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## WESTSIDE REGIONAL ALLIANCE OF COUNCILS

### Land Use & Planning Committee Meeting MINUTES

January 23, 2023, 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82240552285>

#### 1. Call to order

#### 2. Roll call

Travis Longcore, Kay Hartman, Michael Jensen, Jay Ross, Barbara Broide, Steve Sann, Maryam Zar, Joanna Spak, Drew Ruesch were present.

#### 3. Chair's Welcome & member announcements

3.1. The Chair announced that Mary Hruska has resigned as co-Chair.

3.2. The Chair announced that the Westside Community Plan Updates: Advisory Committee needs a representative from our committee from one of the communities that is in the current group of updates. Volunteers please.

#### 4. Approval of minutes

4.1. The December 12, 2022 minutes were approved without objection <https://westsidecouncils.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/DRAFT-WRAC-LUPC-Min-12-12-22.pdf>

5. **Presentations/guest speakers** – Maria Pavlou Kalban, from United neighbors have a presentation about the Housing Element. Maria presented a power point, talked about their work, the advocacy they've done with city planning and some recent developments. She took questions. See the presentation here: <https://westsidecouncils.com/meetings/>

#### 6. Old business

6.1. At the last meeting there was discussion about updating our guidelines for meeting conduct and decorum. A few of members redrafted what had already been in existence. It was attached for discussion and review. Steve Sann said there is already a document that serves this purpose, which had been worked

on diligently and reflects most of what is reiterated here. The consensus was to table this until a later date when the need may arise for the discussion. Members were encouraged to look at the posted LUPC Guidelines document on the website:

**6.2.** Michael Jensen had invited a guest to discuss the ongoing conversation about rezoning, up-zoning plans to achieve RHNA goals in communities without a proper assessment of real zoning capacity in impacted neighborhoods (per December 2022 meeting), but the Chair said we did not plan to have the speaker and would not have time to hear from the guest this time (since we already had a presenter planned). She said she would reach out and schedule the speaker at a later date, and agendise this matter then.

## **7. New business**

**7.1.** The board discussed but did not pass the following motions: The \_\_\_\_ NC/CC requests that the City prohibit the bright lights on the exteriors/facades and the bright illumination of buildings, in order to ensure sufficient darkness at night to allow residents to sleep, and to prevent disruption of birds' physiology, behavior and flight patterns.

Travis Longcore of BABCNC spoke at length about his insight regarding this issue and the board agreed it was an important matter. We tabled further discussion and vote pending more information as to how best to be effective with our objective to reduce obnoxious light in new developments, but not prohibit architectural expression and necessary illumination.

**7.2.** the Board discussed and voted on the following Motion: The \_\_\_\_ NC/CC requests that HCID presume that 100% of RSO units slated for demolition per the Ellis Act are inhabited by low-income households, and 100% of the replacement units shall be rented at the corresponding low-income rent. If HCID or the developer wish to lower that standard and require that fewer replacement units are affordable, then they must do the outreach and secure estoppels from the tenant households that demonstrate their income exceeds the low-income requirements (instead of putting the burden on low-income households to prove that they are low-income tenants).

However, at the time of vote tally the Chair realized that quorum could not be met (someone dropped the call), and so the vote was postponed to the next meeting.

**8. Open forum/public comment:** None.

**9. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.