

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

**Present:** Robert Acherman, Mike Arias, Sibyl Buchanan, Joe Callinan, Judith Ciancimino, David Coffin, Robert Dalton, Pam DeArmas, Steve Donnel, Don Doyle, Doug Ehlers, Lisa Farland, James Ferro, David Gray, Patricia Lyon, Geoff Maleman, Sheila Mickelson, Harry Rose, John Ruhlen, Kathy Santos, Denny Schneider, Cozette Vergari and John-David Webster.

**Ex Officio:**

**Excused:** Lynne Allen, Jeff Elder, David Voss, Gwen Vuchsas, Lisa Wellik and Bill West.

**Absent:** Terry Marcellus and Paul Maynard.

**Item 1:** The meeting was called to order at 6:45 PM by Mike Arias, Vice-President of the Board. The Roll was called.

**Item 2:** Geoff Maleman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

*Cindy Hench* – Westchester Resident – announced a CERT training scheduled for 10.16 with another one scheduled in 16 weeks.

## **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

**Item 4:** *Report/ Kathryn Frengs, Field Deputy for Councilman Bill Rosendahl* -  
- Councilman Rosendahl is back from China where he investigated the Mag Lev and other modes of mass transportation

- Regarding permit parking – he is trying to get a Motion before the City Council before the next recess. Kathryn will report on it's progress at the next NC meeting.

**Item 5:** *Report/Lisette Covsarrubias, DONE Project Coordinator* –

9.9 – LA City Budget Day 8AM – there will be a noon meet and greet an area with community-based organizations

9.14 – Community Grant Workshop

**Item 6:** Election Report – Cozette Vergari - Due to the Labor Day holiday, application cut-off date was changed to 9.6 but they still needed to be postmarked by 9.2.06 and be complete. The Walking Man Piece goes to independent election administrator; then to Lisette Covsarrubias for printing and then distribution hopefully by September 16. The Candidate Information meeting is scheduled for September 6 at 5 PM in the Westchester Library Community Room.

**Item 7:** AP Relations – Geoff Maleman – Geoff Maleman made a Motion to approve a letter to Mayor Villaragosa opposing the ring road, new traffic plan which would drive traffic to the west side of the airport, construction of a West Terminal or any new western access at LAX 3,

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moving LAX noise contours to Westchester/PdR, relocation of LAX runways closer to Westchester/PdR as recommended by the NCWPDR Airport Relations Committee. David Gray seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously. Geoff will prepare a letter for the Presidents signature.

**Item 8:** Planning & Land Use – James Ferro made a Motion to Oppose the Thornburn Project of 14 homes on a former railroad right of way between LaCienega and LaTijera as recommended by NCWPDR Planning and Land Use Committee. Robert Dalton seconded the Motion. Robert Acherman, Sibyl Buchanan, Joseph Callinan, Judith Ciancimino, David Coffin, Robert Dalton, Pam DeArmas, Steve Donell, Don Doyle, Lisa Farland, James Ferro, David Gray, Patricia Lyon, Geoff Maleman, Sheila Mickelson, Harry Rose, John Ruhlen, Kathy Santos, Denny Schneider and Cozette Vergari voted Yea. Doug Elhers voted Nay. The Motion passed. Jim Ferro will prepare a letter to Councilman Rosendahl for the President's signature.

**Item 9:** Neighborhood Watch Ad Hoc Committee Report – Patricia Lyon – the committee has met twice to address the Neighborhood Watch sign program. Committee member Cindy Hench told the NC Board that we will need approvals from DOT, Street Lighting and LAPD before signs can go up. There also has to be an active Neighborhood Watch with at least 50% of the neighborhood residents involved and they must be able to provide documentation of their existence including a roster and interaction with LAPD.

**Item 10:** Public Comment– Agenda Items (limited to 2 minutes per speaker) no cards were received.

**Item 11:** Motion to Oppose Prop R as requested by NCWPDR Board Members – John-David Webster made a Motion to oppose LA City Council Proposition R which would extend term limits from 2 to 3 terms and allow a relaxation of the ethics rules by which lobbyist much abide. John-David Webster made the Motion. Denny Schneider seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously. Robert Dalton will prepare a letter for the President's signature.

**Item 12:** Motion to Oppose Citywide Housing Bond as requested by NCWPDR Board Member. Joe Callinan made the Motion. Danny Schneider seconded the Motion. Sibyl Buchanan, Joseph Callinan, Judith Ciancimino, David Coffin, Pam DeArmas, Steve Donell, Don Doyle, Doug Ehlers, Lisa Farland, James Ferro, David Gray, Patricia Lyon, John Ruhlen, Kathy Santos Denny Schneider, Cozette Vergari and John-David Webster voted Yea. Robert Dalton, Geoff Maleman and Harry Rose voted Nay. Sheila Mickelson abstained from voting. The Motion passed. Joe Callinan will ask Robert Acherman to prepare a letter for the President's signature.

**Item 13:** Budget & Finance – Steve Donell

1. Treasurer's Report – Steve Donell – A report was distributed. David Grey made a Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. John Ruhlen seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

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2. Steve Donell made a Motion to reimburse David Coffin \$324.74 for the Adobe Acrobat Software he purchased to manage the stakeholder list. David Grey seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

**Item 14:** John-David Webster made a Motion to approve the Minutes of the 8.01.06 Board Meeting as amended. Robert Dalton seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

**Item 15:** Geoff Maleman made a Motion to appoint Nancy Niles to the LAX Board seat vacated by Lisa Wellik. Robert Dalton seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- The proposal for an Adult Cabaret on Centinela in Westchester failed to pass at the LA City Planning Committee.
- It is time to get lawn signs posted.
- A flyer was distributed regarding the upcoming LAPD Pacific Area Townhall meeting addressing terrorism and homeland safety. It will be held on September 25 at 6:30PM at the EA Building on the corner of Lincoln and Jefferson.
- All Board Members were asked to submit their election day volunteer list to Fenny immediately. The shifts for both October 3 and 4 are 11-2:30 2-5:30 5- 8:30.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:30PM

**Next Meeting:** October 3 – 6:30PM

**Location:** Westchester Community Room

**Submitted by:** Judith Ciancimino