



Agenda
Wednesday, August 9, 2023
5:30-7:30 PM
BRENTWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Garden Room
12000 SAN VICENTE
parking available at church lot - entrance on Bundy south of San Vicente
Questions may be sent to: info@bcc90049.org

Call to Order & BCC Member Roll Call for Attendance; Motion to Approve June 2023 Draft Minutes
Crime Update – SLO Matthew Kirk
Government Representative and other Community Liaisons Michael Amster, Field Representative, City Councilwoman Traci Park Zac Gaidzik – County Supervisor Lindsey Horvath Taleen Keuroghlian – Congressman Brad Sherman Neighborhood Prosecutor Veronica de la Cruz Mary-Elizabeth Michael, The Getty Museum Skylar Payab - Assemblymember Jacqui Irwin Rad Nowroozi - State Senator Ben Allen Barrington Rec Center – Carlos Luna Diaz New representative to be determined for: Mayor Karen Bass
Guest Speaker – Hydee Feldstein-Soto, City Attorney of Los Angeles
Guest Speaker – Armine Sargsyan – California Department of Insurance – Outreach Analyst – “Safer from Wildfires”.
BCCs 25th Anniversary – Save the Date – Thursday, October 5, 2023 If you have any old photos of Brentwood to share for a slide show during the cocktail hour, please send them along to chair@bcc90049.org
BCC Treasurer’s Report

Homelessness Task Force:

Wilshire/Westgate Encampment – CARE+ cleanup July 31
Update on Bringham Encampment
Request for BCC to file Amicus Brief for Grants Pass Case
Request of City Attorney, County Counsel to file Amicus Brief
Request of City Council, County Supervisors, to direct counsels to file Amicus Brief

BCC Committee Updates and Announcements:

Land Use –

BABC request regarding the Bulgari Hotel; SB 4, SB 423

Environmental

Public Schools/Independent Schools

Ministerial

Civic

Public Safety – Brush Clearance Letter of Support

Protected Trees - Update

Chair –Bylaws Committee: Amir Ebedhadj, Nancy Freedman, Judie Hulett, Carolyn Jordan, Ray Klein, Richard Leher, Ari Spitzer - update

WRAC Motions:

Minimize Light Pollution

Proposed by Chris Spitz and Travis Longcore/Jay Ross/WRAC LUPC on May 15, 2023

Passage deadline: August 2023

Passed by

- Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council
- Pacific Palisades Community Council
- West LA-Sawtelle Neighborhood Council
- Westside Neighborhood Council

Motion

The _____ NC/CC requests that the City Council open a Council File such that:

1. The City implements the Five Principles of Responsible Outdoor Lighting that minimize light pollution by following these guidelines (adopted by the Illuminating Engineering Society and the International Dark-Sky Association):

- All lights should have a clear purpose.
- Light should be directed only where needed.

- Light should be no brighter than necessary.
- Light should be used only when it is useful.
- Use warmer color lights where possible.

2. The City enacts/codifies these principles through its departments and agencies for City facilities and properties such as buildings, parking lots and parks, the streetlight system, the airport and port, and for private development.

3. Community Plans and Specific Plans also enact similar dark sky practices and include limitations on bright lights, light trespass, and illumination of building facades.

Background

See Background Report linked below. Contact Travis Longcore, tlongcore@babnc.org, or Jay Ross, jayr@westlasawtellenc.org, with any questions.

[Note: the motion text recommended by WRAC LUPC, as reflected in the Background Report, was subsequently edited by the WRAC Board]

Download additional background

- [Background Motion Light Pollution](#)

Murphy Drill Site

Passed by

-  Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council
-  Del Rey Neighborhood Council
-  Mar Vista Community Council
-  Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa
-  Pacific Palisades Community Council (modified version)
-  Palms Neighborhood Council
-  Westside Neighborhood Council

Whereas, the City of Los Angeles has a history of discriminatory and disparate treatment in its oil drilling environmental compliance requirements whereby some communities are afforded greater protections from pollution and noise from oil drilling operations while other communities are not;

Whereas, the Murphy Drill site location in West Adams is an example of a community that has been exposed to toxic fumes and noise pollution that could be partially abated through facility enclosure and electrification of workover rigs and power supply, as has been done in wealthier communities, but have not been;

Whereas, on February 28, 2023, the City's Planning Department issued a Letter of Determination on Case No. ZA-1959-15227-O-PA6 requiring additional and modified conditions for the continued operation of the Murphy Oil Drill Site "to increase the protection of and to preserve the health, safety and general welfare of the residents and stakeholders of the neighborhood";

Whereas, on March 13, 2023, E & B Natural Resources the operator of the Murphy Drill site filed an appeal to the City's Letter of Determination;

Therefore, the [WRAC member] calls on the City of Los Angeles to uphold its February 28 Letter of Determination.

Background

See Background Report linked below. Contact Ravi Sankaran, ravi.sankaran@delreync.org, with any questions.

NOTE: Although the appeal hearing before the South LA Area Planning Commission (SLAAPC) was originally scheduled for June 20, 2023 (see Notice of Hearing); we are advised that the SLAAPC has **postponed the hearing to a date in August (TBA)**. *All WRAC member Councils that pass this motion prior to the hearing are urged to submit individual comment letters to the SLAAPC.*

SLAAPC deadlines for submission of written comments: “Initial Submissions, not limited as to volume, must be received by the Commission Executive Assistant no later than by **4:00 p.m. on the Monday prior to the week of the Commission meeting**. Materials must be emailed to apcsouthla@lacity.org. Secondary Submissions in response to a Staff Recommendation Report or additional comments must be received electronically no later than **3:00 p.m., Thursday of the week prior to the Commission meeting**.”

WRAC will post the continued SLAAPC meeting date and agenda on this webpage when it becomes available.

See the DRNC letter to City officials at DRNC letter.<https://www.delreync.org/letters-statements>. Contact Ravi Sankaran for email addresses. Note again that member Councils’ position letters should be forwarded directly to the SLAAPC by the deadlines set forth above.

Download additional background

- [Background - Murphy Drill Site draft motion](#)

Notes

PPCC modified version at www.pacpalicc.org / motions & positions (WRAC motions)

Parking Space Replacement Policy Request

Proposed by Barbara Broide/WRAC MTC on July 17, 2023

Passage deadline: October 2023

Not yet passed by a member Council

Motion

Refers to City Council file [23-0360](#)

The _____ CC/NC, a member of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils, is concerned about the passage of CF 23-0360, which nullifies Sections 22.482(a) and 22.602 of the Administrative Code and changes the parking space replacement policy when LADOT parking facilities with spaces greater than 25 are transferred to the Housing Department for redevelopment as affordable or supportive housing.

_____ CC/NC is sensitive to how difficult it can be to develop affordable and supportive housing in Los Angeles. We recognize there is a shortage of affordable and supportive housing and believe that Los Angeles would benefit from making it easier to build such housing.

Until now, when LADOT-managed parking facilities have been redeveloped, all the parking spaces had to be replaced, increasing the cost of the development. With the passage of CF 23-0360, the spaces will no longer be required to be replaced.

However, we believe that the needs of small businesses, including the need for parking for their customers, have not been adequately considered with the nullification of Administrative Code Sections 22.482(a) and 22.602 and establishment of the new parking space replacement policy.

Therefore, we respectfully request that Councilmembers representing WRAC member councils who are also members of the City Council Transportation Committee – Councilmembers Park, Yaroslavsky, Raman and/or Hutt – bring a motion in Los Angeles City Council forthwith to further amend the Administrative Code to include concessions for small businesses by replacing the new parking space development footprint. The City should determine how much parking to replace by using a sliding scale for parking replacement based on prior utilization, as well as the availability of nearby public parking, rather than never requiring any replacement.

Background

[Background Information](#)

Contact [Selena Inouye](#) or [Barbara Broide](#) for more information.

Board Member Comment

Public Comment (may be limited to 1 minute per person)

September Guest Speaker to include: Guest Speaker – Susan Cassamasima – Meals on Wheels - VA