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AGENDA

WRAC Meeting of the Board of Directors
October 30, 2023 – 6:30pm

Webinar link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87275111207>
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Items on the Agenda may be taken in any order at the discretion of the Chair

1. Welcome/Introductions

a. Call to Order and Certification of Quorum

b. Chair Updates –

(1) Welcome new Board members:

PalmsNC – Tanya Leal, primary; Kay Hartman, alternate

SORONC – Jason Plummer, alternate

(2) Next Board meeting: November 20, 2023; guest speaker: State Sen. Ben Allen

(3) Board discussion/possible action on whether to cancel the December 18, 2023 meeting

(4) Speaker invited on January 16, 2024: Veronica de la Cruz, Deputy C.A. and former

Neighborhood Prosecutor, now assigned to the City Attorney’s newly formed

“Community Law Corps” (representing Districts 5, 8, 9, 11 and 15)

(5) Position on Middle East conflict (BABCNC); information only

2. Government Reports/Speakers

a. **Capt. III Richard Gabaldon** – Commanding Officer, LAPD West LA Division

b. **Mayor’s Office** – Marian Ensley, *new* West Area Representative

c. Council Reports –

(1) George Hakopiants, District Director and Cairo Rodriguez, Sr. Field Deputy – Council District 5/Yaroslavsky

(2) Michael Amster, Field Deputy – Council District 11/Park

d. **Additional Government Reports** – At the discretion of the Chair (possible reports from representatives of Congressmembers Ted Lieu, Brad Sherman & Sydney Kamlager-Dove; State Senators Ben Allen & Lola Smallwood-Cuevas; Assemblymembers Isaac Bryan, Jacqui Irwin, Rick Chavez Zbur & Tina McKinnor; County Supervisors Lindsey Horvath & Holly Mitchell; Council Districts 4 and 10; City Attorney’s office; LAPD; LADWP)

3. Board Member Updates – Limited to 5 minutes total

a. **Ravi Sankaran (DRNC)** – Murphy oil drill site appeal hearing

b. **Barbara Broide (WNC)** – Metro TCN ordinance status

c. Chris Spitz (PPCC; WRAC Vice-Chair) –

(1) Inside Safe data request:

a) WRAC letter 9/20/23:

<https://westsidecouncils.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/WRAC-Request-Inside-Safe-Data.pdf>

b) Mayor’s office response/fact sheet 10/12/23:

<https://westsidecouncils.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/FACT-SHEET-Inside-Safe-Initiative-Data-and-Progress-1.pdf>

c) Follow-up letter 10/25/23 (requested by WRAC HOC):

<https://westsidecouncils.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/WRAC-Inside-Safe-Data-Follow-Up.pdf>

(2) Short Term Rentals enforcement:

a) WRAC letter 9/21/23:

<https://westsidecouncils.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/WRAC-Letter-STRs-Enforcement.pdf>

b) Planning report 10/4/23:

https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2014/14-1635-S10_misc_10-05-23.pdf

(3) Light pollution – WRAC letter 9/22/23:

<https://westsidecouncils.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/WRAC-Letter-re-Light-Pollution.pdf>

(PalmsNC also passed a modified version after the WRAC letter sent)

4. Committee Reports – Limited to 5 minutes total

a. WRAC Transportation & Mobility Committee – Meeting on 10/18; no actions taken; ongoing discussion regarding Marina Freeway replacement proposal (note: Mayor Bass has rescinded her prior support for federal funding of a feasibility study). Next meeting 11/22.

b. WRAC Land Use & Planning Committee – No meeting in Oct. Next meeting 11/13.

c. WRAC Homelessness Committee – Meeting on 10/24; various actions taken, as described in items 3.c(1)(c) above and 7.a and 7.b below. Next meeting 11/28.

5. Public Comment – Non-member attendees are allowed 1 minute for comment on items NOT on the agenda; comment time may be amended by the Chair. Non-member attendees are asked to give names and any affiliations.

6. Approval of Minutes

b. Motion (Robin Greenberg) – Approval of September 2023 meeting minutes

7. New Business

a. Action (recommended by WRAC HOC/Steve Sann) – Board approval of a letter to the Mayor and City officials, regarding recent dismissal of the President of the Board of Transportation Commissioners. *(Requested action: Board approval of letter to be sent directly to the Mayor and City officials, based on WRAC’s Statement of Principles, standing policies & positions.)* See link to draft proposed letter attached below.

b. Action (recommended by WRAC HOC/Chris Spitz) – Board approval of a PRA request to LAHSA, requesting a complete list of all individuals and/or entities that have received funds to operate a facility to house or shelter unhoused individuals under the Inside Safe program *(Requested action: Board approval of the request to be sent directly to LAHSA, in furtherance of WRAC’s request for Inside Safe data, item 3.c(1)).* See draft PRA request attached below.

- c. **Motions regarding up-zoning of neighborhoods** (alternative language passed respectively by BABCNC and WWNC; possible Board decision on whether or not to recommend either, or a revised version):

(1) Motion (recommended by BABCNC/Robin Greenberg) –

“Re Council File # 21-1230, Housing Element / General Plan / 2021–2029: The Housing Element and Community Plan Updates have plenty of zoning opportunities in commercial corridors, public lands, and through adaptive reuse to meet State mandates. There is no need to rezone, through overlays or other zoning devices, R1 zones or sensitive, rent stabilized multifamily housing. The Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council opposes the Housing Element’s proposed rezoning and densification of R1 and multi-family neighborhoods beyond what SB9 and ADU laws allow.” **See Rationale** attached below.

(2) Motion (recommended by WWNC/Lisa Chapman) –

“WHEREAS City data shows more than enough zoning capacity in each of our communities on our underutilized commercial corridors, public lands, and through adaptive reuse, and because our residential neighborhoods have already been rezoned through SB 9 and ADU law that allow duplexes and ADUs on a single lot.

“The WWNC stands with our other neighborhood councils, community groups including United Neighbors, and HOAS in demanding that our Councilmember Katy Young Yaroslavsky and Mayor Karen Bass stand up for our communities and tell the Planning Department to reject the up-zone of our single-family and sensitive multi-family neighborhoods, and instead, locate all upzoning on our underutilized commercial corridors.”

8. Old Business

a. **23.06. Parking Space Replacement Policy Request** – July 21, 2023 (passage deadline October 2023); 4 councils adopted: BABCNC, BCC, WNC, WWNC
(possible motion to extend deadline one month)

d. **23.07. Request to Revise the LAMC/Zoning** – August 21, 2023 (passage deadline November 2023); 2 councils adopted: WNC, WWNC

c. **23.08. Request to Transfer Metro TCN to Transportation Committee & LADOT** – August 21, 2023 (passage deadline November 2023); 3 councils adopted: SORONC, WNC, WWNC

d. **23.10. Support Public Park/Skateboard Facility at West LA Commons** – September 14, 2023 (passage deadline December 2023); 5 councils adopted: DRNC, PPCC, WLASNC, WNC, WWNC

9. Adjourn – Next meeting will be held on **November 20, 2023** at 6:30 pm.

See Agenda Attachments on p. 4, following

ATTACHMENTS to 10/30/23 WRAC Agenda

Item 7.a – Proposed Letter to the Mayor and City Officials re Commission President’s Dismissal

Link to draft proposed letter:

<https://westsidecouncils.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/DRAFT-letter-Commissioners-Dismissal.pdf>

Item 7.b – Proposed PRA Request to LAHSA

Email to pra@lahsa.org:

“Pursuant to the California Public Records Act (CPRA), the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) requests any and all documents (as defined under the CPRA) reflecting (1) a complete list of the names of any and all individuals and/or entities that have received funds or are contracted to receive funds to operate a facility to house or shelter unhoused individuals under the City of Los Angeles’ “Inside Safe” program, and (2) the amount of funds received or contracted to be received by such individuals and/or entities for this purpose, from January 1, 2023 to the time of your response to this Request.”

Item 7.c(1) – Rationale for the Motion, from United Neighbors

“While there is no doubt that Los Angeles needs more affordable housing, there is also no doubt that the LA City Planning Department is currently proposing the rezoning of our single-family and sensitive multi-family neighborhoods to allow 4-5 story apartments. This is not acceptable! Many of these neighborhoods are home to people who have struggled and saved to create a place for their families. With zero guardrails, Planning is handing these residential communities over to developers. Instead of destroying residential neighborhoods, we’ve worked with neighborhoods across Los Angeles and created community maps that locate enough housing to meet the state’s housing mandate. These community-based maps rezone underutilized commercial corridors, public lands, and create places for mixed income housing that would revitalize ALL our communities and make them more walkable, sustainable, and livable. While being mindful of Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing, we can meet the need of our city without ruining our existing neighborhoods.”

--Statement on United Neighbors website: <https://www.unitedneighbors.net/>.

See also CIS recently submitted to CF 21-1230 by Sherman Oaks NC (same language as the BABCNC motion): https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2021/21-1230_cis_10-18-2023.pdf