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AGENDA

WRAC Meeting of the Board of Directors
October 21, 2024 – 6:30pm

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Items on the Agenda may be taken in any order at the discretion of the Chair – 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: November 18, 2024; guest speaker – Jared Rivera, Deputy Mayor of Community Engagement and liaison to DONE
- (2) Appointment of WRAC representatives to the “NC Funding Workgroup”: Kay Hartman/PalmsNC has volunteered; two others may also volunteer.
- (3) Upcoming meetings (December 16, 2024; January 20, 2024; February 17, 2024): Board decision re cancellation or postponement due to corresponding holidays.

2. Government Reports/Speakers

a. Mayor’s Office – Marian Ensley and Kenneth G. Miller, West Area Representatives

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

4. Committee Reports – Limited to 5 minutes total.

- a. WRAC Transportation & Mobility Committee (MTC) – Met 9/18/24 & 10/16/24
- b. WRAC Homelessness Committee (HOC) – Met 9/24/24; special mtg. 10/28/24
- c. WRAC Land Use & Planning Committee (LUPC) – No Oct. mtg; next mtg TBD

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 (Art. V.5 and Standing Rule 9), 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.*

6. Approval of Minutes

a. Motion (Robin Greenberg) – Approval of September 2024 meeting minutes

7. New Business

a. Motion (HOC/J. Handal) – Request investigation into use of federal, state, county and city funds to address homelessness.

“ _____ NC/CC, a member of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC), urges (1) the federal government to intervene and conduct a federal investigation into the use by the city of Los Angeles, the county of Los Angeles, the state of California and all city, county and state agencies of federal funds received to address homelessness; (2) the state government to investigate the use of state funds for such purpose; (3) the county government to investigate the use of county funds for such purpose; and (4) the city government to investigate the use of city funds for such purpose, due to the mismanagement and non-accountability of taxpayer dollars being squandered while leaving a humanitarian crisis on our streets.

" _____ NC/CC further calls upon our city Councilmembers to communicate this request to the relevant respective federal, state, county and city authorities, including our U.S. Senators, Congressmembers, the U.S. Attorney General and Dept. of Justice; our Governor, state Senators, Assemblymembers and state Attorney General; our county Supervisors and District Attorney; and our Mayor and City Attorney.”

b. Motion (C. Spitz/PPCC; Robin G./BABCNC; T. Tippit/WNC) – Support CF (report on incomplete / abandoned properties).

“ _____ NC/CC, a member of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils, believes that there is a clear need for oversight and accountability for negligent property owners and developers who allow construction sites to remain incomplete and/or abandoned for extended time periods.

_____ NC/CC therefore supports CF 24-1128 (Hernandez), which calls for a report back by LADBS on consequences and solutions to the problem of abandoned / incomplete construction sites, which pose a risk of fire and other hazards and are a threat to public safety and welfare.”

c. Motion (MTC) – Oppose Pending Metro TCN Structures Along the 405.

“The _____ NC/CC, a member of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC), opposes the pending installation of the Metro Transportation Communication Network (TCN) structures along the 405 Freeway in West Los Angeles, North of the 10 Freeway interchange. These structures will be located in Council Districts 11 and 5 in Metro’s Exposition Blvd. right-of-way.* Council Files: 22-0392 and 22-0392-S1 (CFMS) (lacity.org).

“*Locations per the Metro TCN Draft EIR, II, Project Description:

- a) Table II-1 Freeway Facing TCN Structure Locations, page II-9, the locations are the I-405 North Lanes at Exposition Boulevard (Assessor’s Parcel #4256010902) and the I-405 South Lanes at Exposition Boulevard (Assessor’s Parcel #4260039906), and
- b) Table II-2 Non-Freeway Facing TCN Structure Locations, page II-10, the locations are Pico Boulevard and Exposition Boulevard, South of rail (Assessor’s Parcel #4260025902) and Pico Boulevard, 445 feet West of Sawtelle Boulevard (Assessor’s Parcel #4260039906).”

See: <https://westsidecouncils.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/II.-Project-Description.pdf>

d. Motion (MTC) – Support Disabled Parking and EV Charging Parking Spaces under AB 2097 and Executive Directive 1 (ED1).

“The _____ NC/CC, a member of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC), requests that the Department of City Planning (DCP) reconsider their position stated in their memorandum SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF AB 2097 (2022), dated October 23, 2023, with regard to Disabled Parking and EV charging spaces. This memorandum is in conflict with the language of AB 2097, which allows cities to provide EV charging and parking for the disabled even if no other parking is voluntarily provided. We respectfully request that DCP review the language in AB 2097 within the context of disabled rights and the City of Los Angeles’ active support for EV vehicles, and reconsider the decision not to implement the exemption language in AB 2097, which provides for disabled parking and EV charging in new construction. Furthermore, we request that EV charging and parking for the disabled be included in all Executive Directive 1 (ED1) projects as well.”

See Background Information for all motions on Google Drive and website Meetings page, linked above.

8. Old Business

a. 24.05. Request cap on waivers for ED1 and Affordable Housing Streamlining projects -- Feb. 26, 2024 (passage deadline Oct. 2024). 7 councils adopted: NCWP, Palms NC,* VNC, WCC, WLASNC, WWNC, WNC* (*modified version*). *Possible action to further extend deadline.*

b. 24.09. Support the “Housing Unhoused Disabled Veterans Act (HR 8340 / Sherman) -- September 2024 (passage deadline Dec. 2024). 7 councils adopted: BCC,* NCWP, NWWNC, PPCC, WLASNC, WNC,* WWNC (**modified version*).

c. 24.10. Support for CF-24-0602 (report on impact of artificial turf installations) – September 2024 (*adopted October 2024*). 10 councils adopted: BABCNC,* DRNC, MVCC,* NCWP, NWWNC, PalmsNC,* VNC, WLASNC, WNC,* WWNC (**modified version*).

Position letter: <https://westsidecouncils.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/WRAC-Letter-artificial-turfR.pdf>

d. 24.11. Support for CW Park Letter re Governor’s Executive Order # N-1-24 / Addressing Encampments on State Land in CD 11 – September 2024 (*passage deadline Dec. 2024*). 7 councils adopted: BCC, MVCC, NCWP, PPCC,* WLASNC, WNC, WWNC (**modified version*).

e. 24.12. Request CW Yaroslavsky to Send Similar Letter re Governor’s Executive

Order # N-1-24 / Addressing Encampments on State Land in CD 5 – September 2024 (*passage deadline Dec. 2024*). 6 councils adopted: BCC, NCWP, PPCC, WLASNC, WNC, WWNC.

f. 24.13. Support for Brentwood Community Council Resolution and Requests to LA County Board of Supervisors – September 2024 (*passage deadline Dec. 2024*). 4 councils adopted: BCC, NCWP,* PPCC, WLASNC (**modified version*).

g. 24.14. Support Request for City Homeless Reporting Dashboard that Mirrors the Culver City Homeless Reporting Dashboard – September 2024 (*passage deadline Dec. 2024*). 7 councils adopted: BCC,* MVCC, NCWP, PPCC,* WLASNC, WNC, WWNC (**modified version*).

h. 24.15. Request Suspension of Work on Westside Community Plans until Housing Element Policies and Mapping are Adopted – September 2024 (*passage deadline Dec. 2024*). 4 councils adopted: NCWP, WLASNC, WNC, WWNC,

i. 24.16. Request Revision of Landscape Ordinance to Clarify that Front Yard Paving for Extra Parking is Prohibited – September 2024 (*passage deadline Dec. 2024*). 4 councils adopted: NCWP, WLASNC, WNC, WWNC

9. Adjourn – Next meeting to be held on **November 18, 2024**, at 6:30 pm.