

The Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa del Rey Board of Directors' Meeting –January 11, 2005 Minutes

Present: Robert Acherman, Mike Arias, Sibyl Buchanan, Joe Callinan, Dolores Canizales, Judith Ciancimino, David Coffin, Robert Dalton, Andrea Davis, Steve Donell, Doug Ehlers, James Ferro, David Gray, Jina Jani, Myra Kriwanek, Patricia Lyon, Geoff Maleman, Efigenia Martinez, Harry Rose, Denny Schneider, Robert Weldon, William West, Cozette Vergari, David Voss, Gwen Vuchsas and Barbara Yamamoto.

Excused: Lynne Allen, Jeff Elder and Sheila Mickelson.

ExOfficio: Michael Bai.

Absent: John-David Webster and Val Velasco.

Item 1: The meeting was called to order at 6:40PM by Gwen Vuchsas, President of the Board. The Roll was called.

Item 2: Jina Jani led the Pledge of Allegiance. Jina has resigned from the Board because she is relocating to Lake Arrowhead and this is her last Board Meeting,

Item 3: Public Comments – non-Agenda Items – (limited to 2 minutes per speaker) No cards were received.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

Item 4: *Approval of Minutes of the 12.07.04 Board Meeting* - Joe Callinan made a Motion to approve the Minutes of the 12.07.05 Board Meeting. David Gray seconded the Motion. Mike Arias, Dolores Canizales, Judith Ciancimino, David Coffin, Robert Dalton, Andrea Davis, Steve Donell, Doug Ehlers, James Ferro, David Grey, Jina Jani, Myra Kriwanek, Efigenia Martinez, Harry Rose, Denny Schneider, Robert Weldon and William West voted Aye. Joseph Callinan, Patricia Lyon, Geoff Maleman, Cozette Vergari, David Voss and Barbara Yamamoto abstained from voting. The Motion passed.

Item 5: *Approval of Treasurer's Report* – Steve Donell is still the "acting Treasurer." We are waiting for our bylaw amendment to be approved by DONE. Since we have no official Treasurer, there was no Treasurer's Report.

Item 6: *Election Committee Report* - Cozette Vergari – Election Procedures were distributed – The next Election Committee meeting is scheduled for January 24, 6PM at Vergari & Fu. The Board discussed the proposed 2 days and 2 locations for election.

Item 7: *Motion to set Additional Date for Election, Monday, April 4, 2005, at Westchester Women's Club and Wednesday, April 6, 2005, at Playa Vista Centre Point Club as recommended by the NC Election Committee* - Cozette Vergari made the Motion as stated above. Harry Rose seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

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Item 8: *Motion to approve the proposed Election Policies and Procedures as recommended by the NC Election Committee* – Cozette Vergari made the Motion as stated above. Robert Dalton seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

Item 9: *Planning and Land Use Report – Brief presentation by Seaglass Holdings on Dunes project* - Jim Ferro – This item has been before PLUC three times and there has been extensive public comment and input. Ben Resnick and Derrick Jones gave a brief presentation on this mixed use project to be built on Culver Blvd. Informational documents were distributed.

Item 10: *Public Comment – Agenda Items (limited to 2 minutes per speaker) –*

- Angela Reddock – Westchester Resident Candidate CD11 – Asked the NC request a full EIR.
- Flora Gill Krisiloff - Candidate CD11 – proceed with the EIR process.
- Bill Rosendahl – Candidate CD11 – proceed with the EIR process.
- Drex Heikis – Playa del Rey Resident – proceed with the EIR process.
- John Hughes – Playa del Rey Resident – proceed with the EIR process and vote to find funding to place this location in the Public Land Trust.
- John Monaghan – Playa del Rey Resident – proceed with the EIR process.
- Thomas Houston – on behalf of the Esplanade Homeowners Assoc. – they support the EIR process.
- Janice Whiffen – Playa del Rey Resident – support the EIR process.
- Diana Griffitts – Playa del Rey Resident – support the EIR process.
- Vance Griffitts – Playa del Rey Resident – support the EIR process.
- Deepa Iyengar – Playa del Rey Resident – support the EIR process.
- Hannes Vilhjalmsson – Playa del Rey Resident - support the EIR process
- Karen Nelson – Playa del Rey Resident - support the EIR process
- Judy Silverman – Playa del Rey Resident – written comment – not present
- Jocelyn A. Julian – Playa del Rey Resident – written comment - not present
- Paul B. Hundley – Playa del Rey Resident – written comment - not present
- Lorelei Noonan – Playa del Rey Resident – written comment – did not speak
- Lorraine Fesq – Playa del Rey Resident - support the EIR process – written statement only
- Steve Goldmaker – Playa del Rey Resident – support the EIR process.
- Rosemary L. Anderson – Playa del Rey Resident against the project.
- Jerry Weissman – Playa del Rey Resident – support the EIR process.
- Walter Winick – Playa del Rey Resident – written comment – did not speak
- Virginia Dailey-Wilson – Playa del Rey Resident – written comment – did not speak
- Bob Krauch – Playa del Rey Resident – written comment – did not speak
- Sue Krauch – Playa del Rey Resident – written comment – did not speak
- Jennie Reynolds – Playa del Rey Resident – written comment – did not speak
- Ernest Horacek – Playa del Rey Resident – submitted documents regarding the Play del Rey Lagoon Local Plan – Support the full EIR process.
- Pamela Matsuda – Playa del Rey Resident – no longer present

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- Marcia Hanscom – Representing the Wetlands Action Network & Ballona Institute – Army Corp of Engineers has selected sites that would be exchanged for this location in a land swamp.
- Thomas Corte – Playa del Rey Resident – written comment – did not speak
- Anne Tobin – Playa del Rey Resident – written comment – did not speak
- Chris Solomon – Playa del Rey Resident – written comment – not present
- Azam Mirtorabi – Playa del Rey Resident – written comment – did not speak
- Mostafa Mirtgorabi – Playa del Rey Resident – written comment – did not speak
- Lunel LeMieux – Playa del Rey Resident – support the EIR process.
- Ryan Miller – Playa del Rey Resident representing Save our Dunes, Dune Squad – did not speak
- Jennifer Garant – Playa del Rey Resident – did not speak.
- Lindsey A. Duro – Playa del Rey Resident – Community Plan Update said “leave it as it is” so leave it as it is!
- Jon Teckely – Playa del Rey Resident – against the development
- Frank Tai – Playa del Rey Resident – written comment - did not speak
- Ronald G. Cargill – Cargill Planning & Pre-Development Services – Item 13 – did not speak.

Items 11: *Motion to request a complete EIR, including Beach Access, on the Seaglass Holdings Project in Playa del Rey as recommended by the NC Planning and Land Use Committee – Jim Ferro Made the Motion as stated above. Patricia Lyon seconded the Motion.*

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Item 12: *Motion to support the Application of Airport Marina Honda for Conditional Use Permit for construction of an addition to their existing service building as recommended by the NC Planning and Land Use Committee –(PLUC voted 8 to 0 to support this request.) Jim Ferro made the Motion as stated above. William West seconded the Motion.*

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Item 13: *Motion to support Application of R&B Station Restaurant for Conditional Use Permit subject to a 6-month review as recommended by the NC Planning and Land Use Committee – Ronald G. Cargill, and Leon Lewis, Manager of the R&B Station were available to answer questions. After much discussion by the Board relating to information from LAPD Pacific and Councilwoman Miscikowski's office regarding possible CUP violations and crime issues*

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surrounding the property, James Ferro made the Motion as stated above. Geoff Maleman seconded the Motion.

Robert Acherman, Mike Arias, Sibyl Buchanan, Joseph Callinan, Dolores Canizales, Judith Ciancimino, David Coffin, Robert Dalton, Andrea Davis, James Ferro, David Gray, Harry Rose, Robert Weldon and William West voted Aye. Geoff Maleman, Efigenia Martinez, Denny Schneider, David Voss and Barbara Yamamoto voted Nay. Myra Kriwanek, Patricia Lyon abstained from voting. The Motion passed 14 Aye, 5 Nay, 2 Abstains.

The R&B Station asked that we send a letter of support to the Zoning Administrator, Dan Green, with a copy to R&B Station.

Item 14: *Airport Update – Bob Gilbert* – appointed by the Board of Airport Commissioners to be the interim Stakeholder Liaison to distribute relevant information between Airport Commissioners and stakeholders. At the Master Plan presentation to City Council on December 14, the final vote was in favor of the Master Plan and final approvals were given at that time. Approval of the EIS is the next step in the Federal approval process.

The first public meeting is scheduled for February 3, at the Westin Hotel from 6PM to 9PM; all stakeholders are invited. Prior to that time, we may contact Bob Gilbert if we have a concern or questions at his interim address, 6151 W. Century Blvd. #1020. He will be moving to his new, permanent location in the Imperial Terminal, where Flight Path Learning Center is located. His telephone number is 310.337.8412. February 3, his new contact information and web site will be announced.

The FAA is reviewing the Community Benefits Package to see if any elements are eligible for federal funding.

Item 15: *Governmental Affairs Report – CD11 Candidate Forum – Rob Weldon – January 31, at LMU.* At 6:00PM candidates will have a station where they can speak with the public "one-on-one." At 7PM the candidates will answer pre-determined questions until 8:15PM to 8:30PM. Everyone will then go back to the stations to meet with the public until about 9:30PM. NCWPDR is hosting this even in partnership with the Westchester/LAX-Marina del Rey Chamber of Commerce, LMU and Westchester Vitalization Corporation.

Item 16: *Mayoral Debate sponsored by Citywide Alliance of Neighborhood Councils, submittal of questions and selection of 7 representatives* – Gwen – NC Alliance meeting this Saturday from 9:30 – 1:30 at LA City College – Robert Dalton will attend and report to Board at February meeting.

The actual debates will be held on February 7 and 28, at 7:00PM at CBS Television City. The Neighborhood Council may send up to seven representatives. Gwen asked for 7 reps to fill our spots, Gwen, Judith Ciancimino, Robert Dalton, Mike Arias, Pat Lyon, Dolores Canizales and Robert Weldon.

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Item 17: *Appointment of NC rep on Citywide Issues Group re entertainment filming on city streets and parks* – Dolores Canizales, William West, Mike Arias, Judith Ciancimino volunteered participate in this group.

Presidents Report:

Item 18: *NC/DWP Partnership Update* – Robert Weldon – The Draft Memo of Understanding will probably be changed with the appointment of a new group leader, Ron Deaton. The next meeting is supposed to be January 27, but will be changed. Rob will make a report at the next Board meeting.

Item 19: *Community Development Department Meetings re 2005 – 2006 Consolidated Plan* – Thursday January 20

Item 20: *Citywide Code Amendments* – Jan 13 hearing downtown

Item 21: *Safer Communities Measure* – County Measure didn't pass.

Item 22: *Westside Meeting on ½ cent sales tax 1.13.05* – There will be two different Propositions regarding the \$.005 Cent Sales Tax increase. The NC will host a meeting on Thursday, January 13, 6:30PM at Covenant Presbyterian Parish Hall with Chief Bratton and Chief Bammatre.

Item 23: *NC Rules re endorsing candidates, spending money or mayoral debates* – This issue was tabled to another meeting.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:10PM

Next Meeting: February 1 – 6:30PM

Location: LUM – University Hall, Room

Submitted by: Judith Ciancimino