

# The Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa del Rey Board of Directors' Meeting – January 15, 2007

**Present:** Mike Arias, William Ballerini, Sibyl Buchanan, Judith Ciancimino, David Coffin, Steve Donell, Doug Ehlers, Tom Flintoft, Clarence Griffin, Patricia Lyon, Geoff Maleman, Terry Marcellus, Nancy Niles, John Ramey, John Ruhlen, Kathy Bartlow-Santos, Denny Schneider, Frances Stronks, David Voss and John David Webster.

**Excused:** Robert Dalton, Pam DeArmas, James Ferro, David Gray, Cyndi Hench and Mary Taylor.

**Absent:** Stephen Bentley, Don Doyle and Terry Issac.

**Item A:** Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 6:40 by Mike Arias, President of the Board.

**Item B:** Pledge of Allegiance – Geoff Maleman

**Item C:** Election of Officers was presided over by Lisette Covarrubias, DONE Project Coordinator and Beth Barry.

**President** – Terry Marcellus nominated Mike Arias. Judith Ciancimino seconded the nomination. Mike was elected unanimously.

**Vice President** – Judith Ciancimino nominated Frances Stronks. John-David Webster seconded the nomination. Frances was elected unanimously.

**Treasurer** – Mike Arias nominated Cyndi Hench. William Ballerini seconded the nomination. Cyndi was elected unanimously.

**Recording Secretary** – Geoff Maleman nominated Judith Ciancimino. Patricia Lyon seconded the nomination. Judith was elected unanimously.

**Corresponding Secretary** – Sibyl nominated Mary Taylor. Geoff seconded the nomination. Mary was elected unanimously.

**Item D:** Approval of Minutes of December 4, 2007 Board meeting – Frances Stronks made a Motion to approve the Minutes of the December 4, 2007 Board meeting. Clarence Griffin seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

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

**Robert Acherman** – Flight Path Learning Center – requested that we support an effort to change the name of 89<sup>th</sup> Street between Sepulveda Eastway and Sepulveda Westway to Howard B. Drollinger Way. Howard's birthday is in June and it would be nice if it could be done by then.

**Patricia Morrison Lyon** – Westchester resident – Announced that the placing of a plaque naming the community room in the Westchester Library the Mary Lou Crockett Room is scheduled for January 31, 2008. A reception will be held from 4PM until 7PM, the public is invited.

**Beth Barry** - Westchester resident - lived on Reading east of Airport Boulevard and South of Manchester until recently. She moved, in part, because there are no street lights making it easy for drug houses, gangs and taggers to operate. Families who live on Reading don't go out at night because of the hostile atmosphere. She asked that we support an effort to install solar-powered street lights on Reading. She also asked that we install speed bumps to slow down the vehicles that speed up and down the street, further endangering the residents.

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

1. Lisette Covarrubias, DONE Project Coordinator – NC Review Commission Report is out and it recommends that DONE take over running NC's elections. In order to comply, we must our bylaws. For 2008 only, we have the choice of allowing DONE to run our elections or running it ourselves as we have in the past. Our bylaw amendments have to be submitted 140 days prior to an election. We have to decide if we want our 2008 elections in April, June, October or push it to 2009. Several informational handouts were distributed.

Mayor's Budget Day – scheduled for 2.23

Lisette will begin a 5-month Maternity leave beginning in February.

2. Jim Kennedy, Field Deputy/Councilman Bill Rosendahl – Mayor's Day of Service is scheduled for 1.26. 50 projects in Venice, Westchester and Del Rey have been identified. [volunteer@lacity.org](mailto:volunteer@lacity.org)

Mobility Action Committee is scheduled to meet on January 17 @ 9AM in the Westchester Municipal Building's Community Room.

A flyer was distributed for the LA Recreation and Parks Community Outreach Committee's meeting the public is invited

The Playa Vista Fire Station Grand Opening is scheduled for February 16 @ 10AM. Jim asked the NC to help with volunteers and outreach for sponsors for the event. A flyer was distributed.

The Councilman would like input on the Entrada Office Tower Project being planned for Centinela Avenue between Jefferson and Sepulveda. The Proposal was distributed.

3. Chad Molnar, LAX - Community Liaison – LAX Northside Community Planning Meeting is scheduled for 2.13 from 6:30 – 9PM St. Robert's Hall LMU

4. Stephen Cheung, Area Field Representative/Mayor's Office – not available
5. Stephanie Molen, Field Representative - Assemblymember Ted Lieu – not available
6. Rebecca Bernal, Field Representative - Assemblymember Curren Price – The Assemblymember is holding mobile district offices meetings at local markets. A schedule was distributed.
7. Edgar Saenz, Field Representative/Congresswoman Maxine Waters – not available
8. Jessica Duboff, Field Representative/Congresswoman Jane Harman – not available

**Item G:** Presentation - Entrada Project - Whitney Blumenfeld - Associate Planning Deputy – not available

**Item H:** 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: Arias, etc. (Donell/Hench) – Mike Arias is owed \$980 from the spring Board Retreat.
2. Approval of Communications Committee mission/scope of work (Stronks)
3. Motion to approve Westchester Christian Church as a posting site for the NCWP (Webster)
4. Matters transferred from the Discussion Calendar

***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 for Nora MacLellan to fill the vacant At-Large Board seat (Buchanan) moved to CC
2. Motion to oppose Proposition S on February 5, 2008 ballot for Los Angeles Voters (Schneider) moved to CC
3. Motion to support application of owner of property at 6655 West 83rd Street for a variance regarding an over height wall (Ferro) – John Ramey made the Motion as stated. Kathy Bartlow seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.
- 4A. Motion to support an extension of the comment period on the draft EIR for an additional 60 days regarding the project proposed on the property located at 6161 Centinela Ave, Culver City (Ferro) – John Ramey made the Motion as stated. Frances Stronks seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.
- 4B. Appointment of an ad hoc committee to review this project (Ferro) – Bill Ballerini agreed to form/Chair an ad hoc committee to review the project.

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Public Comment

**Robert Acherman** – Westchester resident – speaking against the project said that it is too large and out of scale to its surroundings. The traffic impacts alone are enormous. Sepulveda at Centinela is already gridlocked during the morning/evening rush hour and there is no way to mitigate the traffic from the project.

**Gina Koshak, Hilary Hanafin, Michael Young Myra Kriwanek, Katherine Weisberg, Ellie Holm, Stephen Smith, Lorie Alexander, Diane Landis** – Westchester residents – asked for an accurate EIR/DEIR, a 60-day extension of the comment period and for the NC to form an ad hoc committee to study the project.

Jim Kennedy also requested that we form an ad hoc committee to interact with the engineers/designers, etc.

County Supervisor Don Kanabe joins Councilman Rosendahl in supporting an extension of the comment period and downsizing project.

This is an item on the Culver City's City Council February calendar.

**Item I. Committee Reports:**

***Standing Committees***

1. Airport Relations - David Voss – a report was given.

Public Comment

**Robert Acherman** – Westchester resident – the clock has started again on the LAX Master Plan. NCWP must be more visible in opposing North Runway movement into this neighborhood.

2. Budget & Finance - Cyndi Hensch (**Approval of Treasurer's Report**) – a report was distributed. Geoff Maleman made a Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. John Ruhlen seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

3. Bylaws - David Voss – a report was given
4. Communications - David Coffin nothing to report
5. Education - Terry Marcellus – a report was given
6. Elections – a new Chair is needed
7. Governmental Affairs/City Services - John Ramey – a report was given.
8. Membership/Marketing - Sibyl Buchanan – the newsletter is almost ready.
9. Planning & Land Use - James Ferro – not available – John Ramey gave a report
10. Public Safety - Doug Ehlers – a report was given

***Ad Hoc Committees***

1. Lincoln Streetscape - Stephen Bentley – not available
2. Sepulveda Streetscape - John Ruhlen – a report was given
3. Community Design Overlay - \_\_\_\_\_ going before City Council in February for approval

***City/Neighborhood Council Committees***

1. LANC Congress - Robert Dalton/Judith Ciancimino (alt.) no report was given
2. City Planning Task Force - David Gray; James Ferro (alt.) not available
3. NC Alliance - Cyndi Hensch – Denny Schneider – no report was given
4. Mayor's Budget Day - Denny Schneider/Bill Ballerini (alt.) – see above
5. City Attorney Legal Liaison - David Voss – not available
6. LADWP MOU - John-David Webster – a report was given

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

1. Policies and Procedures Handbook status and input – still a work in progress
2. Community event update – the Director of Westchester Park would like the July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade to start at LMU and end at the park. A event would follow.
3. Upcoming NCWP elections – October, 2008
4. Committee Chair re-appointments – everyone who is currently a Chair will continue in that capacity.
5. Committee member appointments and re-assignments – let Mike which committees you on which you would like to participate.

**Item K:** 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 L:** 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: February 5, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.
3. Other announcements

**Item M:** Adjournment was at 8:55PM in honor of Officers Sharon Robinson & Rodger May who passed away recently.

**Submitted by:** Judith Ciancimino