

The Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa del Rey Board of Directors' Meeting – December 5, 2006

Present: Robert Acherman, Lynne Allen, Mike Arias, Sibyl Buchanan, Joe Callinan, Judith Ciancimino, David Coffin, Robert Dalton, Pam DeArmas, Steve Donell, Don Doyle, Doug Ehlers, Lisa Farland, James Ferro, Tom Flintoft, Patricia Lyon, Terry Marcellus, Paul Maynard, Sheila Mickelson, Nancy Niles, Harry Rose, John Ruhlen, Kathy Santos, Denny Schneider, Cozette Vergari, David Voss, John-David Webster and William West.

Excused: Geoff Maleman

Absent: David Gray

Item A: The meeting was called to order at 6:10 PM by Mike Arias, President of the Board. The Roll was called.

Item B: Joe Callinan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item C: Approval of Minutes of November 7, 2006 Board Meeting – Robert Acherman made a Motion to approve the Minutes of the meeting as amended. Paul Maynard seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

Item D: Public Comment – non-Agenda Items

Raymond Yu – 21 Annual MLK Day Parade is scheduled for 1.15.07 it will start at 11AM
Firecracker Run is scheduled for 2.11.07
Golden Dragon Parade – Chinese New Year Parade is scheduled for 2.24.07 at 2PM

- Mary Jane Ludwig – Westchester Resident – Kentwood area, thanked all outgoing Board members for their service and support of our community.

Item E: Representative Reports:

1. Lisette Covarrubias, DONE Project Coordinator – Conflict of Interest training is a two part training which must be completed by end of 2006. www.lacity.com Please fill out the online budget survey. LANCC – flyer passed out

2. Isaac Liberman new Field Deputy/Councilman Bill Rosendahl – Attended Chamber of Commerce open house. The Chamber rented the offensive billboard on Sepulveda and replaced the old sign with a new one for 3 months. Isaac.lieberman@lacity.org

3. John Brady, Area Field Representative/Mayor's Office – The Day of Service on 11.17 very successful. The next Day of Service is scheduled for April 28 & 29, 2007 in conjunction with Big Sunday. The City is seeking 2 or 3 volunteers from the West Side to participate as Crisis Response Team volunteers; they will respond to deaths due to traffic accidents, homicide etc. and counsel the survivors, families, etc.

4. Reza Akef, Field Representative/Congresswoman Jane Harman was not available.

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5. Edgar Saenz - Congresswoman Maxine Waters – encouraged us all to attend the next Airport Public Input Session which is scheduled Saturday, Saturday, tomorrow and Saturday, December 9 at the Flight Path Learning Center at 6PM. The subjects to be addressed include the Airport Northside property/development. For more information, please call 310.642.4610. The Congresswoman's Westchester office is located at 6033 W. Century #807.

Item F: Motions/Actions Items: (Public comment on agenda items limited to 2 minutes)

Consent Calendar (*These items will be enacted with one vote unless a Board member or a stakeholder requests that an item be placed on the Discussion Calendar.*)

1. Motion to approve reimbursements of Board member expenditures (Donell) – no requests were received.
2. Motion requesting LAUSD seek public comment on draft documents prepared for WASC and that the public receive responses to same (Marcellus) The Motion was made and seconded and passed unanimously.
3. Motion to expend up to \$1,000 for Board Retreat (Donell) The Motion was made and seconded and passed unanimously.

Discussion Calendar:

1. Motion to oppose variance regarding 135 Waterview Street, Playa del Rey (Ferro) – The owner of 135 Waterview Street in PdR has requested a variance to go from 33" in height to 39'. Morey Plotkin, PdR resident, spoke against the project. The homeowner was contacted for comment and has not responded. Jim Ferro made a Motion to oppose the variance. Robert Dalton seconded the Motion. Denny Schneider made a Friendly Amendment that Jim Ferro appoint an NC representative to attend the meeting of the Zoning Board at the time of the hearing re the variance to state the NC's position. The Friendly Amendment was accepted. The Motion passed unanimously.
2. Motion to request renaming of Loyola Village Library in honor of Mary Lou Crockett (Acherman) – Patricia Lyon told the Board that this issue was already heard in the Fall of 2006 and there is a Motion already in place and the effort has been ongoing. Mark Antonio Grant of the Councilman's office, in a status report to the existing committee said that the renaming is imminent. Patricia Lyon made a Motion to table this Motion. Steve Donell seconded the Motion. Mike Arias, Sibyl Buchanan, Judith Ciancimino, Pam DeArmas, Steve Donell, Don Doyle, James Ferro, Tom Flintoft, Patricia Lyon, Paul Maynard, Sheila Mickelson, John Ruhlen, Kathy Santos and Cozette Vergari voted Yea. Robert Acherman, Stephen Bentley, Joseph Callinan, David Coffin, Robert Dalton, Doug Ehlers, Lisa Farland, Terry Marcellus, Nancy Niles, Harry Rose, Denny Schneider, John-David Webster and William West voted Nay. The Motion to table passed with 14 Yea's and 13 Nay's.

Item G: Committee Reports:

Standing Committees

8. Election Committee (taken out of order) Cozette Vergari – thanked the Election Committee for their many hours of hard work. A report was distributed.

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In answer to the challenge of the validity of the election, the City of Los Angeles Human Relations Commission Policy Advisor, Christine Shen reviewed the Final Report of the Independent Election Administrator, Carole White, and ..."declared that the election was valid and binding."

1. Airport Relations - David Voss – was unavailable at this time, no report was given.
2. Budget & Finance - Steve Donell (Approval of Treasurer's Report) – a report was emailed. Robert Acherman made a Motion to file the Treasurer's Report for audit. Sibyl Buchanan seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.
3. Communications - David Coffin – Stakeholder registration forms will be returned by Independent Election Administrator before the end of the year.
4. Education - Terry Marcellus – report distributed via email. Signalization is being instituted in the neighborhood surrounding Westchester High School to facilitate traffic flow.
5. Governmental Affairs/City Services - Robert Dalton – Kathy Bartlow and Robert will propose street lighting for Reading Ave at the next Budget Committee.
6. Membership/Marketing - Sibyl Buchanan – Same as Communications Committee report.
7. Planning & Land Use - James Ferro – taken out of order – see Discussion Calendar, Item 1.

Ad Hoc Committees

1. Bylaws - David Voss – not available at this time, no report was given.
2. Lincoln Streetscape - Chair to be appointed – no report was given.
3. Neighborhood Watch - Pat Lyon – no request for NW signs have been received yet, therefore, no signs have been purchased.
4. Sepulveda Streetscape - Sheila Mickelson – going to begin appropriations phase in Washington D.C. with the help of Maxine Waters – a letter requesting \$5 million will be sent in January and an application will be submitted in March, 2007. Streetscape expects to know the decision on this issue by October, 2007 and, if accepted, the funding will begin in March, 2008.

City/Neighborhood Council Committees

1. LANC Congress - Robert Acherman; Nancy Niles (alt.) – Memo re LANC distributed.
2. City Planning Task Force - David Gray; James Ferro (alt.)
3. NC Alliance - Robert Acherman; Sheila Mickelson – new representatives to the Alliance will be appointed in January, 2007.
4. Mayor's Budget Day - Denny Schneider – has not received notice of the next meeting date and time.
5. City Attorney Legal Liaison - David Voss – not available at this time.
6. LADWP Fall Budget Workshop - JD Webster – the Workshop is scheduled for Sunday, December 10, 2006.

Item H: Discussion Items:

1. Conflict of Interest On-line Training: www.lacityneighborhoods.com and

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www.done.ethicstraining@lacity.org new board members need not take it until next year.

2. LAX Master Plan Stakeholder Meeting - 12/6 at 6:00pm and 12/9 at 9:00am at The Flight Path Learning Center – every one go and fill out speaker cards, wear your NC Council Shirt.

Public Comment – non-Agenda Items

- Ellie Holm Westchester Resident – asked that we all go to the Airport Meetings and oppose the proposal to move the North Runway 360 feet north into Westchester. This meeting should never have been scheduled in December when most people are too busy to attend.

- Tom Ponton – 912 Commission (Neighborhood Council Commission Representative from 11 Council District – the next meeting in this area of the Commission is scheduled 1.11.07 in the Walgrove Middle School at 6:30PM Regular meetings of the Commission at which deliberations are made are open to the public. Tom may be reached at ponton@marvista.org The President asked Robert Dalton to compile a list of what this NC would like to have the Commission address.

Item I: *Announcements:*

1. BONC meetings are now held on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. and every 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m. The public is encouraged to attend.
2. Next NCWPDR Board meeting: January 9, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. (note date change)
3. Board Retreat immediately after adjournment – at Truxtons.

Item J: J. Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned: 8:00PM
Next Meeting: January 9 – 6:30PM
Location: Community Room
Submitted by: Judith Ciancimino