

# The Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa del Rey Board of Directors' Meeting – November 6, 2007

**Present:** Mike Arias, William Ballerini, Stephen Bentley, Sibyl Buchanan, Judith Ciancimino, David Coffin, Robert Dalton, Don Doyle, James Ferro, Clarence Griffin, Cyndi Hench, Patricia Lyon, Terry Marcellus, John Ramey, John Ruhlen, Kathy Bartlow-Santos, Frances Stronks, Mary Taylor and John David Webster.

**Excused:** Pam DeArmas, Steve Donell, Doug Ehlers, Denny Schneider and Cozette Vergari.

**Absent:** Tom Flintoft, David Gray, Terry Issac, Geoff Maleman, Richard W. Nelsen and Nancy Niles.

**Item A:** Call to Order

**Item B:** Pledge of Allegiance – Raymond Yu

**Item C:** Approval of Minutes of October 2, 2007 Board meeting – the minutes were not available, no vote was taken.

**Item D:** Public Comment - non-agenda items (limited to 2 minutes per speaker) –

- Raymond Yu – The Hollywood Christmas Parade will be November 25 at 6PM.

- Karen Kanter – Playa del Rey resident - SB1818 Density Bonus Bill gives developers the right to construct multi-family buildings that are much more dense than the surrounding community. City Council is split on this issue and we need to voice our opinion.

**Item E:** Representative Reports (limit to 3 minutes please):

1. Lisette Covarrubias, DONE Project Coordinator – No report was given.

2. Jim Kennedy, Field Deputy/Councilman Bill Rosendahl – Whitney Blumenthal for Jim Kennedy – she will be attending Planning and Land Use Committee Meetings.

3. Chad Molnar, LAX - Community Liaison – Councilman asked LAWA for southern alternative plan for every northern alternative plan. LAWA is beginning the environmental review process a report is scheduled to be released in Jan. Workshops regarding the Northside buffer zone are being planned, this is our opportunity to have input on what happens to this land.

4. Stephen Cheung, Area Field Representative/Mayor's Office – not available, no report was given.

5. Stephanie Molen, Field Representative - Assemblymember Ted Lieu – not available, no report was given.

6. Rebecca Bernal, Field Representative - Assemblymember Curren Price – all 12 of the bills the Assemblymember had pending before the State Assembly have passed and been signed. A flyer listing these Assembly Bills was distributed. A flyer on Operation Gobble was distributed.

7. Edgar Saenz, Field Representative/Congresswoman Maxine Waters – the Congresswoman will be in Westchester on November 30 speaking to seniors.

8. Jessica Duboff, Field Representative/Congresswoman Jane Harman – not available, no report was given.

**Item F:** Presentation - Playa Vista Informational Update - Sibyl Buchanan/Cliff Ritz – The current work occurring on Sepulveda in the residential district is not part of Playa Vistas traffic mitigation plan. PV is widening 79<sup>th</sup>/80<sup>th</sup> Street at Sepulveda to accommodate a left turn lane at 79<sup>th</sup> Street and a right turn lane on 80<sup>th</sup>. A diagram of the plan was distributed.

Due to complaints about children/dogs/pedestrians by a homeowner on Caborra Road on the Westchester Bluffs, a fence will be constructed and new signage will be put in place at Caborra and Dunbarton. This measure is expected to be in place by November 16. A notice addressing the fence/signage will be announced in the Argonaut and other local newspapers.

There will also be a security detail on bikes from dawn to dusk and educational pamphlets will be distributed. A diagram of the proposed fence was distributed.

**Item G:** 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 reimbursement of Board member expenditures (Donell) no requests were received.

2. Motion to support the concept of installing electrical wiring as part of the Sepulveda Boulevard improvement project and to authorize the President to draft, sign and send a letter to the appropriate parties (Maleman)

3. Matters transferred from the Discussion Calendar – John Ramey made a Motion to move Discussion Item 1 to the Consent Calendar. Bill Ballerini seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

***Discussion Calendar:*** (These items will be discussed and acted upon separately unless a Board member or a stakeholder requests that an item be transferred to the Consent Calendar.)

1. Motion to approve name change to Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa. Item moved to Consent Calendar.

2. Motion to support the Angeles Group Small Lot Subdivision Project at 6564 West 85th Place (Ferro) – Jim Ferro made a Motion to support this development project. Bill Ballerini seconded the Motion. Bill Ballerini, Stephen Bentley, Sibyl Buchanan, Robert Dalton, Don Doyle, James Ferro, Clarence Griffin, Cyndi Hench, Patricia Lyon, Terry Marcellus, John Ramey, John Ruhlen, Kathy Santos, Frances Stronks and Mary Taylor voted Yea. Judith Ciancimino and David Coffin voted Nay. John-David Webster abstained from voting. The Motion passed.

3. Special vote to elect Cyndi Hench as Treasurer effective January 1, 2008 (Donell) – Cyndi Hench was appointed by the President. The appointment was supported unanimously.

**Item H. Committee Reports:  
*Standing Committees***

1. Airport Relations - David Voss – not available, no report was given.

2. Budget & Finance - Steve Donell (**Approval of Treasurer's Report**) – the report was distributed. The Treasurer was not available, no vote was taken.

3. Bylaws - David Voss – not available, no report was given. A copy of the Bylaws which were ratified on October 2, 2007, was distributed.

4. Communications - David Coffin – nothing new to report.

5. Education - Terry Marcellus – a report on the local effort support/improve the local public schools was given.

6. Elections - Cozette Vergari – not available, no report was given.

7. Governmental Affairs/City Services - John Ramey – a report was given.

8. Membership/Marketing - Sibyl Buchanan – the next Newsletter is scheduled to be distributed in Jan, 2008. All articles must be received by November 20, in order to be included in the Newsletter.

9. Planning & Land Use - James Ferro – David Voss was appointed Vice Chair of the committee.

10. Public Safety - Doug Ehlers – Cyndi Hench – the recent public safety meeting for the community was very well attended. The committee is planning on hosting two per year.

***Ad Hoc Committees***

1. Lincoln Streetscape - Stephen Bentley – a report was given.

2. Sepulveda Streetscape - John Ruhlen – a report was given.

3. Community Design Overlay - \_\_\_\_\_

***City/Neighborhood Council Committees***

1. LANC Congress - Robert Dalton/Judith Ciancimino (alt.) – Robert Dalton a report was given regarding the 911 Commission report. They made 73 recommendations which may be found in the Executive Summary. Robert will forward the summary to the full board.
2. City Planning Task Force - David Gray; James Ferro (alt.) – not available, no report was given.
3. NC Alliance - Cyndi Hensch – no report was given.
4. Mayor's Budget Day - Denny Schneider/Bill Ballerini (alt.) – a report distributed.
5. City Attorney Legal Liaison - David Voss – not available, no report was given.
6. LADWP MOU - John-David Webster – there are still some unresolved issues.
7. NC 912 Commission - Robert Dalton – the recommendations were discussed at the last meeting.

**I. President's Discussion Items or Comments**

1. Policies and Procedures Handbook status and input
2. Community event update – still in planning stages
3. Remaining committee missions/scope of work – one outstanding Communication
4. Agenda posting locations – David Coffin is researching locations.

**Item J. Other Items:**

1. Conflict of Interest On-line Training: [www.lacityneighborhoods.com](http://www.lacityneighborhoods.com) and [www.done.ethicstraining@lacity.org](mailto:www.done.ethicstraining@lacity.org)
2. Neighborhood Empowerment Academy workshops: [www.lacityneighborhoods.com/empowerment\\_academy.htm](http://www.lacityneighborhoods.com/empowerment_academy.htm)

**Item K: Announcements:**

1. BONC meetings now held on the 1st Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. and every 3rd Thursday at 6:00 p.m. of the month
2. Next NCWPDR Board meeting: December 4, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.
3. Please attend NCRC Workshops if possible
4. Other announcements

**Item L: Adjournment – the meeting was adjourned at 8:45PM.**