

# The Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa del Rey Board of Directors' Meeting – July 3, 2007

**Present:** Mike Arias, William Ballerini, Judith Ciancimino, David Coffin, Robert Dalton, Pam DeArmas, Steve Donell, Doug Ehlers, Jim Ferro, Clarence Griffin, Terry Issac, Patricia Lyon, Geoff Maleman, Terry Marcellus, Nancy Niles, John Ramey, John Ruhlen, Denny Schneider, Frances Stronks, Mary Taylor, Cozette Vergari, and John David Webster.

**Excused:** Stephen Bentley, Sibyl Buchanan, Don Doyle, Tom Flintoft, David Gray, Kathy Santos and David Voss.

**Absent:** Richard W. Nelsen.

**Item A:** The meeting was called to order at 6:43PM by Mike Arias, President of the Board. The Roll was called. Self introductions were made.

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

**Item C:** Approval of Minutes of June 5, 2007 Board meeting – Cozette Vergari made a Motion to approve the Minutes of the June 5, 2007 Board of Directors' Meeting as presented. Clarence Griffin seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

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

Raymond Yu – July 4 will see Westchester on Parade at 10AM and at 2PM 59<sup>th</sup> the Annual Pacific Palisades Parade will begin. The Lotus Festival in Echo Park is being planned.

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

1. Lisette Covarrubias, DONE Project Coordinator – NC Review Commission has published a report, please go to website and make comments. Million Trees Campaign – please help support the effort. She suggested that NC work together on the effort and suggested public schools as a good venue.

2. Isaac Lieberman, Field Deputy/Councilman Bill Rosendahl – won state support to extend Green Line to LAX. Last month's Town Hall on LAX north runway was very well attended. Babe Ruth Little League the Councilman is supporting the effort and feels that there should be no more roadblocks. He is also in support of the Million Trees. You may contact him if you need trees.

3. Chad Molnar, LAX - Community Liaison – All safety studies declare that the north runway must be moved 350 – 400 ft. to the north. Councilmember created north runway safety committee with representation by Westchester residents. The new study will name a study firm that is not bias. The first is meeting July 17 – LAWA wants to do new EIR in the fall, the opposition camps feel that that is too soon; not enough information will be available.

4. Stephen , Area Field Representative/Mayor's Office – new to this position replacing John Brady July 19 6-8 Gardena Middle School Forum to discuss 911 recommendations. July 26 6 -8 Iranian Association of America on Motor Ave in WLA 2 year

5. Sam Liou, Field Representative – Assemblymember Ted Liou – was not available.

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6. Rebecca Bernal, Field Representative - Assemblymember Curren Price – not available

7. Edgar Saenz, Field Representative/Congresswoman Maxine Waters – distributed information regarding HR 2872 which calls for the prohibition of any relocation of runway 24N. It also calls for the banning of any construction of new runway north of the centerline of the north runways.

8. Jessica Duboff, Field Representative/Congresswoman Jane Harman – not available

**Item F:** Department of City Planning presentation on Community Design Overlays for Downtown Westchester and Loyola Village, as well as a mixed-use incentive and design district for Culver Boulevard – they don't have much to show us and are asking for our input on these three areas Downtown Westchester, Loyola Village and Culver Blvd mixed use in PdR. Stephen Bently, John Ruhlen, Geoff Maleman and Jim Ferro will serve as an ad hoc committee to work on these CDO's. CDO's are adopted by the City Council and any new development must be approved based on the CDO.

Public Comment: Karen Kanter – Playa del Rey Resident – Please remember that Culver Boulevard is Downtown Playa del Rey and must be included in any CDO.

**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) – Frances Stronks \$171.85 business cards for new Board Members.
2. Matters transferred from the Discussion Calendar.

**Discussion Calendar:** Move Items 1, 3 and 5 to the Consent Calendar

1. Motion to oppose the NCRC's proposed definition of stakeholder and the requirement that self affirmation be binding on all neighborhood council election (Coffin) – moved to Consent Calendar.

2. Motion requesting sponsorship funding for the Westchester 4th of July parade (Maleman) – Geoff Maleman made a Motion to use \$2,500 to sponsor Westchester on Parade July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade. David Coffin seconded the Motion. Terry Marcellus made a Friendly Amendment that the amount be changed to \$1,000. The FA was accepted by the maker and second of the Motion. Judith Ciancimino, David Coffin, Pam DeArmas, Terry Marcellus and Mary Taylor voted Yea. William Ballerini, Robert Dalton, Doug Ehlers, Patricia Lyon, Geoff Maleman, Nancy Niles, John Ramey, John Ruhlen, Frances Stronks and John-David Webster voted Nay. Steve Donell, Terry Issac and Cozette Vergari abstained from voting. With a vote of 5 Yeas, 11 Nays and 3 Abstentions, the Motion failed.

3. Motion to approve letters of support in favor of an overnight parking district for Cabora Drive in Playa del Rey (Ramey) Moved to Consent Calendar.

4. Motion to approve letters of support in favor of an overnight parking district for 81st St. between 82nd St. and Zayanta Dr. in Playa del Rey (Ramey). John-David

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Webster made a Motion to approve letters of support in favor of an overnight parking district for 81<sup>st</sup> Street between 83<sup>rd</sup> Street and Zayanta in Playa del Rey. John Ruhlen seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

5. Motion to support H.R. 2872, the LAX Community Safety Act (Schneider/Dalton).  
Moved to Consent Calendar.

6. Motion to appoint additional committee members – no requests received.

7. Motion to approve letter of support for other community improvement projects – no requests were received.

### Item G: Committee Reports:

#### Standing Committees

1. Airport Relations - David Voss – Denny Schneider – they have been attending various local meetings regarding LAX and speaking on behalf of the NC's position.

2. Budget & Finance - Steve Donell (**Approval of Treasurer's Report**) – a report was distributed. Steve Donell made a Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Denny Schneider seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

3. Bylaws - David Voss – the Committee is working with the Election Committee on several bylaw-related issues. They are still working with the del Rey NC to solve boundary issues.

4. Communications - David Coffin – most of the Committee Chairs are using the website to communicate meeting information to the stakeholders.

5. Education - Terry Marcellus – Westchester resident and former School Board Member, Mark Slavkin attended the last meeting. Gail Levy will represent NCWPDR at the LMU Family of Schools Working Group meeting.

6. Elections - Cozette Vergari – the committee had 7 bylaw-related issues to deal with, 5 have been worked out and 2 are remaining. When the committee has them worked out, they will be presented to the Board.

7. Governmental Affairs/City Services – next meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the Month.

8. Membership/Marketing - Sibyl Buchanan – not available – The President did announce that the newsletter was finalized and being distributed.

9. Planning & Land Use - James Ferro – not available, no report was given.

10. Public Safety - Doug Ehlers – not available – no report was given.

#### Ad Hoc Committees

1. Lincoln Streetscape - Stephen Bentley – the next meeting will be in the Municipal Building on 7.6 @ 2:30 with the developers of Starbucks

2. Sepulveda Streetscape - John Ruhlen – the Sepulveda Project, Business District phase, is scheduled to begin with a July 26<sup>th</sup> kick off hosted by Councilman Rosendahl.

#### City/Neighborhood Council Committees

1. LANC Congress - Robert Dalton/Judith Ciancimino (alt.) – the next meeting 7.7.7

2. City Planning Task Force - David Gray; James Ferro (alt.) – not available, no report was given.

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3. NC Alliance - \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_
4. Mayor's Budget Day - Denny Schneider/Bill Ballerini (alt.) – no new meetings have been scheduled.
5. City Attorney Legal Liaison - David Voss – not available, no report was given.
6. LADWP MOU - John-David Webster – a report was distributed regarding an upcoming rate increase. It has been approved by DWP who must now host informational meetings around in various LA area locations. The meeting in Westchester is scheduled for 8.2.07
7. NC 912 Commission - Robert Dalton – a report was distributed. Regional workshops are ongoing; a meeting is scheduled for 3:30PM on 7.12 University High in West LA. Please review report and give input on recommendations.

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

1. Establishment of Policies and Procedures Handbook – still in process.
2. Community event - open discussion – we don't need to do a large "feed the people" event we need to something that will let everyone know who we are. All suggestions are welcome.
3. Board to approve committee missions/scope of work -
4. Agenda posting locations – we can no longer post our meeting notices at the YMCA; the Communications Committee if looking for new locations, suggestions are welcome.
5. Lynn Kataoka, Seat #18- At Large, resigned – recommendations for a replacement are requested.
6. Board Retreat – there was a good turnout with 27 Board Members and several community members in attendance.

**Item J.** Other Items:

1. Report on ML Crockett Library project (Lyon) – a 9.29 dedication of Community Room in Loyola Village Library in Mary Lou Crockett's name is planned.
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)
3. Neighborhood Empowerment Academy workshops: [www.lacityneighborhoods.com/empowerment\\_academy.htm](http://www.lacityneighborhoods.com/empowerment_academy.htm)

**Item K.** Announcements:

1. BONC meetings are 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: August 7, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.
3. Please attend NCRC Workshops if possible
4. Other announcements
  - 7.25 the Westchester BID will become active.
  - Sepulveda Streetscape community meetings re overlay district are being planned. Dates and locations will be announced soon.

**Item L.** Adjournment – 8:45PM