

# The Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa del Rey Board of Directors' Meeting – June 5, 2007

**Present:** Mike Arias, William Ballerini, Stephen Bentley, Sibyl Buchanan, Judith Ciancimino, David Coffin, Robert Dalton, Don Doyle, Doug Ehlers, James Ferro, Tom Flintoft, David Gray, Clarence Griffin, Patricia Lyon, Geoff Maleman, Terry Marcellus, Nancy Niles, John Ramey, John Ruhlen, Kathy Bartlow-Santos, Denny Schneider, Frances Stronks, Mary Taylor, Cozette Vergari, and John David Webster.

**Excused:** Pam DeArmas, Steve Donell, Terry Issac, Lynn Kataoka and David Voss.

**Absent:** Richard W. Nelsen.

**Item A:** The meeting was called to order at 6:05PM by Mike Arias, President of the Board. The Roll was called. Self introductions were made.

**Item B:** Bill Ballerini led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Item C:** Approval of Minutes of May 1, 2007 Board meeting. Frances Stronks made a Motion to approve the Minutes of the May 1, Board Meeting as amended. Bill Ballerini seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

**Item D:** Public Comment - non-agenda items (limited to 2 minutes per speaker)  
- Renate Hild – on behalf of Westchester Vitalization Corp. – distributed flyers on the relocation of the Westchester Farmer's Market from the Westchester Triangle to the Lincoln Boulevard side of Westchester Park beginning June 6, 2007.

- Cara Robin – Vice President of WLA Democratic Club – distributed flyers regarding a Town Hall meeting to discuss "Pico/Olympic One Way Streets" proposal. The meeting will be on 6.20 from 7P to 9P at Penmar Park. It is open to the public.

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

- Jessica Duboff, Field Representative/Congresswoman Jane Harmon – will have office hours in West Los Angeles Municipal Building. For Appointment call 310.643.3636 or email

[Jessica.duboff@mail.house.gov](mailto:Jessica.duboff@mail.house.gov).

1. Lisette Covarrubias, DONE Project Coordinator – Effective Land Use Advocacy Seminar is scheduled for 6.6 starting at 6:30PM at 8475 Vermont Ave. 90044

2. Isaac Lieberman, Field Deputy/Councilman Bill Rosendahl – not available

3. Chad Molnar, LAX - Community Liaison – not available

4. John Brady, Area Field Representative/Mayor's Office – not available

5. Sam Liu, Field Representative - Assemblymember Ted Lieu – the Assemblymember is sponsoring several "Kid Print" days in July. Check his website for further information.

6. Rebecca Bernal, Field Representative - Assemblymember Curren Price – three bills passed the Assembly. Please visit his website for further information.

7. Edgar Saenz, Field Representative/Congresswoman Maxine Waters – not available.

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**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 reimbursement of Board member expenditures  
(Schneider) none received.

2. Motion to appoint additional committee members – none received - John Ramey was appointed new Chair of the Government Affairs Committee– David Gray made a Motion to accept the appointment. Doug Ehlers seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

3. Motion to support the Tree Musketeers Adopt-A-Tree application for their project on Imperial Highway. Bill Ballerini made a Motion to support the application. Stephen Bently seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

**Discussion Calendar:**

1. Motion to support the formal creation of an autonomous cluster of schools to be known as the LMU Family of Schools (Education – Marcellus) – Terry Marcellus made the Motion as stated. Francis Stronks seconded the Motion. Drue Faruti Director of LMU's effort spoke on behalf of this effort for our local schools, stating that all residents need to participate, even if you don't have a child in the public schools. The Motion passed unanimously.

2. Motion to approve letter to Mayor requesting that additional police officers be assigned to our neighborhoods (Public Safety – Ehlers) – Doug Ehlers made the Motion as stated. David Gray seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously. Doug Ehlers and Cyndi Hench wrote a letter for Mike Arias' signature.

3. Motion to approve LADWP MOU (Webster) – J.D. Webster made the Motion as stated. David Coffin seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

4. Motion to support the application for a conditional use permit for a wireless communications antenna at 200 E. Culver Blvd., Playa del Rey (PLUC - Ferro) – This location is the Tanner's Coffee Shop building. The antenna will be shielded and made to look like the building face.

**Public Comment**

- Karen Kanter, Playa del Rey resident – please do not take action tonight, the neighborhood has not had a chance to comment.

J.D. Webster made the Motion as stated. David Coffin seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

5. Motion to oppose the subdivision and condo-conversion at 6405 West 86th Place and to require the applicant to appear (PLUC - Ferro) – the Board was presented with no

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information regarding how this 14,000 sq. ft. lot will be subdivided and what the effect will be on its neighbors. The applicant is requested a Zoning change from R-2 to R2-1. James Ferro made the Motion as stated. John Ruhlen seconded the Motion.

### Public Comment

– *Noel Weiss* – Marina del Rey Resident – asked for more extensive information on the project and it's effect on the neighborhood.  
- *Graciela Huth* – Westchester Resident – is not in favor of rezoning this parcel in opposition to the current Community Plan.

Stephen Bentley, Judith Ciancimino, David Coffin, Robert Dalton, Doug Ehlers, James Ferro, Frances Stronks, David Gray, John Ramey, Terry Marcellus, Nancy Niles, John Ruhlen, Kathy Santos, Denny Schneider, Cozette Vergari, John-David Webster and William Ballerini voted Yea. Sibyl Buchanan, Don Doyle, Tom Flintoft, Patricia Lyon and Nancy Niles voted Nay. Clarence Griffin and Geoff Maleman abstained from voting. With a vote of 17 Yeas, 5 Nays and 2 Abstentions, the Motion passed.

6. Motion to approve letter of support for other community improvement projects – none were received.

### Item G: Committee Reports: Standing Committees

1. Airport Relations - David Voss was not available.
2. Budget & Finance - Steve Donell (**Approval of Treasurer's Report**) – a report was distributed. Sibyl Buchanan made a Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as distributed. Kathy Santos seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.
3. Bylaws - David Voss was not available.
4. Communications - David Coffin gave a brief report.
5. Education - Terry Marcellus gave a brief report.
6. Elections - Cozette Vergari – the committee is currently addressing the NC boundaries realignment because of shifting residential numbers.
7. Governmental Affairs/City Services – tabled to another meeting.
8. Membership/Marketing - Sibyl Buchanan – the Newsletter is not yet ready. Sibyl will send it to Mike for approval and to the printer this week. Chamberfest was very successful.
9. Planning & Land Use - James Ferro – Starbucks project at the corner of 83<sup>rd</sup> Street and Lincoln Boulevard was approved without input from the community. Stephen Bentley has filed an Appeal with the Zoning Commission.
10. Public Safety - Doug Ehlers – see Item F Discussion Calendar #2 above.

### Ad Hoc Committees

1. Lincoln Streetscape - Stephen Bentley – an activity report was distributed.
2. Sepulveda Streetscape - John Ruhlen – Thanked LAWA for Welcome sign on median on Sepulveda. Karen Dial and John Ruhlen made a presentation to City Council requesting the formation of a Sepulveda BID. The BID was approved and will be formed soon.

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**City/Neighborhood Council Committees – no comments**

1. LANC Congress - Robert Dalton/Judith Ciancimino (alt.)
2. City Planning Task Force - David Gray; James Ferro (alt.)
3. NC Alliance - \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_
4. Mayor's Budget Day - Denny Schneider/Bill Ballerini (alt.)
5. City Attorney Legal Liaison - David Voss
6. LADWP MOU - John-David Webster
7. NC 912 Commission - Robert Dalton

**Item I:** President's Discussion Items or Comments

1. Status of funding for Westchester Babe Ruth/Meeting with DONE
2. Posting and use of standard agenda for all committees & meeting summaries – 2 committees still not posting – please use the web site.
3. Retreat/training - Stronks to Chair – Date: June 16 , 2007 -- 9:00am to noon at LMU's McIntosh in University Hall. All Committees will make a presentation. Interested Non-Board members are invited to attend.
4. Establishment of Policies and Procedures Handbook - Arias/Ciancimino -
5. Community event - Ciancimino to Co-Chair - Tentative date: September 15, 2007 @ Westchester Park
6. Committees to define scope of work/goals
7. Agenda posting issues

**Item J:** Other Items:

1. Report on ML Crockett Library project (Lyon) – Lib Commission gave first level approval to name the community room in library after Mary Lou Crockett. Letters of support from the community are still needed.
2. 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: July 3, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.
3. Other announcements

**Item J:** Adjournment – 7:05

**Submitted by:** Judith Ciancimino

**Next Meeting:** July 3, 2007