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AGENDA

WRAC Meeting of the Board of Directors September 16, 2024 – 6:30pm

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84095705158?pwd=JGw2s8bM4JsNzlaaLacZJuAMaxt0Md.1#success>

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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: October 21, 2024

(2) Officer elections: per WRAC bylaws, to take place 9/16/24 (last election 9/19/22):

<https://westsidecouncils.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/WRAC-Bylaws-5-20-24-.pdf> (Art. VII.1).

Nomination and election of WRAC Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary/Treasurer for two-year terms, 2024-26. *Process:* Candidates for each office may be nominated by voting Board members; the current officers are willing to serve for a second term and may be nominated; a Board vote will follow nominations for each officer position; the newly elected officers begin their terms at the close of the September 16th meeting.

(3) Zoom & WRAC website updates (Zoom webinar function eliminated and WRAC cost lowered; payments made for new Zoom platform and for annual website hosting cost); see also item 7.a below.

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 8/21/24; next mtg 9/19/24
 - b. **WRAC Homelessness Committee (HOC)** – Met 8/27/24; next mtg 9/24/24 (tentative)
 - c. **WRAC Land Use & Planning Committee (LUPC)** – Met 9/9/24; next mtg 10/14/24

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 July 2024 meeting minutes

7. **New Business**
 - a. **Potential Zoom Alternatives / meeting platform and website hosting expenses** – Discussion of costs/payments, reimbursement of officers, any other options; possible action.

 - b. **Motion (HOC/Jay Handal) – Support the “Housing Unhoused Disabled Veterans Act” (HR 8340 / Sherman)** – *from cancelled August 2024 meeting agenda.*
 “_____ NC/CC, a member of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils, strongly supports the “Housing Unhoused Disabled Veterans Act” (HR 8340 / Sherman) and urges our Councilmembers to submit a resolution in City Council forthwith to add support for HR 8340 to the Council’s federal legislative priorities for 2024-2025.”

 - c. **Motion (WNC/Terri Tippit; MVCC/Drew Ruesch) – Support for CF-24-0602 (report on impact of artificial turf installations)** – *from cancelled August 2024 meeting agenda.*
 “_____ NC/CC, a member of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils, strongly supports CF 24-0602, which requests a report back from the CLA on the costs, environmental hazards, and human health consequences of artificial turf installations in Los Angeles, and recommendations to effectuate transitioning away from the future use of synthetic turf or artificial grass and to incentivize drought-friendly landscaping.”

 - d. **Motion (HOC/Jay Handal) – Support for CW Park Letter re Governor’s Executive Order # N-1-24/Addressing Encampments on State Land in CD 11.**
 “_____ NC/CC strongly supports the letter dated August 5, 2024, from Councilwoman Traci Park to Governor Newsom and Caltrans, requesting that state authorities coordinate with CD 11 in addressing encampments on state property within the district, pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order # N-1-24. _____ NC/CC further requests a prompt response, effective action and accountability by state authorities.”

 - e. **Motion (HOC/Jay Handal) – Request CW Yaroslavsky to Send Similar Letter re**

Governor’s Executive Order # N-1-24/Addressing Encampments on State Land in CD 5.

“ ____ NC/CC requests that Councilwoman Katy Yaroslavsky promptly send a letter to Governor Newsom and Caltrans, similar to the letter of August 5, 2024, from Councilwoman Park to the Governor and Caltrans, requesting that state authorities coordinate with CD 5 in addressing encampments on state property within the district, pursuant to the Governor’s Executive Order # N-1-24. ____ NC/CC further requests a prompt response, effective action and accountability by state authorities.”

f. Motion (HOC/Jay Handal) – Support for Brentwood Community Council Resolution and Requests to LA County Board of Supervisors.

“ ____ NC/CC strongly supports the Resolution approved by Brentwood Community Council on August 14, 2024, regarding the responses, actions and policies of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors (BOS) with respect to addressing homelessness in Los Angeles. ____ NC/CC further specifically supports the four requests to the BOS set forth in the Resolution.”

g. Motion (HOC/Jay Handal) – Request for City Homeless Reporting Dashboard that Mirrors the Culver City Homeless Reporting Dashboard.

“ ____ NC/CC urges the City of Los Angeles to promptly establish a new central Homeless Reporting Dashboard on the City's website, mirroring the Culver City Homeless Reporting Dashboard, that is clear, open, honest, transparent and easily accessible by the public. ____ NC/CC further requests that Councilwoman Park take appropriate action to effectuate establishment of such a new central Homelessness Reporting Dashboard in Los Angeles.”

h. Motion (LUPC/Steve Sann) – Request Suspension of Work on Westside Community Plans until Housing Element Policies and Mapping are Adopted.

“The ____ NC/CC, a member of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC), requests the City Planning Department suspend further work on the Westside Community Plans until the policies and mapping to implement the Housing Element have been adopted by the City and approved by the State and their impacts on local land use and each community plan are known.”

i. Motion (LUPC/Steve Sann) – Request Revision of Landscape Ordinance to Clarify that Front Yard Paving for Extra Parking is Prohibited.

“The ____ NC/CC, a member of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC), requests that the City revise the Landscape Ordinance to clarify that pavement for extra parking is prohibited in the front yards of all parcels, except for garage driveways and circular driveways (maximum of 50% of the front yard). The Planning Dept. shall add that prohibited excess pavement shall be removed at the owner’s cost, or a citation and/or lien shall be recorded against the property.

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 Sept. 2024). 7 councils adopted: NCWP, Palms NC,* VNC, WCC, WLASNC, WWNC, WNC* (*modified versions*). Request Board ratification of Chair's extension of deadline to September; possible action to further extend deadline.

b. 24.07. Oppose CF 21-0329-S5 (Yaroslavsky); support LAMC Sec. 41.18 – June 2024 (*adopted* August 2024). 8 councils adopted: BABCNC, BCC,* DRNC,* MVCC,* NCWP, PPCC, VNC, WLASNC (**modified versions*). Position letter:

<https://westsidecouncils.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/WRAC-Letter-CF21-0329-S5-1.pdf>.

c. 24.08. Support CF 24-0140-S1 (report on impact of Grants Pass) – July 2024 (*adopted* August 2024). 8 councils adopted: BABCNC, BCC,* MVCC, NCWP,* PPCC, VNC, WLASNC, WNC* (**modified versions*). Two letters sent:

Informational letter:

<https://westsidecouncils.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/WRAC-Letter-Grants-Pass.pdf>.

Position letter:

<https://westsidecouncils.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/WRAC-Letter-Grants-Pass-Motion.pdf>.

9. Adjourn – Next meeting to be held on **October 21, 2024**, at 6:30 pm