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WRAC Land Use & Planning Committee Meeting

Agenda

March 13, 2023 from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Join Zoom Meeting

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

1. Call to order

2. Roll call

3. Welcome & announcements

4. Approval of minutes

4.1. February 13 Meeting minutes – draft minutes:

<https://westsidecouncils.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/August-8-2022-LUPC-Minutes-DRAFT.pdf>

5. Presentations/guest speakers – Possibly Peggy Huang and/or Dario Alvarez

6. Old business

6.1. **Discussion and possible action re motion** regarding Rezoning Plan based on the strategy being employed by United Neighbors, that no up-zoning is needed to achieve their stated goal of meeting RHNA.

Motion: The ____ NC/CC requests that the City halt of the Housing Element's proposed upzoning until a detailed justification, based on Dwelling Unit Capacity, is disclosed and presented.

Background:

A) The City, in order to comply with the Regional Housing Needs Assessment Allocation of 456,643 units (mandated by the state Housing and Community Development Dept.), proposes extensive upzoning of R1, R2 and multi-family neighborhoods, and commercial corridors.

B) The areas which had been proposed to be preserved in the draft Community Plans thus far (Palms-Mar-Vista_DelRey/ Venice/Westchester/West LA) will be overridden.

Maps of upzones: <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/59a896a0931346a7a94acbf9917f90b7>

Summary of issue: The City claims that upzoning is needed for its Housing Element to comply with state requirements. It has proposed extensive upzoning on the westside, including in areas that were to be preserved in community plan updates. However, it has not demonstrated that additional capacity is needed, and in fact, existing capacity may be sufficient, based on the high zoning capacity from the previous 1990 General Plan and additional upzoning since then.

<https://www.citywatchla.com/index.php/cw/planning-watch-la/26398-mystery-solved-why-residential-up-zoning-fails-to-reduce-homelessness> and

<https://www.planningreport.com/2019/03/15/blanket-upzoning-blunt-instrument-wont-solve-affordable-housing-crisis>

See more detail/info in the documents attached.

7. New business

7.1. Discussion and possible motion to ensure impact of Community Advisory groups or informed community members who take part in the Community Plan Update process to be substantively reflected in the final plan updates/outcomes.

The ____ NC/CC requests that the Planning Department of the City of Los Angeles and the Community Advisory Board or any other community group that comes together for the purpose of contributing to the community plan update process with informed and productive input, insight and/or suggestions, be thoughtfully considered by planning staff and the contributions implemented and substantively included in the final outcome/drafting of revised community plans. We suggest this be done with a report-back mechanism implemented by planning staff, in order to inform communities of where and how their input has been received and incorporated into the final drafting process. This can be unique to each community, but a proactive interface and exchange of meaningful communication must be implemented with NC or CC LUC leaders, in each instance, particularly for those Councils which are represented on the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC).

7.2 Upcoming item to consider:

Requesting that the City revise the LAMC/Zoning to be implemented in Community Plan updates, Westside Transit Neighborhood Plans and TOC/Density Bonus ordinances:

Infrastructure Planning/Monitoring:

In order to accommodate changes in anticipated population growth, the Community Plan has a theoretical maximum land use and population capacity greater than the projected development likely to occur during the Community Plan period. The Framework Element of the General Plan commits the Department of City Planning to develop a monitoring system and prepare an annual report on growth and infrastructure, to be submitted to the City Planning Commission, Mayor, and City Council.

In the 5th year following plan adoption (and every five years thereafter), the Planning Dept. shall report to the City Planning Commission on the relationship between population, employment, housing growth, and plan capacities. If growth has occurred faster than projected, a revised environmental impact analysis will be prepared and appropriate changes recommended to the Community Plan. These plan and zoning changes shall be submitted to the Planning Commission, Mayor, and City Council, as specified in the Los Angeles Municipal Code.

8. Public Comment/Open forum: public or board member comment about issues, concerns, matters on the horizon or upcoming agenda items. Possible conversation about upcoming motion to enact a 2nd phase of the HHH Bond program.

9. Adjournment

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