

# The Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa del Rey Board of Directors' Meeting – August 2, 2005 Approved Minutes

**Present:** Lynne Allen, Joe Callinan, Dolores Canizales, Judith Ciancimino, David Coffin, Robert Dalton, Pam DeArmas, Steve Donell, Don Doyle, Doug Ehlers, Jeff Elder, James Ferro, David Gray, Patricia Lyon, Geoff Maleman, Paul Maynard, Sheila Mickelson, Harry Rose, John Ruhlen, Kathy Santos, Denny Schneider, David Voss, Gwen Vuchsas, John-David Webster, Robert Weldon, William West and Barbara Yamamoto.

**Ex Officio:** Kathryn Frengs, Edgar Saenz

**Excused:** Robert Acherman, Mike Arias, Sibyl Buchanan, Cozette Vergari, Bill West

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

**Item 2:** Rob Weldon led the Pledge of Allegiance. This may be his last meeting with the NC he is relocating to North Carolina.

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

- Laurie Hughes – Gateway to LA BID – regarding a new sign at Carolina West aka “Nudes, Nudes, Nudes” reading “Vaginas R Us” has to go.

An MTA grant of \$1.3 million dollar beatification fund has been received by Department of Street Services. Gateway will be submitting projects for the Century corridor.

- Glenda Matrid – Wet LA Democratic Club – next meeting on Aug. 18 at a church off the intersection of Lincoln and Venice – Maxine Waters will be the featured speaker. Ted Lieu who is running for the State Assembly seat left vacant upon the death of Mike Gordon.

- Edgar Saenz – Westchester Resident – suggested that NC Agendas be sent out via email.

- Judy Petix – West Bluffs Conservancy – in favor of acquiring the West Bluffs from the developers. West Bluffs Conservancy is currently raising funds to do an appraisal and is seeking support from the Neighborhood Council.

## **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

**Item 4:** *Introduction of Kathryn Frengs, Field Deputy for Councilman Bill Rosendahl.*

**Item 5:** *Presentation by Blair Cohn re Arden Energy Challenge – a flyer was distributed. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of the event. It benefits the YMCA, Children United Nations and SPCALA. NC is invited to have a booth at the finish line. The event is scheduled for September 18, 2005 from 5:30AM to Noon.*

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*Motion for Letter of Support on Request for Fee Waiver for 9/18 Event* – Geoff Maleman made the Motion as stated. Harry Rose seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously. A letter will be written and sent to Councilman Rosendahl's office.

*Motion for NCWDPR to participate in Arden Energy Challenge Event* – Robert Dalton made a Motion to table this item until it could be addressed in the Membership/Marketing Committee. Don Doyle seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

**Item 6:** *Presentation by Chris Nevil, member Del Rey Park Task Force* – A presentation was made regarding the U.S. Postal property at Alla and Jefferson, the north/west parcel. The Del Rey Park Task Force wants to turn it into "active, open space" for use by youth with the portion bordering Ballona Creek, reserved for conservation efforts. The parcel is 19.9 acres in size.

*Motion to Support Del Rey Park initiative regarding the US postal site at Jefferson & Alla Road as requested by the Del Rey Park Task Force* – David Coffin made the Motion as stated. Denny Schneider seconded the Motion.

Lynne Allen, Dolores Canizales, Judith Ciancimino, David Coffin, Robert Dalton, David Gray, Sheila Mickelson, Harry Rose, John Ruhlen, Kathy Santos and Denny Schneider voted Yea. Pam DeArmas, Don Doyle, Steve Donell, Jeff Elder, James Ferro, Patricia Lyon, Geoff Maleman, Paul Maynard, John Ruhlen, David Voss, John-David Webster, Robert Weldon and Barbara Yamamoto voted Nay. Joe Callinan abstained from voting.

The vote was 10 Yea, 13 Nay and 1 Abstention. The Motion failed.

Mr. Nevil was instructed to take the issue to the Planning and Land Use Committee for further consideration.

**Item 7:** *Public Comment – Agenda Items (limited to 2 minutes per speaker)*

- Anton Acherman – Westchester Resident – wants to be heard last, after Agenda Item 10.

**Item 8:** *Approval of Minutes 7/5/05 Board Meeting* – Jeff Elder made a Motion to approve the Minutes. John Ruhlen seconded the Motion. Lynne Allen, Joe Callinan, Dolores Canizales, Judith Ciancimino, David Coffin, Robert Dalton, Pam DeArmas, Don Doyle, Steve Donell, Jeff Elder, Doug Ehlers, James Ferro, David Gray, Patricia Lyon, Geoff Maleman, Paul Maynard, Sheila Mickelson, John Ruhlen, Kathy Santos, Denny Schneider, David Voss, John-David Webster, Robert Weldon and Barbara Yamamoto voted Yea. Harry Rose abstained from voting. The Motion passed.

**Item 9:** *Approval of Treasurer's Report* – Steve Donell – a report was distributed. Geoff Maleman made a Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. David Voss seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

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**Item 10:** *Appointment of NCWPDR 2005 Chairs and Committee Members*

David Voss was removed from the Planning and Land Use Committee and Kathy Santos was removed from the Airport Relations Committee.

The President asked for approval of the following appointments:

1. Appointment of David Voss to replace Robert Acherman as Chair of the Airport Relations Committee due to the absence of Acherman working in Germany.
2. Appointment of Geoff Maleman to the Airport Relations Committee.
3. Appointment of Kathy Santos to the Planning and Land Use Committee.

Jeff Elder made a Motion to approve the appointments as stated. Doug Ehlers seconded the Motion. Lynne Allen, Dolores Canizales, Judith Ciancimino, David Coffin, Pam DeArmas, Don Doyle, Steve Donell, Jeff Elder, James Ferro, David Gray, Patricia Lyon, Geoff Maleman, Paul Maynard, John Ruhlen, Kathy Santos, David Voss, John-David Webster and Robert Weldon voted Yea. Joseph Callinan, Robert Dalton, Doug Ehlers, Sheila Mickelson, Harry Rose and Denny Schneider voted Nay. Barbara Yamamoto abstained from voting.

The vote was 18 Yeas, 6 Nays and 1 Abstention. The Motion passed.

Denny Schneider made a Motion to override the President's removal of Robert Acherman from the Airport Relations Committee. Sheila Mickelson seconded the Motion.

Don Doyle made a Motion to table Denny Schneider's Motion. Doug Ehlers seconded the Motion. Lynne Allen, Dolores Canizales, Judith Ciancimino, Pam DeArmas, Don Doyle, Steve Donell, Jeff Elder, Doug Ehlers, James Ferro, David Gray, Paul Maynard, John Ruhlen, Kathy Santos, David Voss and Barbara Yamamoto voted Yea. David Coffin, Robert Dalton, Patricia Lyon, Geoff Maleman, Sheila Mickelson, Harry Rose, Denny Schneider, John-David Webster and Robert Weldon voted Nay. Joe Callinan abstained from voting.

The vote was 15 Yea, 9 Nay and 1 Abstention. The Motion passed.

**Items 11:** *Planning and Land Use Committee Report* – James Ferro distributed the Committee recommendation that we send a letter and report on "zoning Smart Codes" to Jason Lyon of the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council.

**Item 12:** *Motion that the NCWPDR send letter to Silverlake Neighborhood Council as recommended by the Planning and Land Use Committee.* Jim Ferro made the Motion as stated. Geoff Maleman seconded the Motion. David Coffin made a Friendly Amendment that the word "however" be removed from the second sentence in the third paragraph. Jim and Geoff accepted the Friendly Amendment. The Motion passed unanimously.

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**Item 13:** *Picnic Committee Report* – Pat Lyon gave a report. The picnic is scheduled for September 24<sup>th</sup>. The Picnic and the “Stars of the Neighborhood” nomination form are advertised in the Hometown News and the W/LAX Mdr Chamber of Commerce Gateway News and flyers are being distributed through local businesses and will be distributed in local schools in September.

Board Members were encouraged to distribute the “Stars of the Neighborhood” nomination forms.

**Item 14:** *Review Robert's Rules or Order Workshop* – Gwen Vuchsas – The workshop was held on Saturday, July 9 at Playa Vista's CenterPointe Club. A report will be distributed at a future meeting.

**Item 15:** *Music West – Music Man Production Review* – Gwen Vuchsas distributed a letter from Jeff Remington.

**Item 16:** *Community Beautification Grants – Deadline October 27, 2005* – Geoff Maleman is forming an ad hoc committee to identify projects and/or solicit projects from other neighborhood groups. Barbara Yamamoto, Paul Maynard, Sheila Mickelson, Harry Rose and David Coffin volunteered for the Committee.

**Item 17:** *LADWP Solar Information Meeting – August 9, 2005* – a report was distributed.

**Miscellaneous:**

- July 16 – Neighborhood Council Alliance – Sheila Mickelson distributed a report.
- August 10 – LMU – LAWA Master Plan Meeting – 6PM to 9PM
- August 10 – LMU - Workshop on Draft EIR – 4PM to 7PM

**Meeting Adjourned:** 9:40PM

**Next Meeting:** September 6 – 6:30PM

**Location:** Westchester Community Room

**Submitted by:** Judith Ciancimino