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AGENDA

WRAC Meeting of the Board of Directors
September 18, 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 WRAC Board alternate reps (as of September 2023): Nico Ruderman, VNC; Sandy Brown, WCC
- (2) Policy re non-member attendee identification request (provide name & any affiliation, if requested by the Chair)
- (3) Next Board meeting: October 30, 2023 (5th Monday in October; approved 8/21/23)

2. Government Reports/Speakers

a. Mayor's Office – representative to be appointed

b. Council Reports –

- (1) Fernando Morales, Deputy Chief of Staff – Council District 5/Yaroslavsky
- (2) Michael Amster, Field Deputy – Council District 11/Park

c. 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

4. Committee Reports – Limited to 5 minutes total

a. WRAC Transportation & Mobility Committee

b. WRAC Land Use & Planning Committee

c. WRAC Homelessness Committee

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 (*see Item 1.b (2) above*).

6. Approval of Minutes

a. Motion (Robin Greenberg) – Approval of August 2023 meeting minutes

7. New Business

a. Motion (Robin Greenberg / BABCNC; with BABCNC board member Ellen Evans) – Request DCP to report back on short-term rental enforcement (*Requested action: Board approval of motion and either (1) letter to be sent directly to DCP, as a request for compliance based on WRAC’s Statement of Principles, standing policies & positions, or alternatively, (2) motion to be recommended to Member Councils for possible adoption*):

“With reference to CF 14-1635-S10 (short term rental enforcement):

“The Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) is greatly concerned that the Dept. of City Planning (DCP) has not submitted a report-back to the City Council as it was directed to do on April 29, 2022, with an analysis related to improving enforcement of home-sharing (short-term rentals) in Los Angeles – report-back due more than a year ago, on July 28, 2022.

“In the ensuing 13+ months, improvement in home sharing enforcement has not occurred. Many permits are held by persons who do not live in the homes being rented and merely claim that they do. In numerous other instances, housing units are on the short-term rental market without permits. Much-needed housing stock is being taken off the market, contributing to the short supply of affordable housing. Shootings and violence have continued to take place at short-term rental units in WRAC Member Council neighborhoods, most notably in the area represented by Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council. Properties continue to be rented out in violation of the home-sharing ordinance and the principles underlying the ordinance.

“WRAC has long-supported appropriate regulation of short-term rentals. It is WRAC’s standing policy, held since 2016, that the City must comply with its own ordinances and laws and must immediately enforce all applicable zoning and building codes unless duly amended (including ordinances related to short-term rentals).

“For these reasons, WRAC respectfully urges the DCP to complete the report-back on short-term rental enforcement without further delay, in order to safeguard our housing stock, protect the safety of the public and prevent nuisance behavior.”

b. Motion (Chris Spitz / Steve Sann / recommended by WRAC HOC) – Request data from the Mayor on Inside Safe (*Requested action: Board approval of a letter to be communicated directly to the Mayor as a request for information*):

“The WRAC Homelessness Committee (HOC) requests that the WRAC board send a positive, supportive letter to the Mayor [cc to LAHSA and other relevant officials], asking for the following information as soon as possible. The letter should stress the need for the WRAC HOC to have all available data in order to adequately study the issues and make constructive and meaningful recommendations to address the homelessness crisis in Los Angeles.

“The information requested is as follows:

- Up to date data of the number of people brought inside as part of Inside Safe
- Geographic areas addressed as part of Inside Safe thus far
- Number of people who have transitioned from temporary housing to permanent housing
- Names and information on third-party organizations that the city is partnering with as part of Inside Safe
- Timeline outlining next steps for those in temporary housing, as well as those individuals who have not been sheltered as part of Inside Safe.

"The HOC believes that it is not necessary for a motion to be passed by the WRAC board for recommendation to member councils for this purpose, as this is merely an inquiry/request for information, not a policy motion."

c. Motions (recommended by WRAC LUPC) –

(i) Request re abandonment / vacation of land / easements in the public right of way:

"The ____ NC/CC requests the City end its policy of conveying, without compensation, abandonments and vacations of fee simple ownership or easements in the public right of way. We recommend, instead, that an independent determination be made of the fair market value that would establish a process whereby an effort to capture the value of the land/easement is reflected in the project developed or community benefits received (*e.g.*, green space, trees, open space, affordable housing units, etc.), on a case-by-case basis."

(ii) Support for public park / skateboard facility at West LA Commons:

"The ____ NC/CC requests that the LA City support WLASNC's request for a public park and skateboard facility, as part of the West L.A. Commons project, that maintains high-density housing and numerous affordable units. This park would serve the 2,500 tenants of the project as well as the 5,000 neighbors who live on the south and don't have a park (many are low-income households), and visitors from Westwood, Mar Vista, Bel Air-Beverly Crest and Brentwood who visit the Felicia Mahood Senior Center and the West L.A. Municipal Building."

8. Old Business

a. 23.01. Request re RSO Housing Replacements – February 20, 2023 (passage deadline September 2023); 5 councils adopted: BABCNC, PalmsNC, WLASNC,* WNC, WWNC* (*modified positions in the spirit of the motion)

b. 23.04. Minimize Light Pollution – May 15, 2023 (*passed* September 2023); 8 councils adopted: BABCNC, BCC, DRNC,* PPCC, WLASNC, VNC, WNC, WWNC (*modified position in the spirit of the motion) [*WRAC letter pending*]

c. 23.06. Parking Space Replacement Policy Request – July 21, 2023 (passage deadline October 2023); 3 councils adopted: BABCNC, WNC, WWNC

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

e. 23.08. Request to Transfer Metro TCN to Transportation Committee & LADOT – August 21, 2023 (passage deadline November 2023); 2 councils adopted: WNC, WWNC

f. 23.09. Oppose City's Participation in Metro TCN Program. August 21, 2023 (*passed* September 2023); 9 councils adopted: BCC,* DRNC,* MVCC,* NCWP, PPCC,* VNC,* WCC, WLASNC,* WNC,* WWNC* (*modified positions in the spirit of the motion)
WRAC letter: <https://westsidecouncils.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/WRAC-Letter-CPC-re-Metro-CTN-.pdf>

9. Adjourn – Next meeting will be held on **October 30, 2023** (5th Monday in October) at 6:30 pm.