryam Zar called the meeting to order and began introductions at 9:33 a.m. Chair Zar introduced Cathy Palmer as new recording secretary.
- b. **Representatives present:** Larry Watts (BCC), Chris Spitz (PPCC), Matt Wersinger (DRNC), Robin Greenberg (BABCNC), Steve Sann (WWCC), Jay Handal (WLASNC), Paula Gerez (NCWP), Eryn Bloch (PNC), Ira Koslow (VNC), Jane Wishon (WNC), Ann Hayman (WWNC), Stacey Shure (MVCC), Andrew Lewis (NWWNC)
- c. **Non-voting Alternates present:** Nickie Miner (BABCNC), Mark Ryavec (VNC), David Card (PPCC), Barbara Broide (WNC), Michelle Bisnoff (BCC), Ann Hayman (WWNC)
- d. **Also present:** LAUSD Board Member, Nick Melvoin, Allison Holdorff Polhill (senior advisor to Mr. Melvoin), Deborah Hong, DWP; Steve Twining [BABCNC Chair Emeritus], Kay Hartman (PNC) briefly, and the government representatives identified below.
- e. **Chair Updates:** Maryam related that she is not running for Chair, having served two years.
- f. **Officer Elections:** (Term begins in October.)
VNC Member Koslow noted that since Matt took over Del Rey NC, the whole image of the NC, and their website, have greatly improved. He noted that theirs is now one of the best websites around.

Chair: Ira Koslow nominated **Matt Wersinger**, Chris Spitz seconded, **unanimously approved.**

Vice Chair: Steve Sann nominated **Chris Spitz**, Jay Handal seconded, **unanimously approved.**

Secretary: Chris Spitz nominated **Robin Greenberg**; Paula Gerez seconded, **unanimously approved.**

II. Approval of Minutes — July and August 2020 (virtual meeting)

The amended draft July 2020 minutes as distributed were approved. August draft minutes are not available. She will copy Barbara's comprehensive notes and send them to Cathy and Chris.

III. Board Member Updates – None

IV. Committee Updates, Reports and Proposed Motions:

- A. LUC – Update and Motion from September Meeting – Discussion and vote (see supporting narrative below)

MOTION: Whereas the Sacramento Legislative process known as “gut and amend” eliminates transparency and public participation by misleading the intent and content of the bill being considered,

The NC/CC _____ recommends the following reform: Eliminate the “gut and amend” bill process and request the City of Los Angeles include in its Sacramento legislative priorities the elimination of the “gut and amend” bill process.

Chair Zar read the motion. PPCC Member Spitz gave an explanation, noting that this arises out of recent bills, some the key bills of which were gut and amend bills, meaning that when a bill couldn't be passed in the prior session, in the next session, if a bill was still pending, e.g., a strange bill that wasn't going anywhere, that the legislator would simply replace that bill with entirely new language. The prior bill may have passed in a different form, in one of the houses, and it technically may have already been approved but is now an entirely new bill, and, as she understands it, the name stays the same so it is misleading to the public and may also be misleading to the legislators. This was described by a Member Bisnoff as a “bait and switch.”

Passed unanimously to recommend to member councils.

Motion notes:

Members expressed concern over the community plan update process, particularly the lack of accurate quantification of population growth to justify large up zonings and the fact the RHNA numbers have not been broken out for the Westside. MVCC has a series of motions related to this and they will be forwarded

The questions surrounding the legal definition of a duplex and how that intersects with density bonus and ADUs was discussed. We have Planning in next month as our featured speakers and we will ask.

Members have major problems with the lack of enforcement of SB 330 as it relates to removing RSO protected units as well as the illegal evictions now sweeping the city. The eviction tsunami when those existing moratoriums all expire will be severe. LA is not prepared.

V. Government Rep. Updates

- LAPD, West Bureau: Commanding Office, Jonathan Tom (Capt.) was not present.
- Office of LA Mayor, Eric Garcetti: Kevin Taylor was not present.
- Dept. of City Planning: Fipe Leilua – fipe.leilua@lacity.org Fipe provided updates as follows:
 - Direct link to the Quarterly Report: https://planning.lacity.org/odocument/dcc744ed-e7fa-4451-9f6d-d76d36bcbbae/2020_Summer_Quarterly_Report.pdf
 - City Planning Launches First-of-Its-Kind Compliance System to Remove Illegal Short-Term Rental Listings from Company Websites: The new system makes it easier to

identify and take down illegal STR listings, and to enable department to automate collection and verification of STR listings. The Application Programming Interface (API) implements the agreement developed by City Planning that Airbnb entered into with the City.

- Westside Community Plan Updates: They have extended public comment deadline to October 15th. They will have office hours.
West Los Angeles Office Hours with City Planner Naomi Guth: <https://westlosangelescpu.youcanbook.me/>
Palms-Mar Vista-Del Rey Office Hours with Project Manager Diego Janacua-Cortez: <https://pmvdrcpu.youcanbook.me/>
Venice Office Hours with Project Manager Simi Aliu: <https://venicecpu.youcanbook.me>
Westchester-Playa Del Rey Office Hours with Project Manager Ben Sullivan: <https://westchesterplayadelreycpu.youcanbook.me/>
- They are exploring ways to connect with the public, with Project Planning 101 and Community Planning 101 online. These webinars provide an overview intended for those just joining the NC system; however, Fipe invites anyone interested to register.

Project Planning Sessions:

Tuesday, 10/13/20, 1-2:30 pm
Thursday, 10/15/20, 5 -6:30pm
Saturday, 10/17/20, 11-12:30pm

Community Planning Sessions:

Tuesday, 11/17/20, 1-2:30 pm
Thursday, 11/19/20, 5 -6:30pm
Saturday, 11/21/20, 11-12:30pm

- LADWP: Deborah Hong gave updates:
 - There is a project coming up in Westwood, at Westwood and Santa Monica over two Saturdays 09-26 and 10-03; she'll post details on Nextdoor and email notification to those groups in the immediate vicinity.
 - They are working on a pole replacement project in the Temescal Canyon area, for which she has met with the individual community and neighborhood council groups impacted by this. Pacific Palisades Coastal Commission scheduled for October has been bumped to November. She will give a more in-depth presentation to PPCC.
 - Deborah Hong mentioned that they have a request from the Palisades for an update/briefing about Marquez Elementary at an upcoming meeting on power needs in the Palisades, with more to come on that.
- LA Department of Emergency Management: Assistant General Manager, Carol Parks was not present
- LA City Councilmember Koretz's Office (CD 5): Debbie Dynner Harris was not present
- LA City Councilmember Bonin's Office (CD 11): Ben LaZebnick and Matthew Tecele were not present

- LA City Attorney Mike Feuer's Office: Veronica de la Cruz Robles, Neighborhood Prosecutor, related that they are starting to resume trials; things are hectic but she is always available off line.
 - Member Shure from MVCC noted that with their local prosecutor there has not been much movement with houses being used as commercial enterprises, e.g., party houses, in the Westside Village and Mar Vista areas, to which Prosecutor de la Cruz Robles responded that problem party houses are being treated in different ways, e.g., for those that involve short term rentals (STRs), they work with Planning. Neighborhood Prosecutor de la Cruz recommended that we continue to speak with our Neighborhood Prosecutors but that overall, commercial enterprises in a residential neighborhood involves Planning.
 - The Pacific Division Neighborhood Prosecutor has changed from Claudia Martin to Zack Lodmer Zack.Lodmer@lacity.org
- Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment: Mike Fong and Seme Park were not present
- Board of Neighborhood Commissioners: Eli Lipmen was not present
- LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl's Office: Zachary Gaidzik, Erin Schneider – Zac was present briefly
- LA County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas's Office: Emily Williams was not present
- CA Senator Diane Feinstein's Office: Jeanette Christian was not present
- U.S. Representative Karen Bass's Office: Jacqueline Hamilton was not present
- U.S. Representative Ted Lieu's Office: Janet Turner was present
- CA Senator Ben Allen's Office: Liliana Pond was not present
- CA Assembly member Richard Bloom's Office: Josh Kurpies was present

VI. Presentations

Chair Zar introduced Nick Melvoin, LAUSD Board Vice President, and District 4 School Board Representative. She congratulated him for the work he has done. Nick noted that he grew up in Brentwood and is a former member of Brentwood Community Council. His district ranges from Westchester in the south to Woodland Hills in the north, the ocean in the west to the Hollywood Hills and east Hollywood to the east, including Toluca Lake; the Westside and the west Valley.

He gave an update on the LAUSD, followed by a Q&A including but not limited to the following: LAUSD is the 2nd largest district in the country, behind New York. They serve over 700,000 students, pre-K to adult, 60,000 adult students, with classes in English and citizenship as well as technical schools, e.g., coding, esthetician, construction. He noted that 35% of their adult students are parents of K-12 students. They are also improving their Pre-K program and trying to open more seats on the Westside and reopen shuttered early education sites. They just reopened Kentwood in Westchester and are looking into a few in the Mar Vista area and the Westside. They cover 721 square miles and have 75,000 employees; the largest employer in the County.

Since March, schools have been physically closed. He discussed decision to close on around March 13th, before the County, City or State had Safer-at-Home orders. He noted that it was a tough decision due to demographics and that 85% of their families are living in poverty, thinking of the social safety net they provide to kids and families. They feel they made the right decision. They closed before other major districts, before New York.

They had a contingency plan when they closed. They opened 62 sites in LA County (LAC) serving meals to students and about 20% to adults since the closure, three meals a day for anybody who shows up. Hours now

are 7-10 with school starting. He expressed thanks for Congressman Ted Lieu, an ally in making sure they have the funding and flexibility to serve these meals. Following the first step of food relief/food support, they have worked with neighborhood councils (NCs) in the 4th District to deliver food, including Matt and others on this board whom he also thanked.

The next step was technology: There estimated that over 100,000 kids were without access to computers, tablet or internet, and made an emergency procurement of nearly 100 million dollars, and by April have almost 100% kids connected. They have given out over 100,000 computers and iPads for hot spots. They then had to transition 33,000 educators to distance learning; on how to run classes on Zoom among other things.

They also used their distribution centers to get other supplies, diapers, toys, sports equipment. In the summer they offered summer school 100% virtually in addition to remediation, they also had courses, partnering with the director, James Cameron on a Titanic-themed marine biology course, with the Chargers on a sports-medicine class, and with Fender, who sent over 500 guitars to kids in LAUSD music class, and prepared for improved distance learning for the fall.

As to schedules and attendance, they have small group classes and large classes, an advisory period for every student to check in on their social, emotional and mental health; they have live instruction, to do a combination of live and pre-recorded instruction. They now have set schedules; have received feedback from families is that this is an improvement.

They are working to get kids back to in-person education. They spoke to people from countries around the world, about community spread, testing and contact tracing. He related that the “biggest hole” in their regional response was testing and contact tracing. They are partnering with the City and the State to help with regional safety as well.

Now, as of Wednesday, they are testing certain employees and testing on-campus childcare for those employees; having about 3,000 kids who are physically on a school campus in groups of no more than six, for their essential workers. They will expand that to other district families, homeless students, foster youth and the kids of essential workers who are not district employees to come back to childcare.

A few weeks ago, LAUSD launched the first in the nation school-based testing program, testing every employee and eventually every student on a current basis; partnering with UCLA, Stanford, Johns Hopkins and Microsoft, to do the testing and contact tracing, to make sure they have data to reopen schools, and to help guide an in-person reopening in the coming weeks and months. Testing will enable them to bring a few kids back at a time, for small group tutoring.

He noted that per Dr. Ferrer, she doesn't expect schools to reopen for full instruction until after November, but they hope to go to some sort of hybrid instruction, with three tracts: an online-only tract; for families who want the in-person option, they will be going half-time; e.g., elementary morning or afternoon session; for secondary students, maybe every other day; all to have greater physical distancing, with fewer students on campus.

He discussed safety of the classrooms, e.g., PPE, electrostatic disinfectants to clean classrooms; they've replaced their HVAC filters with a MERV-14, the same strength as an N95 mask. They have teachers teaching now from their classrooms though students are at home, because the classrooms are some of the safest places in the community, so when they do the hybrid learning, they'll be confident that it will be done safely.

As to the 4th District, Nick related his priority, when running a few years ago, to decentralize the district. He felt the district was so bureaucratic and wanted to bring resources closer to the schools.

He is 1) leading an initiative to sell the downtown headquarters, which he feels represents bureaucracy. It now has very few people working there because of COVID; they want to sell it and put the resources back into the schools; and, 2) they have just launched, on July 1st the “Community of Schools” model, 42 mini-districts throughout LAUSD. He noted that most of our councils fall within West LA, Venice or Westchester, each of which are their own communities of schools with their own mini-superintendent and set of resources.

He reported as an example, they did a pilot program and last year were able to have a response to the Delta jet fuel dumping over a few of the campuses in East LA, where their maintenance staff began clean up before the police arrived.

At Brentwood Science, they have the new office for Joyce Dara, their administrator for the Community of Schools on the Westside. He explained the idea is to make sure they are embedding the resources and have autonomy to make decisions in the local communities.

They will then put advisory councils on top of these communities of schools, like a NC or nonprofit board, to have community input from how money is spent, how principals are selected, and to monitor progress. He described this as a big effort to “de-ossify” and “decentralize.” He thinks NCs and CCs are a key part of that. They are working with WRAC on tutoring services, thanked us for our work there, as well as NCs, such as Del Rey and others regarding tutoring and other support services, and they continue to help with meal delivery. He gave appreciation for what the Venice NC is doing, with their Jackets of Excellence Awards, and for what Brentwood CC is doing, noting that Brentwood Science Elementary last year was the fastest growing elementary school on the Westside with student growth metric of year after year growth in the 90th percentile in English and math.

He related that they have a lot of schools on the Westside that are old: 100 schools in the district that are 100 years old including Brentwood Science, which just celebrated its centennial. He noted that they have made some upgrades, along with Allison Polhill, his right-hand woman, and liaison with the Westside Schools. They have made progress with a huge comprehensive modernization of Venice HS. He noted that they know that other schools like Westchester, Brentwood, University High, and Paul Revere need more improvement.

Nick explained that the board voted unanimously to put on the November Ballot a bond which doesn’t increase the tax burden, but continues the investment they all are making in LAUSD for another term. If this passes, he hopes this will generate another 700- or 800-million dollars in the next decade to view those improvements to schools on the Westside that have been neglected. It is not an increase but a maintenance of effort to help with these facilities’ improvement.

There is a series of neighborhood town halls for the new communities of schools, with Mike Bonin, Matt, Westchester, coming up, and WLA. Nick concluded his presentation noting that there are exciting things happening including improved graduation rates and decentralization.

Chair Zar thanked Nick Melvoin for the informative presentation, congratulated him for implementing his vision of decentralization, and asked about attendance, which he noted that though virtual it is 98%. The floor was opened to Q&A.

Nick noted that a month into school they take a snapshot of attendance, which is how the State bases funding; however, if they did it this year, there are schools that would lose one or two teachers because the kids are not there. So he has been advocating to protect these students and schools.

Member Greenberg from BABCNC asked about the eastern boundary of the western region, to which he noted that his district goes out to Hollywood; however, the WLA Community of Schools ends in the Westwood area. It includes Community Magnet in Bel Air and Westwood Charter, as well as well Fairburn, Emerson and then it transitions just past Westwood. He deferred to Allison, who offered to speak offline with Member Greenberg to see what schools overlap with her NC territory.

What follows is from the website regarding the schools participating:

WLA Community of Schools: <https://wlacs-laUSD-ca.schoolloop.com/>

ELEMENTARY

- Brentwood Science Magnet
- Brockton Avenue Elementary School
- Canyon Charter School
- Community Magnet Charter School
- Fairburn Avenue Elementary School
- Kenter Canyon Charter School
- Marquez Charter Elementary School
- Nora Sterry Elementary School
- Palisades Charter Elementary School
- Richland Avenue Elementary School
- Roscomare Road Elementary School
- Topanga Elementary Charter School
- Warner Avenue Elementary School
- Westwood Charter Elementary School

MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Emerson Community Charter Middle School
- Paul Revere Charter Middle School and Magnet Center
- Webster Middle School

HIGH SCHOOL

- University High School Charter
- Palisades Charter High School

Member Greenberg asked if it was okay for a child to go through the food line twice in one day, to which Nick responded, yes, they are all eligible for three meals; most families come and say, three meals for a family of five, and they give those 15. If they come back later, they can. He noted that now that school year has started, there are Federal guidelines. They scan a bar code; if not one of their students without a bar code, they may not get reimbursed; however, they made a decision in March to not turn anyone away. Paul Koretz has introduced a resolution to City Council looking at getting reimbursement to LAUSD, serving all these adults.

Member Ryavec of VNC asked if there is any assessment of the effectiveness of online learning in LA, about the drop off between how much learning in-person vs. online, and how to make up for that loss in the next year or two. Nick responded that once they get kids devices, they can make sure they are learning; however, it is

difficult to assess because the State suspended what would have been spring testing, making it harder to track learning loss. They had summer school available to 100% of the students, with tracks, e.g., a remediation track, enrichment courses, and for the last month of school, had teachers giving assessments. He noted that testing has become a tough concept in public education and that the pendulum has swung too far on standardized testing.

Nick acknowledged that testing serves the function of showing them where the learning losses are, discussed recent changes on testing, and now want to have that information. He agreed that those losses are seen across the board. To make up for that loss, they will continue to do summer school, tutoring, (one of the things Maryam is helping them with on the Westside), virtual and eventually in person tutoring, volunteer tutors, and for high need students, they'll be able to come back to campus for one-on-one tutoring.

He noted benefit of online education for the kids to be able to re-watch lectures, and that they created a YouTube channel for both the teachers and the students who are falling behind.

He mentioned the problem of national learning loss which his district is addressing by doing more assessments of where students are at, with virtual or in-person tutoring to make up the difference.

PPCC Member Card asked regarding any ill effects from the DWP power station next to Kenter Canyon School. He noted that DWP has a lot next to Marquez Elementary that may or may not become a power station. He noted that this is a huge controversy in the Palisades and asked if his district or office has any data that shows that they're safe or not safe. Nick asked Allison Holdorff Polhill to speak to this, as a member of PPCC previously on the Board of Palisades High. He noted that school reports are that for schools like Marquez and Kenter, they are safe. Allison offered to check on it.

WNC Member Broide asked a series of questions regarding: 1) testing and plans to reopen schools, as test results can change in a day; 2) the sanitizing of total surfaces on Fridays; 3) the cost of decentralization compared to current models, if there will there be shed a great number of positions at headquarters to hire in this new mini-district, due to decentralization, and,4) has any progress been made by shared-use of playgrounds?

Nick responded that "shared use" is a big priority; however, there are challenges as regards liability and cost. Working with city and nonprofit partners, they have a pilot agreement with the city to open five new schools a year, but are haggling over costs. They think that since they are providing the schools, the City should provide the security guards. If it were up to him, he'd like to have all the schools open. He mentioned a new shared-use agreement and his hope to open all schools on nights and weekends.

As to "decentralization," he noted that every year that he has been on the board, they have cut the central office. They just found about 20 million dollars in savings in not filling empty positions in the central office and using that money to protect teachers at schools that have come from the central office. They've seen that most of the positions, and each Community of Schools has about five or six staff coming from the central office. In general they've been cutting, have brought in consultant partners to cut back bureaucracy.

As to cleaning they are doing it more than just on "Friday." Each time a new group of students come into the classroom, they will spend one hour between sessions, e.g., between morning and afternoon sessions. As research increases they may reduce this; however, are now erring on side of over-sanitizing.

About "testing," he noted that they are working with UCLA, Stanford and Johns Hopkins on a model, to do more baseline testing and not test as frequently. They negotiated a significantly lower rate of \$12-15 dollars a test with 24-hour turnaround (rather than \$60). They are working with startup partners in the Bay and initially doing about 30,000 tests a day.

Member Bisnoff of BCC expressed appreciation of the idea of the Community of Schools program with local input, and commented on school safety and the lack of public input on the issue of the elimination of LAUSD policing staff. She noted that many parents feel safer with the police on campus and asked why would LAUSD vote to essentially dismantle LAUSD safety and security with onsite policing versus creating pilot programs in schools where parents are not in favor of having police on campus, and working out programs that might be able to be rolled out to the rest of the district once the bugs have been worked out. Nick noted that it was not an elimination; they still have the largest school police force in the nation, and the budget of their school police department had doubled in the last few years as enrollment has declined. He does see a big need for campus safety and security.

He gave the example of Parkland, where the school safety officer didn't stop the shooting and noted that while he sees need for school children and campuses to be protected, he doesn't see need for armed officers in hallways to have them arresting kids for kid-like behavior like talking back. Kids would get a ticket or get arrested for smoking pot. He would like to get the police back to core function of protecting campuses and students by patrolling and have an officer at Uni and Pali, but redirecting resources to nurses, counselors and social workers on campus to address those issues. He noted now there is a task force looking for a review of the budget cuts and reallocation.

Nick noted that on Tuesday 09/29, there will be a public meeting, to talk about this, and he welcomes our participation and input. He will make sure they have resources for protecting property and lives and would like to get the police back to core function and not criminalizing behaviors.

Member Bisnoff related that policies are not in place to address dangerous kids at Pali High right now who have set themselves on fire, are threatening kids, harassed girls who are afraid to come to school, where there is a reduced police presence; and that there is a need to come together of polices that deal with those kids in addition to the security. She opined that having one of those kids talk to a school nurse does not solve the problem. Nick noted that there will always be bad actors but he is hopeful.

Chair Zar commented on inequities, with higher connectivity rates on the Westside than other parts. She commended the work he is doing, trying to put policies in place. There were additional typed comments in the Chat, including but not limited to that of PNC Member Block, a former teacher, who noted that she has constantly seen black students policed and criminalized when they needed support and services, and from Member Bisnoff who stressed that local governance under Melvoin's plans would allow localities to determine what is appropriate policing on campus for their neighborhood; that we have serious issues and should be allowed to deal with them on a school-by-school basis.

Maryam thanked Nick for joining us, and keeping our district humming along, as far as LAUSD is concerned. She thanked Allison for constantly being accessible to all of us. Allison provided link for Nick Melvoin: <https://www.boardmembermelvoin.com/parent-resources>

VII. New Business:

- A. New Motion from Ryu, Krekorian, Koretz, Martinez, Bonin, and Buscaino for a more robust and informed conflict of interest policy ([see motion](#)): The Motion asks City Council to move to empower the City Ethics Commission be able to consider the standards that other agencies in the region apply to determine when decision makers for those agencies are required to recuse themselves from participating in official acts, including the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LA METRO) recusal model, and make recommendations for the Council to enhance the city's conflict

of interest policy and potentially expand the universe of conflicts that require recusals by City officials. Discussion and vote.

The Chair noted that CD4's Nick Greif would be sending us the language on the new motion on transparency; however, PPCC Member Spitz noted that this has already passed for a report in City Council and we will wait to bring this back. No action was taken at this time.

- B. New Motion by CM Ryu and City Council action to create an Office of Anti-Corruption and Transparency in order to set up a transparent and independent auditing body and use approval oversight and quid pro quo activity monitoring (see [Motion](#), official [Council Action](#) and Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee [Recommendations](#)).

The Chair related comments which were not understood by WNC Member Broide due to an echo. She noted that Member Broide said there already exists an ethics commission, which hasn't worked and malfunctions, and wonders if it makes sense to empower that existing ethics commission to do this work rather than create a new body to do it. The Chair recommended leaving this for the new administration to pick up. Will need to have robust discussion to see whether or not this is something we would like to support.

Items A & B were postponed, as moved by Member Handal and seconded.

Member Shure noted it would be important for the discussion to address who will this empower and to whom the referrals will be made, noting the importance of who would be given the authority to handle ethics violations. Chairwoman Zar may write and get some clarification with CM Ryu.

- C. Annual Officer Elections: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary (per Bylaws) **As noted above**

VIII. Old Business:

- 1) Second reading and discussion of Bylaws amendments. Tabled
- 2) Review and consideration of Platform language. Discussion continued from previous meetings and member input. Re-reading of new draft with edits. Tabled
- 3) WRAC membership dues: Brief discussion was held on the dues issue, which Chair Zar will note to executive team. She noted that it was not reflected in the minutes; therefore did not happen. She agreed that WRAC will need funding; have to amend the bylaws to have a Treasurer, elect a Treasurer and go forward. She did have a discussion with Raquel Beltran; new administration will now work on it. Chair Zar and Member Handal noted need to lobby the City Attorney that these representatives should be able to pay into WRAC. Asked if we should write to our Council Members, Chair Zar responded that there are three in this alliance; might be a good idea; maybe a motion that neighborhood councils should be able to pay into local alliance. No action taken.

IX. Updates on Pending Motions:

- a. Opposition to car for hire digital advertising
PPCC, BCC, WLANC, WNC – Per Chair Zar, we had four, said we’d keep it one more month; however it will go.

The next two items were discussed at the meeting; though missing from agenda and provided after the meeting for reference:

- _____ 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. (August 2020)

- Per Member Broide, WNC took this up. Per Chair Zar, no one other than the Westside NC has passed this.
- _____ 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 [i.e., workforce and moderate to low income] housing crisis such as, SB 1299. (August 2020)

- None have passed this.

- b. Supporting City Sign Ordinance, CP 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.
PPCC, WLANC, DRNC, WLA, BABC, WCC, SORO – No new approvals
- c. 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 an accident causing injury.
PPCC, WLANC, WNC, VNC, NC, WCC, WLA, BABC, MVCC – Per Member Handal, this has 9, should be sent to councils and removed from agenda. Per the Chair, this is adopted.
- d. Requesting that the State mandate the gathering and sharing of data/information from ride share companies 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.
(DRNC to give an update or table)
PPCC, BABCNC, BCC, WCC, WWNC, WNC, DRNC*.

Per the Chair, we’ll get an update from Member Wersinger from DRNC and leave it for next month.

Member Shure from MVCC asked for the full motion, to which Chair would make sure that it Cathy sends it out to all councils.

IX. Adjourn: Prior to adjournment, Member Spitz related, as Vice Chair, she will discuss with Member Wersinger, having language for each motion as to when it was first recommended and when it will expire; to have a 90-day expiration unless there is a reason.

Member Greenberg related a new motion put forth by CD4 to pause construction in the fire-prone hillsides.

Member Spitz thanked Chairwoman Zar and Vice Chair Watts for their service. Chairwoman Zar responded that it has been a pleasure to work with Members Spitz and Watts. She is available to work with team as a transition and noted that this has been fun and is now a good time to step away.

Meeting adjourned **11:01 a.m.** and the next regular meeting will again be virtual on October 21st at 10:00am (timing subject to change). The new Chair will provide notice.