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WESTSIDE REGIONAL ALLIANCE OF COUNCILS

Land Use and Planning Committee Meeting Agenda
Sunday, January 10, 2021 – 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon

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I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

- a. Call to order
 - i. 10:00 a.m.
- b. Roll call
 - i. Attendance documented in the member list below.

II. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- i. MOTION to approve the December meeting minutes
https://drive.google.com/file/d/16efyC_yH2f7oWChr-k4fzxQuIjg6pTvw/view?usp=sharing
 - Chris moves. Alix seconds. Steve Sann requests a change he will email to Kay and she will make. Minutes approved as corrected by Steve Sann. **Passes** 10-0 with 2 members not voting.
- b. DISCUSSION AND MOTION on the WRAC LUPC Guidelines. See proposal after the agenda.

- Steve Sann moves that we table this discussion until next month. Barbara seconds. No opposition. No abstentions. **Passes.**
- c. MOTION to approve Council File [21-0002-S18](#) and oppose [SB-9](#). See proposed motion after the agenda. Background and summary can be found [here](#).
- Discussed both SB-9 and SB-10 together. Paul Koretz presented at Livable California yesterday. We have to get in early. We want WRAC to oppose this because the NCs cannot oppose to the state legislators. It might be harder to get these motions passed now because there are 2 new councilmembers. Please agendize these motions. After it passes committee, it goes to the WRAC board, and if they pass it it can be agendize it as a WRAC motion.
 - Chris moves. Barbara seconds.
 - Barbara says agendize even without WRAC approval.
 - Stacy. This is a revival of SB-1120 but it doesn't provide enough housing and the legislators say that they have the right to overrule the voters of the local municipalities. It will be challenged in court. It violates the state constitution. This creates a precedent we shouldn't allow.
 - Chris. Agree with Stacy. It is illegal to change an initiative without bringing it back to the voters.
 - Alix. Should we wait for WRAC to vote on this? Can this go to the NC without WRAC approval? It can, but not as a WRAC motion. Can these go to the WRAC board before LUPC?
 - Steve Sann. This is the way to get it before the WRAC board.
 - Barbara. Later in the meeting can we add to the agenda Livable California?
 - **Passes** 12-0.
- d. MOTION to approve Council File [21-0002-S21](#) and oppose [SB-10](#). See proposed motion after the agenda. Background and summary can be found [here](#).
- Chris moves. Nancy seconds.
 - Stacy. This is a repeat of SB-902 which failed.
 - **Passes** 12-0.
- e. UPDATE. New LAX plan. Denny.
- Not here
- f. BRAINSTORM. Ideas for future speakers. Names already identified include someone from Sanitation, Len Nguyen, someone from the Department of Aging, someone from StreetsLA, Tricia Kean from Housing Investment.
- Nancy. Can we get someone from Tony Atkins office?
 - Stacy. A representative from Ted Lieu's office to talk about what they're bringing to the Biden administration about homelessness. They are soliciting input from the public. Chris, maybe they should speak to the WRAC board. Maybe we can get a rep and have Lieu himself go to the board. Andrew Lewis seconds.
 - Paula Gerez. What about airport expansion? They are throwing terminals 0 and 9 into the modernization. We've identified significant problems in the EIR. We're leaning towards not supporting the project. Will try to bring a better comment for the WRAC board Monday. Marlene. Denny is our expert.

- Barbara. We need to insist on our rights for having adequate information and time for public comment.
 - Chris drafted a letter about Barbara's email to the group. That is a standing rule. It covers a lot of territory.
 - Stacy. We're only going to have 21 days to comment on zoning. We have to have a means by which we can bring things to a vote on an emergency basis.
 - Alix. Autumn Burk or someone from her office. She is in favor of the Weiner bills.
 - Alix. USC professor. Kay did not catch the name so maybe Alix can provide it offline.
 - Steve Sann. Why do we need to hear from Sanitation? Aging? StreetsLA? Marlene. What is the city doing to help aging who are downsizing? We want our streets to be tidy.
 - Cindy Cleghorn. What about CEQA? A legal person to discuss this. Robert Silverstein?
 - Barbara. Holly Mitchell.
 - Barbara. Is there a relationship with the other councils like VANCC? Matt is working with the officials on the motions we passed. Matt. Good idea. Will step it up?
 - Marlene. Send ideas to Kay.
 - Stacy. About working with other alliances. Kay is associated with the Budget Advocates. Kay is happy to bring to the Budget Advocates whatever we want brought. Chris says to be careful to wait until issues are endorsed by the board.
- g. WRAC update from Chris Spitz and Barbara Broide.
- Chris. We have a new standing rule. When a motion is passed, we need more time. We passed a number of motions that are land use related. There is a motion on the STAP program. It's all on the website. If your council hasn't taken up the motions, talk to your chairs about agendaizing them. If you are sponsoring a motion through this committee, please act as whip and generate votes from the NCs. Be careful about advocating positions that are not passed by the WRAC Board.
 - Matt. Planning is slow to take up our motions. Please lobby separately.
 - Barbara. The Policies and Procedures is a bear. The document is in draft and they did not take suggestions. It's part of recode L.A.
 - Stacy is in communication with Haydee. They made changes based on the working group input. We're asking for changes that they didn't make. They are going to shorten time limits. No vote is scheduled yet for the city council. It gives too much power to unelected officials. We want as much time as possible for stakeholders to weigh in. 21 days is not sufficient.
- h. Reports.
- i. Land use update from Barbara Broide. See the full report at <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1kPC7nC4IRinNoXg0WG7L7RWBYHRoMOJ9/view?usp=sharing>
- Yesterday at the plan check meeting, they are increasing fees from \$89 to \$158. What about appeal fees? CF 09-0969-S3.

- Sent email with suggested motions with regards to sign ordinance. It languished in PLUM for 8 years and now it's hot. They are looking for the city to get money by authorizing digital billboards. The deadline for comment is January 29. Chris drafted a letter to ask to extend deadline because of the WRAC guidelines. Our position is that we support B+. We already have a position. All NCs that voted in favor of B+ are listed as supporting the new version.
- ii. Land use update from Stacy Shure.
- What's going on in Sacramento. SB-5. Weiner is now attached to a bill that I like. It's a funding bill filed in connection with SB-6. Allows for commercial retail to be converted into affordable housing. SB-5 is the funding. SB-6 is the densification. Will write a summary later.
 - Two state initiatives will make it to the ballot. ACA-1. A Constitutional amendment to allow financing affordable housing and public infrastructure. This is the finance mechanism. ACA-2. The State Constitution prohibits development of low income housing. This would allow the state to acquire land to create the housing.
 - Keep eyes on David Chiu. This goes back to SB-9 and 10. Chiu, along with Ben Allen, wants to create a tiered property tax system. They want a constitutional amendment to amend prop 13 to have higher property tax on single family homes compared to multi-family homes.
 - Barbara brings up tax on vacant land on your residential property tax. Bonin is supporting this. Additional tax on your land that doesn't have housing. Land value tax. Stacy will provide information.
 - Travis. This doesn't take a whole lot of thought to know that this is bad for the environment. Encouraging people to cover more of their land with building without increasing density is the opposite from what we want. We are getting bigger and more consumptive.
 - Paula Gerez. What prevents us from supporting bills that are then gutted and amended? What about taxing land that we can't build on? We should have our supports of bills to say as of some date.
 - Stacy. Sustainability alliance is having a meeting tonight. We're discussing trees. Getting ready to roll out guidelines for sustainable development.
- iii. Other.
- Chris. Homelessness committee. Jay is chair. The committee is ready to go but hasn't started. Transportation committee is gearing up.
 - Steve Twining. Congratulate Kay for her presentation yesterday at NWWCC. Tomorrow the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy will take a position on Berggruen Institute.
 - Cindy. Plan Check. The GM was on the call to talk about the training. Going forward they are going to put everyone on Cornerstone. She's looking into a waiver for those who didn't complete the training.
- i. Round table
- Stacy. Los Angeles County extended their eviction moratorium. The City will vote soon. MVCC renters committee is having a meeting next Saturday at 2. Officials from federal, state, and local levels to discuss what kind of relief will be coming. What tenants rights are.

- Marlene. There are questions in the chat. Does anybody want to ask? This is your chance.
- Nancy. There is no decision on Berggruen. Brentwood is writing a letter on the EIR. There used to be a list of all the ordinances in a spreadsheet. Can we start something like that and organize what we talk about? Sharon used to do that. Marlene, does someone volunteer to do that. Barbara asked the planning department to do something. Kay asked Daniel Skolnick in Koretz's office.

III. Adjournment

- a. Next meeting is scheduled for February 7, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. on zoom. We will have Haydee Urita-Lopez from the Community Plan team in attendance. Please provide agenda items by January 31.
 - 11:38 a.m.

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