

**THE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL OF WESTCHESTER/PLAYA del REY
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING – MARCH 6, 2007**

Present: Mike Arias, Stephen Bentley, Sibyl Buchanan, Robert Dalton, Pam DeArmas, Steve Donell, Don Doyle, Doug Ehlers, Clarence Griffin, James Ferro, Tom Flintoft, David Gray, Terry Isaac, Lynn Kataoka, Patricia Lyon, Geoff Maleman, Terry Marcellus, Nancy Niles, John Ramey, John Ruhlen, Kathy Santos, Frances Stronks, Mary Taylor, Cozette Vergari, John-David Webster.

Excused: William Ballerini, Judith Ciancimino, David Coffin, and David Voss.

Item A: The meeting was called to order at 6:40PM at the Westchester Senior Center by Mike Arias, President of the Board. The Roll was taken.

Item B: The pledge of Allegiance was led by Geoff Maleman.

Item C: A motion was made by Mike Arias and seconded by Stephen Bentley to appoint Clarence Griffin to fill the vacant LMU seat. The motion passed unanimously.

Item D: No presentation.

Item E: A motion was made by Nancy Niles and seconded by Kathy Santos to approve the Minutes of the February 6, 2007 Board Meeting. The motion passed unanimously with the following two corrections: John Ramey's name was moved from Present to Excused. The word 'editorial' was inserted before contributions in item L. 8 Membership/Marketing Standing Committee Report.

Item F: Additional Members were unanimously appointed to the following Committees:

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Motion</u>	<u>Second</u>
Membership/Marketing	Nora Maclellan	Sibyl Buchanan	John Ruhlen
Public Safety	Harry Rose	Doug Ehlers	Robert Dalton
	Grant Francis		
PLUC	Jack Topal	Jim Ferro	Robert Dalton

Item G: Public Comment – non-agenda items

Robert Acherman – NCWPDR should use email to notify stakeholders of vacancies on committees, how to apply and meeting locations.

Craig Eggers – requests delay in implementation of parking restrictions on 83rd Street until residents review and offer input.

Gus Siamis – requested clarification of Caltrans presentation.

Item H: Representative Reports

1. L. Covarrubias (DONE)-Congress of Neighborhoods, Apr. 21; Election Chair Training, Mar. 28.
2. I. Lieberman (CD11) - help available as needed.
3. C. Molnar (LAX Liaison) – not present.

4. J. Brady (Mayor) – not present.
5. S. Molen (Lieu) – passed out business cards.
6. R. Bernal (Price) – nominations sought for 51 Sheros, female community notables.
7. E. Saenz (Waters) – thanked attendees of Town Hall Meeting.

Item I: Consent Calendar – no motions

Discussion Calendar

1. PLUC recommended support of the application for a Conditional Use Permit for 5581 Manchester Avenue with the following written limitations:
One year permit which may be extended
 - 1) Hours:
 - a) on Wed. & Thurs. to be 7 p.m. to midnight
 - b) on Fri. & Sat. 7 p.m. to 1 a.m.
 - c) on Sunday 3:30 p.m. to midnight
 - 2) Beer and Wine only
 - 3) Permanent requirement for 2 uniformed Security Guards
 - 4) No Music (except briefly (less than 2 minutes) to introduce comedians
 - 5) No Dancing
 - 6) Valet Parking –either on premises or on other adjacent site (Ahmanson Training Center) if possible

After One Year from Date of Opening: --Review and Assessment: Possible longer hours and other conditions of use. Or, possible termination of the Use Permit.

Motion by J. Ferro, second by F. Stronks. Friendly amendment to exclude item #2 (beer & wine only) by G. Maleman, seconded by D. Doyle accepted. Motion passed 23 for; D. Ehler, opposed.

2. PLUC recommended writing a letter supporting the concept of the project proposed by Dusty Crane of the LA County Beaches and Harbors to eliminate street parking on Vista del Mar in favor of a 500 car parking lot and expansion of park on LAX property adjacent to the existing City Park. The letter to be sent to Councilman Rosendahl, LAX and other entities as appropriate. Motion by J. Ferro, seconded by K. Santos. Passed 22 for; S. Bentley, opposed; N. Niles, abstained.
3. Budget & Finance Committee recommended the expenditure of \$5000 on behalf of Westchester Babe Ruth for the replacement of a backstop and dugouts to repair damaged facilities and remedy unsafe conditions. Motion by S. Donell; friendly amendment by F. Stronks to increase amount to \$7500 accepted; seconded by G. Maleman; passed unanimously.

Item J: Standing Committee Reports

1. Airport Relations (D. Voss) - not present
2. Budget & Finance (S. Donell) – A motion by S. Donell, seconded by D. Doyle to accept Treasurers Report passed unanimously. The committee recommended that there be a pause in funding pending the implementation of a formal process with established guidelines and forms to request money for community improvement projects. Input also will be sought from DONE and the LA City Attorney.

3. Bylaws (D. Voss) - not present
4. Communications (D. Coffin) – not present
5. Education (T. Marcellus) – At a recent meeting, discussion of Independent Charter status for WHS was favorably received by equal numbers of parents of children currently attending public and private facilities.
6. Elections (C. Vergari) - The next meeting will cover potential dates for the next election as well as issues which may require Bylaw changes.
7. Govt. Affairs/City Svcs. (J. D. Webster) - Only two attendees, no meeting held.
8. Membership/Marketing (S. Buchanan) – 1st meeting scheduled for March 26.
9. PLUC (J. Ferro) – Report under Item I.
10. Public Safety (D. Ehlers) – Meeting scheduled for 6:30pm, March 26.

Ad Hoc

1. Lincoln Streetscape (S. Bentley) – Report under Item J. 2.
2. Sepulveda Streetscape (J. Ruhlen) – Considering joining other NCs planning cleanup of entire length of Sepulveda Blvd throughout the Westside.

City/NC Committees

1. LANC (R. Dalton) – Reported possible portal on LA Times website, NC/DWP MOU still in process, and a group in CD3 is pursuing NC group elections.
2. City Planning (D. Gray) – No report
3. NC Alliance – Volunteers sought for the committee.
4. Mayor’s Budget Day (D. Schneider) – Not present.
5. City Atty. Legal Liaison (D. Voss) – Not present.
6. LADWP MOU (J. D. Webster) – No report.
7. NC 912 Commission (R. Dalton) – No report.

Item K: Discussion items

1. Board Member Training encouraged
2. Attendees sought for Neighborhood Empowerment Academy workshops.
3. Committee Chairs were asked to formulate charts of work, document outreach efforts, prepare minutes and identify recommended bylaw revisions.

Item L: Announcements

1. Pat Lyon reported that the appropriate paperwork has been submitted to change the name of the Westchester Branch Library to honor Mary Lou Crockett.
2. The new DONE General Manager, Carol Baker Tharp, was enthusiastically announced.
3. New meeting days and times were announced for the BONC.
4. Next NCWPDR Board meeting: April 3, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.

Item M: Meeting Adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Submitted by: Frances Stronks