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AGENDA

WRAC Meeting of the Board of Directors
August 21, 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 reps (as of August 2023):
 - MVCC – Drew Ruesch, primary (Andrew Marton continues as alt.);
 - NWNC – Marcello Robinson, primary, & Evan Curran, alt.;
 - PalmsNC – Tanya Leal, alt. (Josh Nadel continues as primary)
 - WWNC – Ann Hayman, alt. (Lisa Chapman continues as primary)
- (2) Recent WRAC letter based on WRAC Statement of Principles:
<https://westsidecouncils.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/WRAC-Letter-re-Statement-of-Principles.pdf>
- (3) WRAC website update (with WRAC Secretary Tyler Laferriere-Holloway)

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. Office of Supervisor Holly Mitchell – Tracy McGee, Deputy, Constituent Engagement

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 Supervisor Lindsey Horvath; Council Districts 4 and 10; City Attorney's office; LAPD; LADWP)

3. Board Member Updates – Limited to 5 minutes total

a. Chris Spitz, WRAC Vice-Chair – PPCC 50th Anniversary (est. 1973)

Info. about CCs: <https://westsidecouncils.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/About-the-CCs-R.pdf>

- b. Carolyn Jordan, BCC President – BCC 25th Anniversary (est. 1998)
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
 6. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a. **Motion (Robin Greenberg)** – Approval of July 2023 meeting minutes

7. **New Business**

- a. **Motions (recommended by WRAC LUPC)** –
 - (1) Request to revise the LAMC/Zoning:

“The ___ NC/CC requests that the City revises the LAMC/Zoning to be implemented Community Plan updates, Westside Transit Neighborhood Plans and TOC/Density Bonus ordinances to standardize setbacks, landscaping, open and recreational space, setbacks, massing and zoning, in accordance with the specific preferences communicated to the City by the relevant NC/CC for each area.”

- (2) Oppose Adoption of Metro TCN Digital Advertising Program* (**see Item 7c below*):

“Whereas on Jan. 12, 2022, the City Council entered into a Memorandum of Agreement with Metro to move forward with the Metro TCN program without any notice to or input from the public and prior to the commencement of an EIR process; and

“Whereas the City has given over its power as lead agency to Metro and the Metro Board moved forward and approved it on January 26, 2023 on consent including approval of an EIR with overriding considerations with impacts to City resources January 2023; and

“Whereas the Metro TCN program is a digital billboard advertising program whose changing images are designed and documented to distract drivers creating dangerous situations which will undermine the City’s Vision Zero goals; and

“Whereas the Metro TCN program will bring blight to the visual environment of 22 Community Plan areas from Sylmar to South Los Angeles; and

“Whereas the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) opposes 1) offsite signs, including digital billboards, installed outside of the 22 areas already zoned as Regional Commercial for high-intensity commercial use (the 22 Areas), 2) digital signs installed in or near bus shelters outside of the 22 Areas, and 3) proposed "IKE" kiosks with digital signage in the public right of way; and

“Whereas WRAC's Statement of Principles (Standing Rule 4 of the WRAC Bylaws) provides that WRAC expects governing bodies to "notify all affected parties.... of all proposed public infrastructure or other public property developments, whether or not discretionary, having a broad impact on WRAC neighborhoods or on the region as a whole.... of all proposed new planning and

zoning codes and regulations and/or proposed changes to existing codes and regulations. Such notice should be provided sufficiently in advance of the governing body's determination to allow ample time for WRAC Member Organizations to consider, review and comment on the proposal;

"Therefore, ___ NC/CC opposes adoption of proposed City ordinances that would result in the adoption and implementation of the Metro TCN digital advertising program."

b. Motions (recommended by WRAC MTC):

(1) Request to refer Metro TCN to the LA City Council Transportation Committee and LADOT:

"The _____ CC/NC, a member of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils, requests that the Metro TCN program be referred to the LA City Council Transportation Committee and LADOT for their consideration before a final decision to implement the program is voted on by the City Council. The Transportation Committee and LADOT need to weigh in on the safety of this program through the study and review of current and historical research that has been done on roadway user distraction with digital billboards and changing message signs.

(2) Oppose City participation in Metro TCN and proposed ordinances to fast track implementation* (**see Item 7c below*):

"The _____ CC/NC, a member of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils, opposes the City's participation in the Metro Transportation Communication Network (TCN) program and the three proposed ordinances being written by the Department of City Planning (DCP) that work around the City's Sign Ordinance to fast track implementing TCN within the City of Los Angeles."

c. Possible motion (Chris Spitz): combine motions in items 7a.2 and 7b.2 above (*MTC unaware of prior LUPC motion*)

8. Old Business

a. 23.01. Request re RSO Housing Replacements – February 20, 2023 (passage deadline August 2023); 5 councils adopted: BABCNC, PalmsNC, WLASNC,* WNC, WWNC* (**modified version*) – *Possible motion to extend passage deadline one month*

b. 23.04. Minimize Light Pollution – May 15, 2023 (passage deadline August 2023); 7 councils adopted: BABCNC, BCC, PPCC, WLASNC, WNC, WWNC, VNC -- *Possible motion to extend passage deadline one month*

c. 23.05. Support for Director's Determination re Murphy Drill Site – May 15, 2023 (passage deadline August 2023 – *passed* August 2023); 9 councils adopted: BABCNC, BCC, DRNC, MVCC, NCWP, PPCC, PalmsNC, WNC, WWNC
WRAC letter: <https://westsidecouncils.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/WRAC-Letter-re-Murphy-Drill-Site.pdf>

d. 23.06. Parking Space Replacement Policy Request – July 21, 2023 (passage deadline October 2023); 1 council adopted: WWNC

9. Adjourn – Next meeting will be held on **September 18, 2023** at 6:30 pm.