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WRAC Meeting of the Board of Directors
August 15th 2022 – 7:00pm

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

1. **Welcome/Introductions** Chair Wersinger called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm, and called the roll. Quorum was met. **11 Present:** Matt Wersinger (WRAC Chair) (DRNC), Robin Greenberg (WRAC Secretary) (BABCNC), Maryam Zar (PPCC), Jane Wishon (WNC), Larry Watts (BCC), Steve Sann (WCC), Michael Lynn (SORONC), Lisa Chapman (WWNC), Andrew Lewis (NWWNC), Tyler Laferriere-Holloway (MVCC), Jay Handal (WLASNC).
Nonvoting Alternates: Ravi Sankaran (DRNC), Nickie Miner (BABCNC) and Christina Spitz (WRAC Vice-Chair, who co-hosted this evening’s meeting).
Also Present: Deborah Hong and Ben Wong from the LADWP as well as Judie Hulett.
 - a. **Chair Updates:** None.
 - b. **WRAC Board Elections in September:** Chair Wersinger noted that we are having WRAC elections next month. Next month will be his last meeting as chair and he will not be running again. He is available for questions.
2. **Government Reports –**
 - a. **LADWP - Water Conservation Presentation:** The Board welcomed Deborah Hong (LADWP Community Affairs Liaison) and Ben Wong (LADWP Supervisor of Water Resources Strategic Planning). Mr. Wong gave a slide show presentation and imparted extensive information about the City’s water supply and drought response, including details about the new outdoor watering program and water conservation programs, including conservation appliances, turf replacement program, which provides \$3.00/ square foot of turf removed along with a new service for design & support to prepare to replace the turf www.ladwp.com/save. There is a device that takes data from the meter and shoots it to your Wi-Fi, phone or computer, with your water use info to help monitor usage and potentially identify leaks. www.Fluwater.com/ladwp. You can also see how your water use compares to others with similar households. They have programs for multifamily units, and partner with SoCal Gas. He answered many questions from Board members.

Contact Ms. Hong if you wish to arrange for an LADWP presentation at an upcoming meeting of your Council: deborah.hong@ladwp.com.

- b. **Mayor's Office** – TBD
 - c. **Council Reports** – Noah Fleishman, CD 11 & Jarrett Thompson CD5 were not present.
 - d. **Additional Government Reports** – None
3. **Board Member Updates** – There were no board member updates.
4. **Committee Reports** –
- a. **Elections Forum Committee** – Chair Wersinger noted that the committee did not meet last month but will be meeting and discussing details of possible candidate debates in the near future; an update is expected at the September WRAC meeting.
 - b. **WRAC Public Safety/Emergency Preparedness Committee (PSEPC) discussion** – Committee Chair Judie Hulett reported that the PSEPC held its successful inaugural meeting on August 8, with several representatives already appointed by member Councils. Their next meeting will have a presentation from members on projects and campaigns to deal with complacency, recruiting and sharing ideas, getting out the word about CERT or RYLAN or other programs. Chair Hulett encouraged having your Council appoint representative/s to this committee at the earliest opportunity. Visit <https://westsidecouncils.com/meetings/> for WRAC committee meeting schedules and agendas. Chair Wersinger suggested all councils send a rep.
5. **Public Comment** – There was no public comment.
6. **Approval of Minutes** —
- a. **Motion (Matt Wersinger)** – The July 2022 meeting minutes were **unanimously approved** as **moved** by Chair Wersinger (DRNC) and **seconded** by Secretary Greenberg (BABCNC).
7. **New Business**
- a. **Motion (WRAC LUPC)** - WRAC approves sharing the Housing Element Template with WRAC Members to use, if desired, by sending to the Department of City Planning with a request to halt the Housing element's proposed up-zoning until a detailed justification, based on Dwelling Unit Capacity, is presented.

This Template is being “offered” to all WRAC Members and its acceptance by WRAC in no way implies that WRAC or any of its Members agree with the Template’s position.

The motion was **moved** by Chair Wersinger and **seconded** by Secretary Greenberg. Questions were asked and answered. Chair Wersinger noted that 7.a and 7.b are just to pass along as an option. **Motion failed** by 1 yes & 10 noes.

- b. **Motion (WRAC LUPC)** - WRAC approves sharing the LAMC/Zoning Template with WRAC Members to use, if desired, by sending to the Department of City Planning regarding the Westside Transit Neighborhood Plans and TOC/Density Bonus ordinances.

This Template is being “offered” to all WRAC Members and its acceptance by WRAC in no way implies that WRAC or any of its Members agree with the Template’s position.

7. b was **moved** by Chair Wersinger (DRNC) and Member Wishon (WNC) for purposes of discussion. Member Sann (WCC) noted that the same arguments discussed regarding 7.a hold true here and recommended *not* approving this template. Following discussion, a hand vote was taken with none in favor and the **motion failed** unanimously.

- c. **Motion (Jay Handal / HOC)** - WRAC leadership shall write a letter to:
 CD11 CM Bonin, CD5 CM Koretz, LA City Mayor Garcetti, LA City Attorney Feuer,
 Mayoral Candidates Rep. Bass & Mr. Caruso, CD11 Candidates Park & Darling, CD5
 Candidates Yaroslavsky & Yebri, and City Attorney Candidates Feldstein & Gill
 Noting that many calls and emails have gone unanswered by numerous councils; therefore,
 WRAC is asking for clarification of enforcement regarding encampments, overnight parking
 living in vehicles, and unregulated RV encampments.
Moved by Member Handal (SORONC) and **seconded** by Secretary Greenberg (BABCNC).
 Member Handal introduced this item noting that there are complaints that letters are written,
 calls are made and no one responds. Following a good bit of discussion, Member Handal
 volunteered to bring this back to committee. It was recommended that he withdraw the motion
 and following further discussion, Chair Wersinger noted that this **motion is considered**
withdrawn. He offered to work with Member Handal on the language for this.
- d. **Motion (Robin Greenberg / BABNC)** - ____NC/CC supports the sentiments, goals and
 requests made in the letter from Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council of August 10,
 2022 to Mayor Garcetti and Councilmember Koretz concerning the mistreatment of animals at
 City Shelters. **Moved** by Secretary Greenberg and **seconded** by Michael Lynn.

Discussion included question of whether this is regional and whether to take this up based on an
 LA Times article. Member Lynn noted that Councilmember Paul Koretz is already up on this.
 Vice Chair Spitz thinks it is regional as it affects all the animal shelters and Member Sann noted
 that this is a regional and citywide, and doesn't think there is any harm in voicing support for
 our four-legged friends who cannot speak out for themselves. Member Wishon questioned the
 veracity of current writing by the LA Times, however, would not deny support on the letter.
 Motion **passed** by 10 yeses and 1 no.

8. Old Business

- a. **22.27. Request for Dwelling Unit Capacity Calculations** – April 18, 2022 (passage deadline
 August 2022); 8 councils adopted: BABCNC,* BCC,* NCWP, PPCC, WLASNC,* WCC,*
 WNC, WWNC* (**modified version*). **Passed by majority of member councils.**
- b. **22.28. Support for Position re Ordinance 187427 (Speed Limit Reductions)** – July 18, 2022
 (passage deadline October 2022); 2 council adopted: PPCC, WNC* (*modified version*).
- c. **22.29. Support for CF 22-0002-S58 re AB 2336 (Automated Speed Enforcement Program)**
 – July 18, 2022 (passage deadline October 2022); 2 councils adopted: DRNC, WNC*
 (**modified version*).
 Member Spitz noted that this will not pass or make it out of the House this session and thinks it
 is moot.
- d. **22.30. Support for CF 20-2376-S3 (Code Amendments to Ban Camping Near Libraries)** –
 July 18, 2022 (passage deadline October 2022); 8 councils adopted: BABCNC, BCC, MVCC,
 NCWP, PPCC, WCC, WNC, WWNC. **Passed by majority of member councils.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:15pm with thanks given to Chair Wersinger, Vice-Chair Spitz and Secretary
 Greenberg for all their leadership in these last two years, and to Jay Handal for his financial support for our
 minutes.

The next meeting will be held on September 19th 2022 at 6pm.