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DRAFT MINUTES for Board Approval

WRAC Meeting of the Board of Directors
September 19th 2022 – 7:00pm

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1. **Welcome/Introductions:** Chair Wersinger called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm, and called the roll.
11 Present: Matt Wersinger (WRAC Chair) (DRNC), Robin Greenberg (WRAC Secretary) (BABCNC), Maryam Zar (PPCC); Barbara Broide (WNC), Carolyn Jordan (BCC), Steve Sann (WCC), Michael Lynn (SORONC), Lisa Chapman (WWNC), Andrew Lewis (NWWNC), Tyler Laferriere-Holloway (MVCC), Jay Handal (WLASNC). [Jessica Rogers, new PPCC Alternate arrived 16 minutes into the meeting to stand in for Maryam Zar (PPCC) who left upon Jessica’s arrival.]
Nonvoting Alternates & Officer: Nickie Miner (BABCNC) and Christina Spitz (WRAC Vice-Chair, who co-hosted this evening’s meeting).
Also Present: Janet Turner from the office of Congressman Ted Lieu & Veronica de la Cruz, from the LA City Attorney’s office, Neighborhood Prosecutor for WLA Police Station.
 - a. **Chair Updates** Chair Wersinger thanked us for allowing him to serve for the past two years.
2. **Government Reports –**
 - a **Mayor’s Office –** TBD
 - b **Council Reports –** Noah Fleishman, CD 11 & Jarrett Thompson CD5 were not present.
 - c **Additional Government Reports – Janet Turner from the office of Ted Lieu, Congressman of California’s 33rd District,** gave a brief update including practical aspects of the Inflation Reduction Act <https://lieu.house.gov/media-center/press-releases/rep-lieu-praises-historic-climate-investments-inflation-reduction-act> with continuation of tax credits for solar which will be extended at 30% until 2032. Starting January, you can get \$3500 tax credit if you buy an electric car made in North America; also a tax credit for buying a used electric car. On healthcare, they’ll put a cap of \$2,000/year on drug purchases for seniors on Medicare. There is a return of a tax credit for those who get health insurance from the Affordable Care Act. Board question was asked and answered including what will be done for Type I diabetics, to which Janet noted that there's a list of drugs that that they're going to now be allowed to negotiate for and she'll send that list and give us further report. Janet noted that anti-Semitic flyers were distributed in parts of Brentwood, Westwood and Pacific Palisades and the Congressman has written FBI Director Wray asking for an investigation. Member Lewis asked her to thank the Congressman for prioritizing this disgusting occurrence happening across the country. See: <https://lieu.house.gov/media-center/press-releases/rep-lieu-calls-fbi-investigate-antisemitic-flyers-sent-brentwood-and>. See <https://lieu.house.gov/> for the Congressman’s website.

Veronica de la Cruz, from the City Attorney's office is the Neighborhood Prosecutor for the WLA Police Station. She asked to be put back on our email list and likes to check in with NCs. She noted that there is tension for the Council District races, and that the City Attorney's race is also on the ballot. This will be her fifth time serving under a City Attorney since starting 21 years ago. Be mindful of the candidates, as the new City Attorney can shift focus.

3. Board Member Updates –

Barbara Broide (WNC) noted that 1) the STAP new street furniture program is scheduled for Council tomorrow 10:00 a.m.; however, no Zoom testimony will be taken. She would try to stop this and rather promote a hybrid program which takes the best of the current program and adopted program. 2) Metro is the agency responsible for environmental clearance for proposed Transit Communications Network program; it is Metro's plan to put digital billboards on the public right of way. The DEIR is in circulation and comments are due in mid-October. These are for anywhere in proximity to a freeway and there are also non-freeway-facing signs proposed. 3) There have been some power blackouts, and we may need to create some kind of online log to keep track of things that tie into concerns of how you have density if you don't have infrastructure, and figure out what to measure and how to collectively track them, so we can be ready to come back to Community Plans, look at density and if there is infrastructure to absorb it.

Tyler Laferriere-Holloway (MVCC) noted that they had a CD11 forum over the weekend and if interested you can check out the recording at www.marvista.org.

Andrew Lewis (NWWNC) noted that last night in Westwood they hosted a Westwood block party where 10,000 to 15,000 students and community members came out. Also next Wednesday 09/28, from 6-8, their council and Westwood NC, and UCLA Government Relations are hosting a CD5 Candidates Forum and County Board of Supervisors 3rd District Candidates Forum at the Hammer.

Lisa Chapman (WWNC) related that in addition to the Candidates Forum, WWNC joins with Pico NC who will chair and other NCs are co-sponsoring a virtual CD5 debate between Katy Yaroslavsky & Sam Yebri on October 10, 2022 at 7 pm.

Carolyn Jordan (BCC) shared that her community along with PPCC are facing the challenge of a new cannabis dispensary, which is outside the radius restrictions of schools though is close to Paul Revere Jr. High and that there was no outreach in advance of licensing.

Chris Spitz (PPCC) thanked Member Broide for her work on the STAP issue. Vice Chair Spitz noted that a separate but related issue on the agenda tomorrow morning is a proposal to amend the Municipal Code to allow commercial advertising on the public right of way, possibly including scenic highways, though now only allowed on the transit shelters, and noted that you may want to log in to the meeting tomorrow. Member Broide noted that LAMC is being introduced in a council file that was originally for a different purpose. She noted that Westwood NC and others are listed on the agenda as supporting STAP in error, and suggested you check if your council is inappropriately listed.

[At this point, 16 minutes into the meeting, Jessica Rogers, new Alternate for the PPCC arrived, and Member Zar left shortly thereafter.]

4. **Committee Reports** – President Wersinger noted that the Public Safety-Emergency Preparedness Committee met and are batting around some ideas. We’ll hear from them in coming months. There are no motions in from any of the committees at this time.
5. **Public Comment** – None.
6. **Approval of Minutes** —
 - a. **Motion (Matt Wersinger)** – The August 2022 meeting minutes were **approved** as **moved** by Members Wersinger and Greenberg with two abstentions from Members Broide and Jordan.
7. **New Business**
 - a. Nomination and Board Election of Officers for the term Oct. 1, 2022 - Sept. 30, 2024 (Bylaws Art. VII)
Nomination for Robin Greenberg, Chair, Chris Spitz, Vice-Chair, and Tyler Laferriere-Holloway as Secretary/Treasurer was made by Members Wersinger and Handal. There were no other nominations. Member Lewis asked Member Laferriere-Holloway what experience he has in prior secretary/treasurer roles and what qualifies him for this position, to which Member Laferriere-Holloway responded with extensive details about his experience. Followin this exchange, the slate was **unanimously approved by all 11 present and voting**. President Wersinger congratulated the new officers. Continuing Vice-Chair Spitz welcomed and expressed appreciation for Member Laferriere-Holloway, and she and newly-elected President Greenberg thanked and expressed their appreciation of outgoing President Wersinger for his work over the last two years.
 - b. **Motion (Matt Wersinger)** – Motion to move the October 2022 WRAC meeting to October 24 **passed** by all **11 present and voting**, as **moved** by Outgoing Chair Wersinger and seconded by Member Handal.
8. **Old Business**
 - a. **22.28. Support for Position re Ordinance 187427 (Speed Limit Reductions)** – July 18, 2022 (passage deadline October 2022); 2 councils adopted: PPCC, WNC* (*modified version*).
 - b. **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*).*
**Underlying bill did not pass in the legislature and has died; motion is therefore moot.*
- President Wersinger noted that it might be worth letting this expire.
 - c. **22.31. Support for Letter re Mistreatment of Animals at City Shelters)** – August 22, 2022 (passage deadline November 2022); 3 councils adopted: BABCNC, WNC, WWNC.

The meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm, as moved by Wersinger. Next meeting: October 24, 2022.