

The Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa del Rey Board of Directors' Meeting – February 5, 2008

Present: Mike Arias, William Ballerini, Stephen Bentley, Sibyl Buchanan, Judith Ciancimino, David Coffin, Pam DeArmas, Steve Donell, Don Doyle, James Ferro, Tom Flintoft, Cyndi Hench, Patricia Lyon, Geoff Maleman, Nora MacLellan, Nancy Niles, John Ruhlen, Denny Schneider, Frances Stronks, Mary Taylor and John David Webster.

Excused: David Gray, Clarence Griffin, Terry Issac, Terry Marcellus, John Ramey, Kathy Bartlow-Santos and David Voss.

Absent: Robert Dalton and Richard Nelsen.

Item A: Mike Arias, President of the Board, call the meeting to order at 6:40PM.

Item B: Pat Lyon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item C: Mike Arias corrected the amount he was to be reimbursed as stated in the January 15 Minutes from \$900 to \$980. Pat Lyon made a Motion to approve the Minutes of January 15 and 28, 2008 Board meetings as amended. John Ruhlen seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

Item D: Public Comment - non-agenda items (limited to 2 minutes per speaker)
Raymond Yu – 2.6.08 – Happy Chinese New Year please celebrate with the City of LA's 108th Annual Golden Dragon Parade on 2.9.08 starting at Hill Street in Downtown LA.
2.10 – Firecracker 10K run 6A – 12N
3.2 – Los Angeles Marathon

Diana Wendling – Representing the CA Clean Money Campaign for public funding of elections in LA City. Packets were distributed. She is requesting an ad hoc committee be formed to investigate the proposal.

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

1. Lisette Covarrubias, DONE Project Coordinator – not available
2. Jim Kennedy, Field Deputy/Councilman Bill Rosendahl – Not available
3. Chad Molnar, LAX - Community Liaison – not available
4. Stephen Cheung, Area Field Representative/Mayor's Office – a report was given.
5. Stephanie Molen, Field Representative - Assemblymember Ted Lieu – not available
6. Rebecca Bernal, Field Representative - Assemblymember Curren Price – a report was given.
7. Edgar Saenz, Field Representative/Congresswoman Maxine Waters – not available
8. Jessica Duboff, Field Representative/Congresswoman Jane Harman – not available.

Item F: Motions/Actions Items: (Public comment on agendized 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 (Hench) – Frances Stronks \$260 for food at the Board meetings – Cyndi Hench \$63 for office supplies.

2. Approval of Communications Committee mission/scope of work (Stronks)
3. 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 to oppose the proposed project and the requested variances at 7015 Vista Del Mar Lane (Ferro) – an exemption on overall height and distance from the street on the west side of Vista del Mar Lane was requested. After the NC PLUC Meeting they agreed to reduce overall height and asked to keep distance from street. James Ferro made the Motion as stated. John-David Webster seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

The developers will make another presentation to NC PLUC in March. No letter will be sent until PLUC reviews the amended plans in March.

2. Motion to authorize an expenditure of up to \$1,000 for outreach expenditures of the NCWP at the Playa Vista Fire Department Grand Opening (Hench) – Geoff Maleman requested the item be moved to the Consent Calendar. Cyndi Hench seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

Item G: Committee Reports:

Standing Committees

1. Airport Relations - David Voss – not available Denny Schneider gave a short report.
2. Budget & Finance - Cyndi Hench (**Approval of Treasurer's Report**) – a report was distributed. Cyndi made a Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Frances Stronks seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.
3. Bylaws - David Voss – not available.
4. Communications - David Coffin – nothing to report.
5. Education - Terry Marcellus – not available.
6. Elections - David Coffin – no meeting – no report was given. Unless decided otherwise, our elections will be in October 2008.
7. Governmental Affairs/City Services - John Ramey – Cyndi Hench gave a report.
8. Membership/Marketing - Sibyl Buchanan – a report was given.
9. Planning & Land Use - James Ferro – a report was given
10. Public Safety - Doug Ehlers – a report was given.

Ad Hoc Committees

1. Lincoln Streetscape - Stephen Bentley – no meeting this month.
2. Sepulveda Streetscape - John Ruhlen – a report was given.
3. Community Design Overlay – Bill Ballerini

City/Neighborhood Council Committees

1. LANC Congress - Robert Dalton/Judith Ciancimino (alt.) – not available
2. City Planning Task Force - David Gray; James Ferro (alt.) – not available
3. NC Alliance - Cyndi Hench – nothing to report
4. Mayor's Budget Day - Denny Schneider/Bill Ballerini (alt.) – a report was given
5. City Attorney Legal Liaison - David Voss – not available
6. LADWP MOU - John-David Webster – nothing to report.

Item H: President's Discussion Items or Comments

1. Policies and Procedures Handbook status and input
2. Community event update
3. Committee Chair re-appointments – all Chairs continue as in 2007.
4. Committee member appointments and re-assignments – Mike polled those present to see which committees each Board Member wanted to be on. A new list will be distributed. Denny made a Motion to approve the Chairs/Board Members/Public Members as discussed. David Coffin seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

5. Form 700 and Opening Council files – This form calls for NC's to do a financial disclosure document if they want to open CC files. We will revisit this issue in the future.

Item I. Other Items:

1. Conflict of Interest On-line Training: www.lacityneighborhoods.com and www.done.ethicstraining@lacity.org
2. Neighborhood Empowerment Academy workshops: www.lacityneighborhoods.com/empowerment_academy.htm

Item J: 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: March 4, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.
3. Other announcements

Item L: The meeting was adjourned at 8:00PM

Submitted by: Judith A. Ciancimino