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AGENDA

WRAC Meeting of the Board of Directors
September 20th 2021 – 6:00pm

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

- 1. Welcome/Introductions**
 - a. Chair Updates**
 - b. Upcoming Guests –**
 - i. October – DONE** General Manager Raquel Beltran
 - ii. November (TBC) –** LA County District Attorney George Gascon
- 2. Government Reports -**
 - a. LA City Controller –** Ron Galperin
 - b. Mayor’s Office TBD**
 - c. Council Reports TBD**
 - d. Additional Government Reports –** At the discretion of the Chair
- 3. Board Member Updates -** Limited to 5 minutes total
- 4. Committee Reports –** Limited to 5 minutes total
- 5. Public Comment –** Non-member attendees are allowed 1 minute for comment on any agenda items; comment time may be amended by the Chair
- 6. Approval of Minutes —**
 - a. Motion (Matt Wersinger) –** Approval of July 2021 meeting minutes

7. New Business

- a. **Motion (WRAC HOC / Jay Handal & Chris Spitz)** [____ NC/CC] supports the proposed resolution in Council File 21-0929 (Buscaino/Koretz) for the City Council to prohibit sitting, lying, sleeping, or storing, using, maintaining, or placing personal property, in or upon any street, sidewalk, or other public rights-of-way within a radius of 500 feet from all schools listed in Attachment A to the Council File; and further, upon adoption of the resolution, for the City Council to direct the Department of Transportation to post signs giving notice of the restrictions in the radius specified.

[____ NC/CC] also requests that the definition of "radius" be clarified to specify a radius of 500 feet from the exterior boundary lines of the schools listed in Attachment A to the Council File.

- b. **Motion (WRAC HOC / Jay Handal)** [____ NC/CC] urges Councilmembers Bonin, Koretz, Raman and Ridley-Thomas (Councilmembers representing WRAC Member-Councils) to consult as soon as possible with their respective WRAC Member-Councils for input as to the designation of sites within their districts for enforcement pursuant to LAMC Sec. 41.18(c)(1)-(4) and 41.18(d), including: 1) schools, day care centers, public parks and public libraries, as defined in LAMC Sec. 105.01 ("sensitive uses"; 41.18(c)(1)); 2) overpasses, underpasses, freeway ramps, tunnels, bridges, pedestrian bridges, subways, washes spreading grounds and active railways, when public health, safety or welfare is served by the prohibition (41.18(c)(2)); 3) designated facilities opened after January 1, 2018 that provide shelter, safe sleeping or safe parking to homeless persons or that serve as homeless services navigation centers (41.18(c)(3)); 4) any locations in public rights-of-way for which there is documentation of a "particular and ongoing threat to public health or safety" (41.18(c)(4)). No enforcement action shall be taken unless the individuals have been offered shelter and have refused the offer.

[____ NC/CC] further requests that 1) Councilmembers bring resolutions in Council pursuant to LAMC Sec. 41.18(c)(1)-(4) and 41.18(d) as soon as any sites meeting the requirements of such sub-sections are identified to them by their respective WRAC Member-Councils; and 2) the distance of the radius prohibition set forth in such resolutions shall be as requested by the relevant WRAC Member-Councils, consistent with the distance set forth in such sub-sections

- c. **Motion (Venice NC / Jim Murez)** [____ NC/CC] requests that the City of Los Angeles take immediate steps to prevent the further destruction of a sensitive environmental habitat, the Ballona Wetlands Preserve. Accumulated trash and hazardous waste from RV and tent encampments represent an immediate health hazard to our ocean, marine life, the animals who live in the wetlands and to the many Los Angelenos who use the nearby beaches and ocean for recreation. Further degradation of the last remaining marine wetland in Los Angeles must stop and the area must be cleaned up immediately so it can once again be available for the general public to use for school field trips, birdwatching, nature walks etc. that do not degrade the wetland or contaminate the nearby lagoon, ocean and beaches.

- d. **Motion (Matt Wersinger / Jay Handal)** Whereas it is clear throughout Los Angeles that solutions must be found urgently to address the proliferation of encampments on our streets; and it is likewise abundantly clear that patience has run thin for many stakeholders;

Whereas this boiling over of frustration has led to vigilante behavior and threats against unhoused residents is increasing; and in fact illegal cleanups have been reported in Venice and Del Rey;

Whereas these illegal cleanups have been conducted without any regard to human life or property, and led by callous threats of violence against those most vulnerable; remove all personal property in addition to items that may be deemed trash; and no housing or other services have been connected to these, resulting in dislocation of people within the west side at great cost to ongoing outreach efforts and the mental health of the individuals affected, and therefore produce no long term and permanent solutions;

Therefore despite the mounting frustration of law abiding stakeholders, the [____ NC/CC] condemns in the strongest possible way all vigilante acts and cleanups by private citizens and calls on LAPD, the City Attorney, and all other relevant City and County agencies to do everything in their power to investigate those that have occurred, bring to justice those responsible, and stop future acts.

- e. **Motion (Del Rey NC / Matt Wersinger)** – Whereas, the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners has before it consideration of proposed amendments to the Code of Conduct Policy applicable to Neighborhood Council Board and Committee Members;

Whereas, the existing Code of Conduct applicable to Neighborhood Councils should be amended to create a greater enforcement mechanism; and

Whereas, the proposed amendments to the Code of Conduct submitted by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (“DONE”) to the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (“BONC”) grant too much discretion to DONE in determining guilt and imposing penalties.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that:

BONC is advised against approving the proposed amendments to the Code of Conduct in their current form;

The [____ NC/CC] requests that the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, in consultation with an ad hoc group of Neighborhood Council members, revise the proposed amendments to ensure they afford Board and Committee members adequate due process rather than granting the Department sole discretion to immediately suspend a Member based on an alleged violation of applicable rules;

Any amendments to the Code of Conduct must take into account varying degrees of conduct

when considering suspension and appropriate penalties, if warranted;

The Code of Conduct shall require that the minimum correction necessary to address any issue be used;

The Workplace Equity Policy shall be incorporated into the proposed amendments to the Code of Conduct only if formally adopted by the City prior to the Neighborhood Council City Department Review process, and in the alternative, the Code of Conduct shall incorporate the City's Workplace Violence Policy and Guidelines.

8. Old Business

Motion (Chris Spitz) – Board ratifies administrative extension of passage dates to September for motions (a) – (h) (these motions technically expired in August but were extended administratively for website purposes, pending board ratification of the extension). *Passage dates of all motions may be extended further by the board.*

- a. **21-06 Enforcement of Crimes In or Near Homeless Encampments** – April 19, 2021 (*passage deadline September 2021*); 7 councils adopted: BABCNC, BCC, PPCC, VNC,* WLASNC, WNC, WWNC (**modified version*)
- b. **21-07 Abate and Correct Unsafe and Unhealthy Conditions In Homeless Encampments** – April 19, 2021 (*passage deadline September 2021*); 6 councils adopted: BABCNC, BCC, PPCC,* WLASNC, WNC, WWNC* (**modified version*)
- c. **21-09 Enforce Laws Prohibiting Blockage of Public Right of Way** – April 19, 2021 (*passage deadline September 2021*); 7 councils adopted: BABCNC, BCC, MVCC,* PPCC, WLASNC, WNC,* WWNC (**modified version*)
- d. **21-10 Facilitate Greater Use of 5150 Holds and Conservatorship** – May 17, 2021 (*passage deadline September 2021*); 8 councils adopted: BABCNC, BCC, NCWP, PPCC, VNC, WLASNC, WNC, WWNC – *passed by majority of member councils*
- e. **21-11 City Attorney Opinion re Financial Interest of Developer** – May 17, 2021 (*passage deadline September 2021*); 4 councils adopted: BABCNC, WLASNC, WNC, WWNC
- f. **21-12 Clarification regarding Cloud/Ghost Kitchens** – May 17, 2021 (*passage deadline September 2021*); 7 councils adopted: BABCNC, BCC, PPCC, VNC, WLASNC,* WNC, WWNC (**modified version*)
- g. **21-13 Improved Signage & Enforcement EV Charging Stations** – May 17, 2021 (*passage deadline September 2021*); 8 councils adopted: BABCNC, BCC,* DRNC, NWWNC, PPCC, WLASNC, WNC, WWNC (**modified version*) – *passed by majority of member councils*
- h. **21-14 Support 20-0584 & 20-0498 – Incentives to Work from Home** – May 17, 2021 (*passage deadline September 2021*); 6 councils adopted: BABCNC, DRNC,* MVCC,* VNC,* WLASNC,* WNC (**modified version*)
- i. **21-16 Oppose Misuse of Specific Plan Process** – June 21, 2021 (*passage deadline September 2021*); 5 councils adopted: BABCNC, NCWP, WLASNC,* WNC, WWNC (**modified version*)

- j. **21-17 Support for ACA 7** – June 21, 2021 (*passage deadline September 2021*); 6 councils adopted: BABCNC, NCWP, PPCC, WLASNC, WNC, WWNC
- k. **21-18 Support for Station on UCLA Campus for Metro’s STC Project** – July 19, 2021 (*passage deadline October 2021*); 10 councils adopted: BCC, DRNC, NCWP, NWWNC, PPCC, Palms NC, WCC, WLASNC, WNC,* WWNC (**modified version*) – *passed by majority of member councils*

9. Adjourn

Next meeting will be held on October 18th 2021 at 6pm.