

The Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa del Rey Board of Directors' Meeting – January 10, 2006

Present: Lynne Allen, Mike Arias, Sibyl Buchanan, Judith Ciancimino, David Coffin, Steve Donell, Don Doyle, Doug Ehlers, Jeff Elder, Lisa Farland, James Ferro, David Gray, Patricia Lyon, Terry Marcellus, Paul Maynard, Sheila Mickelson, Harry Rose, John Ruhlen, Kathy Santos, Denny Schneider, Cozette Vergari, David Voss, Gwen Vuchsas, John-David Webster and Lisa Wellik.

Ex Officio: Kathryn Frengs

Excused: Robert Acherman, Joe Callinan, Robert Dalton, Geoff Maleman, and Bill West.

Absent: Pam DeArmas

Item 1: Gwen Vuchsas, President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 6:42 PM. The Roll was called.

Item 2: Jim Ferro led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 3: *Special Presentations/Recognition –*

- Marion Godding – 2005 Stars of the Neighborhood award winner, was presented Certificates of Appreciation from Los Angeles County Assemblyman Don Knabe and Los Angeles Mayor Villaraigosa.

– Barbara Yamamoto, who resigned her seat as the LAWA representative to accept a position in the LAWA Office of Ethics, was presented a Certificate of Appreciation from the City of Los Angeles for her service to the NC Board of Directors

Item 4: *Public Comment – non-Agenda Items (limited to 2 minutes per speaker)* – no speaker card were received.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

Item 5: *Report/Kathryn Frengs, Field Deputy for Councilman Bill Rosendahl* – Cal Trans will be presenting their plan to place electronic signs in the Westchester area on January 17, at 6PM in the Community Room of the Municipal Building. The next CD11 Summit is planned for Saturday February 11, at noon in the CD#11 West LA office.

Item 6: *Viacom Billboards – possible motion to write letter to Rosendahl regarding location* – Sheila Mickelson and Kathryn Frengs will work together on this project.

Item 7: *Presentation - USC Neighborhood Participation Project* – Christopher Weare, Ph.D. USC School of Policy, Planning, and Development – distributed "Neighborhood Council Implementation Evaluation," a study conducted at USC in November 2005, to evaluate whether NC's have reached any of their goals. The full report will be provided to a Commission that is being formed in June, 2006, to evaluate the status of all NC's in the greater Los Angeles area. The final results will be available on their web site.

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Item 8: *Presentation/Invitation – LAWA Noise Monitor Site Selection Workshop, 1/11/06, 7:00pm* – Scott Tatro – A meeting to determine future locations of airport noise monitoring sites will be held in the LAWA Administration Building Board Room. Currently there are 25 total sites at three LAWA-owned airports; ultimately they hope to have at least 75 sites.

Item 9: *Approval of Minutes of 12/6/05 Board Meeting* – Correction - The Recording Secretary was asked to add names to votes taken on action items. Correction - Denny Schneider make a Motion to file the treasurer's report for audit – Correction "done" should be all caps.

Lisa Wellik made a Motion to approve the Minutes as corrected. Paul Maynard seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

Item 10: *Approval of Treasurer's Report* – Steve Donell – a report was distributed. Judith Ciancimino made a Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. David Coffin seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

Item 11: *Motion to Approve Reimbursement to Board members for NCWPDR expenditures* – One reimbursement to Lynne Allen \$175 for fabric to make tablecloths for use at the community picnic. Steve Donell made the Motion as stated above. Denny Schneider seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

Item 12: *Election Committee Report* – Cozette Vergari – The following reports were distributed:

- 8.31.05, 9.27.05 and 1.05.06 committee meeting minutes
- 2006 Election Procedures
- Timeline for Policies and Procedures
- Email from C. Vergari "News From the Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa del Rey
- Mass mailing flyer "Election!"

The Election Committee is awaiting approval of our bylaw changes by DONE. These changes were necessary to meet new DONE requirements. The Candidate Registration deadline is 2.06.06, however, if the bylaw changes have not been approved by DONE, the deadline will be extended.

Item 13: *Candidate Information Session* – Cozette discussed information to run for office for the Neighborhood Council.

Item 14: *Discussion re membership Congress of Neighborhoods* – presentation was done by Leonard Shaeffer and Clifford Chang to join the Congress of Neighborhood Councils. Leonard and Clifford became the "formation committee" with Leonard as facilitator. His concept is that there would be ongoing committees to study regional issues and inform the appropriate NC's so that they can act on the issue at the NC level. They are hoping that at least 30 NC's will join for the first meeting and then more NC's would become involved. The required 20% participation threshold has been met. The first meeting of the NC Congress is Saturday, February 4, 10AM at

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DWP's Portland Room. The DWP building is across from the Music Center in downtown LA. The next meeting of the formation group will be in DWP's Portland Room on January 14, 10AM.

Item 15: *Motion to support NCWPDR membership Congress of Neighborhood* – President Vuchsas referred this to Government Affairs Committee for further investigation.

Robert Dalton sent a proposal on the Congress which was distributed to Board members and sent a Speaker Card on this item, requesting that we pass this Motion.

Item 16: *NC Street Resurfacing Report* – John Ruhlen of the Transportation/Traffic Committee, distributed a report on which streets NCWPDR has requested the Department of Street Services resurface/repair. The work is expected to begin in March, 2006.

President's Report

Item 17: *CBS Advertising Distributors* – an informational flyer was distributed. This may be a company we could use to distribute our Walking Man Piece.

Item 18: *Mayor's Budget Day – January 21, 2006* – Denny Schneider will attend; JD is a back up attendee.

Item 19: *NC/Planning MOU Taskforce* – a flyer was distributed.

Item 20: *Workshop on Proposed Municipal Code Changes re automotive repair* - a flyer was distributed.

Item 21: *Mayor's Crisis Response Team Recruitment* – a flyer was distributed.

Item 22: *Final Pedestrian and Motor Vehicle Stop Data Analyses Methodology Report* – a report was distributed.

Item 23: *Los Angeles River Revitalization Master Plan meeting* – a report was distributed.

Item 24: *Dept. of Public Works Christmas Tree Recycling* - a flyer was distributed

Meeting Adjourned: 8:50 PM

Next Meeting: February 7 – 6:30PM

Location: Westchester Community Room

Submitted by: Judith Ciancimino