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Westside Neighborhood Council
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Agenda

Digital Meeting of the Board of Directors

June 17, 2020 - 10:00am

Location: Zoom

Meeting link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88645787262>

I. Welcome/Introductions

Chair Updates-

LUC virtual meeting – focus was on Housing Bills from the State, and the preservation of exemptions for Hillside communities in High Fire Severity Zones.

CD 5 call (CM Koretz)

CD 11 call (CM Bonin - cancelled): Note: CM Bonin has sent a [survey](#) for constituents to give input on how they'd like to see LAPD function within communities, alongside other services

LAPD West call (Captain Tom – will present)

DONE update – conversation with Raquel Beltran

WRAC membership dues and website

Platform language (please see attached draft for input and agenda item below)

II. Approval of Minutes —

May 2020 (virtual meeting)

Items on the Agenda may be taken in any order at the discretion of the Chair

III. Board Member Updates

Del Rey, Matt Wersinger

(see two letters attached to meeting documents)

IV. Committee Updates

LUC

V. Government Rep. Updates

Those who are present will be called upon to give a 3 minute update and take 6 minutes of questions.

- LAPD, West Bureau Commanding Officer: Captain Jonathan Tom

- Mayor Garcetti’s Office: Tanaz Golshan
- Dept of City Planning: Fipe Leilua
- LADWP: Deborah Hong
- LA City Councilmember Koretz’s Office (CD 5): Debbie Dyner Harris
- LA City Councilmember Bonin’s Office (CD 11): Ben LaZebnick
- LA City Attorney Feuer’s Office: Veronica de la Cruz Robles
- Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment: Mike Fong, Seme Park
- Board of Neighborhood Commissioners: Eli Lipmen
- LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl’s Office: Erin Schneider
- LA County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas’s Office: Emily Williams
- CA Senator Diane Feinstein’s Office: Jeanette Christian
- U.S. Representative Karen Bass’s Office: Jacqueline Hamilton
- U.S. Representative Ted Lieu’s Office: Janet Turner
- CA Senator Ben Allen’s Office: Lilian Pond
- CA Assembly member Richard Bloom’s Office: Josh Kurpies

VI. Presentations

LA City Controller, Ron Galperin

Ron Galperin is the 19th Controller of the City of Los Angeles, elected in 2013 and again in 2017. He serves as the watchdog for taxpayers at City Hall, making sure public dollars are spent efficiently and effectively. He is also the paymaster, auditor and chief accounting officer for the City of Los Angeles. Galperin oversees a team that conducts independent audits, manages the City’s payroll and spending, reports on the City’s finances, pursues fraud and waste, and works to create a more transparent, accountable and modern city for residents. Galperin launched ControlPanel LA, the City’s first open data portal, in 2013. It features details on the goods and services Los Angeles buys, along with information on assets and liabilities, employee compensation, operating indicators and much more. Because of his efforts, L.A. has been named the “No. 1 Digital City” by the U.S. City Open Data Census three years in a row. (<https://lacontroller.org/about-ron/>)

VII. New Business:

- a) Review and consideration of Platform language. Discussion continued from last meeting and a reading of new drafts with edits (see attached). Language suggestions and collective input towards final draft, to be read at the next meeting, as the first reading. Edits will be incorporated for a second reading to be scheduled for August, and proper adoption per the bylaws.
- b) Del Rey Motions:
 - a. ___ NC or CC insists that Neighborhood Councils are not prohibited from communicating with non-City of Los Angeles governmental actors and entities regarding issues impacting their neighborhoods; and that Neighborhood Councils are not prohibited from discussing any issues of local concern.
 - b. Whereas the ___ Neighborhood or Community Council believes Black Lives Matter; Whereas the murder of George Floyd is unacceptable, and the anger and frustration shown by protesters around the world represents a chorus of voices which demand systemic change in

America;

Whereas institutionalized racism and the systematic oppression of black people in education, healthcare, the job market, the criminal justice system, government, banking, housing, and more have real-life, everyday impacts in Los Angeles;

Whereas LAPD has over the past two decades shown significant improvements in training, diversity within its ranks and the City has instituted improved civilian oversight, but the LA Times Homicide Report still identified 329 people killed by LAPD officers since 2013;

Whereas the most successful policing with LAPD Pacific Division has been that which engaged the community in a proactive way, by listening and engaging with all parties of all races and genders;

Whereas in spite of these improvements, LAPD officer-involved shootings continue to disproportionately affect the black community, there is a severe lack of transparency in cases of officer misconduct, and the City of Los Angeles still spends an unacceptable amount of money on legal settlements for officer misconduct;

Whereas the City budget must take into account a broad swath of priorities in Los Angeles and should carefully balance public safety with lifting up our most marginalized communities, supporting initiatives like the City Attorney's Neighborhood Justice Program;

Therefore, the _____ Neighborhood/Community Council supports protest, supports a city budget that prioritizes crime prevention and social services, supports substantial reform efforts within LAPD and a reassessment of their responsibilities, and moreover supports both a budget and legislation that removes systemic racism and societal inequality from our City.

c) Land Use Item:

Whereas, the statewide Covid-19 emergency has reduced the action calendar time frame of the California State Legislature, and thus greatly reduced the ability of California's citizens and communities to demand greater accountability, fairness, transparency, and responsiveness from public officials in the area of land use planning

Whereas the proposed Atkins Housing Package of bills has not been sufficiently vetted for integration with previously approved Regional Housing Needs Assessment legislation which modernized the methodology for anticipating growth in the state,

Whereas the proposed Atkins Housing Package of bills has not been sufficiently vetted for growth inducing impacts, and hidden substantial state mandated costs, upon:

i. *Local General Plans and Community Plans*

ii. *Communities in environmentally sensitive areas such as Very High Fire hazard zones; Coastal zones; Earthquake fault zones and others as listed in the California Environmental Quality Act [CEQA]*

iii. *Critical local infrastructures for the public health, welfare and safety,*

_____ NC /CC recommends a postponement of action on this suite of housing bills until such time as the previously enacted 2018 and 2019 housing legislation has been given a chance to increase housing production as promised

VIII. Old Business:

(a) WRAC membership dues discussion and possible vote:

- a. Resolved that each member organization contribute \$250 annually to cover WRAC expenses, including website design and hosting, event fees and other incidental operating expenses.

IX. Updates on Pending Motions (2 min each) —

We can go over motions. I am still trying to sort out the website page on this topic. I may pay for some help....

- a. State of CA mandate that localities be empowered to assess the impact of traffic and congestion of ride share services by mandating comprehensive data sharing from ride-share companies.
- b. Opposition to car for hire digital advertising
PPCC, BCC, WLANC
- c. LA River Motion
PPCC*, BCC, WLASNC, BABC
- d. Wildland motion by CM Bonin
BABC, PPCC,
- e. Regulation of personal electric scooters – *New Motion proposed based on current circumstances*
Passed by WNC*, WLASNC
- f. Rancho Park Oil and Gas Drilling - *New Motion proposed based on current circumstances*
Passed by BCC, MVCC, WNC, WLANC
- g. Campaign Contributions Motion by CM Ryu
PPCC, BABC,
- h. Blue Ribbon Panel findings support (City Attorney)
- i. Supporting City Sign Ordinance, 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
- j. 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 a an accident causing injury.
PPCC
- k. Requesting that they State mandate the gathering and sharing of ride-share data/information 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.

PPCC

1. Denial of permits to dockless mobility device providers that fail or refuse to cooperate with law enforcement.

PPCC, BABCNC, BCC, WCC, WWNC, WNC, DRNC*

IX. Adjourn

Next meeting will be held by Zoom on July 15th at 9:30 am.

Pending speakers: ASM Bloom, Stephanie Cohen from Sup Kuehl for Courthouse update. Working on Barbara Ferrer.

Westside Regional Alliance of Councils Foundational Platform

WRAC is an alliance of Community and Neighborhood Councils which span the entire west side of the city of Los Angeles. Our regional concerns are brought up for discussion by our board members and our board is comprised of Community and Neighborhood Council leaders appointed to our board. Our positions are adopted only after a super-majority of member councils has affirmed the position in question.

WRAC holds to the following foundational principles in the areas that we have determined to be our alliance priorities: land use and zoning, housing and homelessness, mobility and transportation (**Public Safety, Education, Environment?**). We hold that the LA Department of City Planning and its Planning & Zoning Department adhere strictly to existing planning and zoning codes and ordinances. We urge that regulations be upheld and that communities impacted by land use and development projects be allowed ample time to review and comment on any matter seeking discretionary action that is up for review. We always urge all governing agencies with jurisdiction over the approval, execution or enforcement of projects to scrupulously apply applicable codes and standards to all projects.

Similarly on housing and homelessness, WRAC urges governing bodies to adhere to strict scrutiny of community plans, local character, zoning and building regulations as well as building and safety codes and zoning restrictions. We expect agencies and entities to conduct meaningful outreach to the communities represented at WRAC, through our member councils, and address housing and homelessness relief in a responsible way that is mindful of existing communities as well as the need for increased housing density.

With respect to mobility and transportation, WRAC is acutely aware of the need for new and creative solutions to gridlock and Westside mobility, as well as mass transportation. We expect research results on transit and mobility to be made available to communities impacted by pending infrastructure or mobility planning. We urge sufficient notification all affected parties to allow them to comment on any proposed developments or transportation infrastructure proposals in areas that impact our member councils. Strict scrutiny of existing laws, regulations, ordinances and standards for infrastructure development and construction, particularly in hillside and coastal areas which disproportionately impact the Westside, be applied to transportation and the development of citywide or neighborhood mobility plans and infrastructure.