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AGENDA

WRAC Meeting of the Board of Directors
February 26, 2024 – 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 –
Any attendees who do not identify themselves upon request
of the Chair will be removed (see Item 5 below)*

1. Welcome/Introductions

a. Call to Order and Certification of Quorum

b. Chair Updates –

(1) Next board meeting 3/18/24; possible board action to postpone April meeting from 4/22/24 (Passover) to 4/29/24

(2) New representatives, board member councils:

WLASNC: **Alexandra Polin**, primary (replacing Walton Chiu); **Alex Caryotakis**, alternate (replacing Alexandra Polin)

WNC: **Terri Tippit**, primary (replacing Jane Wishon; B. Broide remains alternate)

(3) Status of WRAC meeting guest speakers (Board of Public Works Commissioner **Vahid Khorsand** – confirmed for 3/18/24; U.S. Representative **Ted Lieu** – confirmed for 5/20/24; Planning Director **Vince Bertoni** – invited / following up)

(4) WRAC request for information re delayed implementation of SB 43:

<https://westsidecouncils.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/WRAC-Supervisors-SB-43.pdf>.

Response: <https://westsidecouncils.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/Supervisors-Response-SB-43.pdf>

2. Government Reports/Speakers

a. Mayor's Office – Marian Ensley, West Area Representative

b. Council Reports –

(1) Cairo Rodriguez, Sr. Field Deputy – 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; LAPD; LADWP; Planning Dept.)

3. **Board Member Updates** – Limited to 5 minutes total
 - a. **Chris Spitz (WRAC Vice-Chair)** –
 - (1) Status of Planning Dept. “CEQA Construction Noise Threshold” proposal; further WRAC request: <https://westsidecouncils.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/WRAC-Email-Construction-Noise.pdf>
 - (2) Recent motion in Council to study feasibility of granting privileges to CCs under LA Admin. Code Sec. 22.819 (CF 15-0389-S2/Park):
<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=15-0389-S2>
 - WRAC 2024 letter: <https://westsidecouncils.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/WRAC-Letter-re-CCs-CF15-0389-S2.pdf>
 - WRAC 2015 letter: https://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2015/15-0389_pc_6-17-15.pdf
 - Memo “About the CCs”: <https://westsidecouncils.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/About-the-CCs-R.pdf>
4. **Committee Reports** – Limited to 5 minutes total
 - a. **WRAC Land Use & Planning Committee (LUPC)** – Met on 2/12/24; next mtg TBD
 - b. **WRAC Transportation & Mobility Committee (MTC)** – Met on 2/21/24; next mtg 3/20/24
 - c. **WRAC Homelessness Committee (HOC)** – Next mtgs: 4/9/24 (regular); 5/6/24 (special)
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. *In the interest of transparency, and consistent with WRAC’s bylaws and the WRAC LUPC Guidelines, anonymous attendance, monitoring or participation in WRAC meetings is not permitted. All meeting attendees are asked to give full names and any affiliations, and if any attendee is paid to attend, the name and address of the attendee’s client. Attendees who do not respond, when asked by the Chair to so identify themselves, will be removed from the meeting.*
5. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a. **Motion (Robin Greenberg)** – Approval of January 2024 meeting minutes
6. **New Business**
 - a. **Motion (Chris Spitz/PPCC)** – Support CF 24-0055 (enforcement of gas leaf blower ban):
“_____ NC/CC, a member of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC), strongly supports the motion in Council File 24-0055 (Raman), requesting a report-back on measures to better enforce the City’s longstanding restriction on gas-powered leaf blowers within 500 ft. of residences, as well as development of an educational program and outreach to residents, landscapers and gardeners with information about the current regulations, the environmental impact and available rebate and trade-in programs.”
 - b. **Motion (Drew Ruesch/recommended by WRAC LUPC)** – Request compensation for transfer of PROW easements:
“The _____ NC/CC, a member of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC), requests that the city receives monetary compensation and/or receives community benefits for the transfer of easements in the public right of way, equivalent to the fair market value of the property transferred, and that this value received is invested in the Community Plan area affected.

“_____ NC/CC further requests that Councilmembers representing WRAC member councils (CMs Park, Yaroslavsky, Raman and Hutt) bring a motion in Council or otherwise direct the

Dept. of City Planning (DCP) to institute a DCP policy to effectuate this purpose.”

- c. Motion (Drew Ruesch/recommended by WRAC LUPC) – Request cap on waivers for affordable housing streamlining projects:**

“In regard to CF 23-0623, the _____ NC/CC, a member of the Westside Neighborhood Alliance of Councils (WRAC), requests that the city cap development waivers at five (5) for Executive Directive 1 (ED1) and Affordable Housing Streamlining Ordinance projects, and further requests that Councilmembers representing WRAC member councils (CMs Park, Yaroslavsky, Raman and Hutt) bring a motion in Council or otherwise direct the Dept. of City Planning (DCP) to institute a DCP policy to effectuate this purpose.”

- d. Motion (recommended by WRAC MTC) – Oppose Metro Congestion Pricing on the Westside without robust North/South transit options already in place:**

“The _____ NC/CC, a member of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC), strongly opposes the implementation of Metro’s Congestion Pricing pilot (aka the Metro Traffic Reductions Study (TRS) project) without first having robust transit options in place in the North/South direction through the Sepulveda Pass from the 101 to the 10 freeway.

“Robust transit options are defined as either 1) enhanced bus service through the Sepulveda Pass as previously suggested by the Southern California Association of Governments (https://scag.ca.gov/sites/main/files/file-attachments/mobilitygozone_report_final.pdf?1604269434) and 2) the Sepulveda Transit Corridor project, which will provide either monorail or heavy rail subway service from the San Fernando Valley to LAX, with a stop on the UCLA Campus.”

7. Old Business

- a. 23.06. Parking Space Replacement Policy Request – July 21, 2023 (*passed* January 2024); 8 councils adopted: BABCNC, BCC, MVCC, NCWP, SORONC,* VNC, WLASNC, WNC, WWNC (**passed after position letter sent*). WRAC position letter:**
<https://westsidecouncils.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/WRAC-Letter-Parking-Space-ReplacementR.pdf>

- b. 23.07. Request to Revise the LAMC/Zoning – August 21, 2023 (passage deadline February 2024); 5 councils adopted: BCC, MVCC, NCWP, WNC, WWNC (*Possible action to extend deadline one month; note: motion has been pending for six months, with no further councils taking up*).**

- c. 23.11. Oppose Rezoning of R-1 and Sensitive Multi-Family Neighborhoods – October 30, 2023 (*passed* January 2024); 8 councils adopted: BABCNC,* BCC, MVCC,* NCWP, PPCC, WCC, WNC,* WWNC* (**modified versions*); WRAC position letter:**
<https://westsidecouncils.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/WRAC-Letter-Oppose-Rezoning-R1.pdf>

- d. 24.01. Support for CF 23-0914 / Park (regulation of oversized vehicle/RV parking) – Jan. 22, 2024 (*passed* February 2024); 8 councils adopted: BCC, DRNC,* MVCC, NCWP,* PPCC, VNC,* WNC, WWNC (**modified versions*). (*Note: two more councils may take up the motion on February 28; WRAC position letter pending*).**

e. 24.02. Request Amendment of LAMC 41.18 – Jan. 22, 2024 (passage deadline April 2024); 5 councils adopted: BCC, MVCC, PPCC,* WNC, WWNC (**modified version*).

8. Adjourn – Next meeting will be held on **March 18, 2024**, at 6:30 pm.