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## **WRAC Land Use & Planning Committee Meeting Minutes**

**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. March 13 Meeting minutes – draft minutes:**

**5. Presentations/guest speakers** – Dario Alvarez, Center for Pacific Urbanism, registered Architect and Community Planning researcher using data science to present empirical data on zoning capacities specifically in the Venice community plan area, as well as shed light on community conversations around community plans. Dario shared a presentation and took questions. Please see video and presentation to learn more.

The members of WRAC LUPC thanked Dario and Julie asked for Dario to come and speak to her group working on advising CP on community plan updates.

The board discussed ongoing RHNA challenges asked about numbers specific to our neighborhoods/CP areas so that communities can make recommendations about density, tailored to communities. This is an ongoing challenge. Also discussed jobs/housing balance in needed job sites (so residents don't have to travel a great deal to get to work). Also discussed projections for population growth.

There's a need for a housing/jobs balance. The Center for Pacific Urbanism (<https://www.pacificurbanism.org>) has developed a method called the Housing Allocation Index looking at a fair way to balance the housing target based, in part, on job count (all employment gathered by the census bureau – not informal jobs).

### **6. Old business**

6.1. The board discussed and emerged with the following motion, which was approved, regarding Rezoning Plan based on the strategy being employed to achieve stated RHNA goals.

Motion passed:

The \_\_\_\_ NC/CC insists, on behalf of the stakeholders it represents, that prior to the completion of Community Plan updates the City inform communities of the methodology by which it determines the allocation of RHNA numbers and the calculations that derive density housing goals in order to meet the aims of the Housing Element. These include, for each Community Plan and Community or Neighborhood Council area:

A) Current zoning capacity (including existing density bonuses & commercial zones that allow residential uses) and reasonably expected population change.

B) The methodology which will be used to allocate RHNA growth numbers.

C) RHNA allocation of units in each community.

We also urge the Planning Department to thoughtfully consider the input (submitted by previous written comment or imparted in real time) of Neighborhood and Community Councils as well as stakeholders that come together for the purpose of contributing to the Community Plan update process with informed and productive input, insight and/or suggestions. This essential input must be implemented by Planning staff, and the contributions reflected by being substantively included in the outcome/drafting of revised Community Plans. We urge that a report back mechanism be 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.

We would like to be informed as to the role of the Westside Community Plan Advisory Group (WCPAG) and assured that the WCPAG's voice will not outweigh that of local stakeholders.

## **7. New Business:**

7.1. Upcoming discussion to consider:

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

**8. Public Comment/Open forum:** public or board member comment about issues, concerns, matters on the horizon or upcoming agenda items.

Discussion about possible conversation about upcoming motion to enact a 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of the HHH Bond program. The board agreed that there are mixed feelings now about the efficacy of HHH and agreed to give it a few months for discussion about another round of HHH.

**9. Adjournment** – meeting adjourned at 8:39PM