

The Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa del Rey Board of Directors' Meeting – June 7, 2005

Present: Robert Acherman, Lynne Allen, Mike Arias, Sibyl Buchanan, Dolores Canizales, Judith Ciancimino, David Coffin, Pam DeArmas, Steve Donell, Don Doyle, Doug Ehlers, James Ferro, David Gray, Pat Lyon, Paul Maynard, Sheila Mickelson, Harry Rose, John Ruhlen, Kathy Santos, Denny Schneider, Gwen Vuchsas John-David Webster, Robert Weldon and William West.

Ex Officio: Edgar Saenz

Excused: Joe Callinan, Robert Dalton, Jeff Elder, Geoff Maleman, Cozette Vergari, David Voss and Barbara Yamamoto.

Item 1: The meeting was called to order at 6:50PM by Gwen Vuchsas, President of the Board. The Roll was called.

Item 2: Gwen Vuchsas led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 3: *Public Comment – non-Agenda Items (limited to 2 minutes per speaker)*

- Jeff and Laura Remington – Music West – are local residents who incorporated as a non-profit in 2004. Their next Music West production is The Music Man. To advertise in their program, or to sponsor the production, go to the website www.musicwest.org or ticket information call 310.692.0006.

- Capt. LaPonda Fitchpatrick LAWA Police – gave “thank you’s” on behalf of LAWA Police regarding NCWPDR’s for their support of the Los Angeles Airport Police regarding Measure A.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

Item 4: *Approval of Minutes 5/3/05 Board Meeting* – John-David Webster made a Motion to approve the Minutes as corrected. Robert Acherman seconded the Motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 5: *Approval of Treasurer’s Report* – Steve Donell – a report was distributed. Steve stated that a W9 is required when demand warrant is issued. The new fiscal year starts July 1. John-David Webster made a Motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Harry Rose seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

Item 6: *Public Comment – Non-agenda items (limited to 2 minutes per speaker)* – No cards were received, no comments were made.

Item 7: *Appointment of NCWPDR 2005 Committee Chairs and Committee Members*

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- *Airport Relations Committee* – Robert Acherman was appointed Chair of the Committee. Denny Schneider made a Motion to approve the appointment. Pat Lyon seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

- Robert Acherman made a Motion to approve the Committee appointments. Harry Rose seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

Government Affairs/City Services - Robert Acherman made a Motion to approve the Committee appointments. Pat Lyon seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

Item 8: *Westchester Sign Update* – The lights and panels of the sign have been refurbished and a sensor to turn the light on at dusk and off at dawn has been installed.

Item 9: *Motion for Westchester Sign Dedication and Reception* – Judith Ciancimino made a Motion to have a re-dedication ceremony for the sign. Kathy Santos seconded the Motion. Pat Lyon made a friendly amendment that up to \$500, allocated for the sign, be used for the reception. The Motion passed unanimously.

Item 10: *Picnic Update* – Stars of the Neighborhood/Program – committee has formed and they have had two meetings. They are currently reviewing choices for entertainment.

The Board was polled regarding a date for the picnic. The two choices were September 18th or 24th. A vote was taken: 18 can attend on the 17th and 20 can attend on the 24th.

Patricia Lyon made a Motion that the Neighborhood Council sponsor an all-community picnic in the month of September, 2005, Robert Acherman seconded the Motion.

Robert Acherman, Lynne Allen, Mike Arias, Sibyl Buchanan, Judith Ciancimino, David Coffin, Pam DeArmas, Steve Donell, Don Doyle, Doug Ehlers, James Ferro, David Gray, Patricia Lyon, Paul Maynard, Sheila Mickelson, Harry Rose, John Ruhlen, Kathy Santos, Denny Schneider, John-David Webster, Robert Weldon and William West voted Yea.

Dolores Canizales abstained from voting. The Motion passed.

Items 11: *Motion for 2005 Neighborhood Picnic and Sponsors*

Patricia Lyon made a Motion that we endorse a sponsorship program at \$150 per sponsor, to be recruited by the Neighborhood Council Board Members. The checks will be made payable to NCWPDR. John-David Webster seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously. The next meeting of the Picnic Committee is scheduled for Monday, June 27 @7:30PM at Commercial Capital Bank.

Item 12: *Report of DWP Signing Ceremony 5.13.05* – Robert Weldon and Robert Dalton. The signing took place in the Tom Bradley Room in City Hall. The event was well attended by Neighborhood Councils, City Council Members and the DWP.

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Item 13: *Planning and Land Use Committee Report* – Jim Ferro – at the meeting on May 10, McDonalds presented a plan to put a restaurant at the corner of Manchester and Airport. It will be a “new style” restaurant, more of an upscale dining experience, not just for kids.

Starbucks presented their plans for a store in what is currently a parking lot at the corner of Lincoln and 83rd Street. This plan will eliminate many of the parking spaces now used by Chicago for Ribs. The owner of the building that houses Chicago for Ribs is also the owner of the parking lot

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, June 21 at 6PM at University Hall in the auditorium.

Item 14: *Neighborhood Council Alliance Report* – Robert Acherman and Sheila Mickelson attended the last meeting. A report was distributed. All board members are encouraged to attend. The Congress of Neighborhood Councils is scheduled for June 25.

Item 15: *Motion to Approve Letter of Support for Council File 05-075 to allow City Clerk to treat Neighborhood Council correspondence in the same manner as a City Department by assigning a Council File Number.* Robert Acherman made the Motion as stated. David Coffin seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

Item 16: *Motion for Planning and Land Use Committee to examine and report back to NCWPDR within two months on Land Use Planning input issues presented by Silver Lake Neighborhood Council.* Robert Acherman made the Motion as stated. Denny Schneider seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

Item 17: *Motion for Resolution and Letter to Council Member Elect Bill Rosendahl encouraging the continuance of the fee waiver for Westchester Farmer's Market* – Kathy Santos made the Motion as stated. Mike Arias seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

Item 18: *Motion for Resolution and Letter to Council Member Elect Bill Rosendahl to continue efforts to win approval for a new youth athletic facility on the vacant property near St. Bernard High School* – John-David Webster made the Motion as stated. Patricia Lyon seconded the Motion. This is currently a federal issue because the property is owned by Los Angeles World Airports. Denny Schneider made a Friendly Amendment to send the letter to all elected officials. The Friendly Amendment was accepted by John-David and Patricia. The Motion passed unanimously.

Item 19: *Motion to honor Zev Edelstein at July or August NC Board Meeting* – Mr. Edelstein is the owner of Gerald's ACE Hardware. Robert Acherman made the Motion as stated. John Ruhlen seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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Westchester Streetscape Improvement Association (WSIA) – John Ruhlen – With the financial help of the City, a BID on Sepulveda is currently being formed. Proposals are out to companies to help form the BID. The Westchester Business Improvement Committee meetings are ongoing.

Free trees – A group from Georgetown Street will be meeting on June 21 at 7PM in the Community Room. They are mounting an effort to obtain free trees for their street.

Arden Realty donated \$150,000 to fix the sidewalks along Sepulveda between 80th and 83rd Streets.

Item 20: *Hometown News column* – We are in the process of starting an informational column which will be published each month in the Hometown News, it will explain who the Neighborhood Council is and what we do. In addition, a different Committee will be featured each month.

Item 21: *E-News* - President Gwen Vuchsas stated that she would like to establish an e-news to be sent to the NCWPDR registered stakeholder database.

Item 22: *Robert's Rules of Order Workshop – July 9, 2005* – at Playa Vista's Center Pointe Club, everyone invited.

The Neighborhood Council will not be meeting at LMU for the balance of the year as there is no space available. The July and August meetings will be at the Westchester Senior Center.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:41PM in memory of Bill Smith, former Board Member who passed away from cancer on Saturday, June 4, 2005.

Next Meeting: July 5 – 6:30PM

Location: Westchester Senior Center

Submitted by: Judith Ciancimino