

# The Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa del Rey Board of Directors' Meeting – March 4, 2008

**Present:** Mike Arias, William Ballerini, Sibyl Buchanan, Judith Ciancimino, David Coffin, Robert Dalton, Pam DeArmas, Steve Donell, Don Doyle, James Ferro, David Gray, Terry Issac, Cyndi Hench, Geoff Maleman, Terry Marcellus, Nora MacLellan, Richard Nelsen, Nancy Niles, John Ramey, John Ruhlen, Denny Schneider, Frances Stronks, Mary Taylor, David Voss and John David Webster.

**Excused:** Stephen Bentley, Doug Ehlers, Tom Flintoft, Clarence Griffin, Patricia Lyon and Kathy Bartlow-Santos.

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

**Item B:** J D Webster led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Item C:** Approval of Minutes of February 5, 2008 Board meeting – John-David Webster made the Motion as stated. David Coffin seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

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

- Raymond Yu – The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade, 3 17 08, @ 11:30 begins at Cesar Chavez Blvd. at 11:30Am and proceeds to Olive Street at Pershing Square where a festival is planned to last until 10PM.

Diane Wendling – Westchester Resident – CA Clean Money Campaign – asked if we form an ad hoc committee?

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

1. Deanna Stevenson, Interim DONE Project Coordinator – not available
2. Cindy Mejia for Jim Kennedy, Field Deputy/Councilman Bill Rosendahl – nothing to report.
3. Chad Molnar, LAX - Community Liaison – not available
4. Stephen.Cheung, Area Field Representative/Mayor's Office – a poster was distributed which illustrated budget allocation for the City and gave the results of the recent survey of NC members. Regarding our request for a meeting with the Mayor, there is currently no time in his schedule.
5. Stephanie Molen, Field Representative - Assemblymember Ted Lieu – not available
6. Rebecca Bernal, Field Representative - Assemblymember Curren Price – a report was distributed.
7. Edgar Saenz, Field Representative/Congresswoman Maxine Waters – a report was given.
8. Jessica Duboff, Field Representative/Congresswoman Jane Harman – not available

**Item F: 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) no requests were received.

2. Matters transferred from the Discussion Calendar – Nancy Niles made a Motion to move Items 2, 3 and 4 to the Consent Calendar. Geoff Maleman seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

**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 support the development of the Hooman Nissan Dealership as presented to the PLUC (Ferro) – Jim Ferro made the Motion as stated. John Ruhlen seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

2. Motion to send a letter in support of US Department of Transportation proposal on airport landing fees to help regional airports (Coffin) – Moved to Consent Calendar.

*Public Comment:* Robert Acherman – Westchester Resident – submitted a letter to the stakeholders regarding the Mayor's 2005 promise not to expand LAX. He encouraged the use of LAX landing fees to help market the airports at Ontario and Palmdale.

3. Motion to send letter to FAA Joint Resources Council supporting final approval to Runway Status Lights (RWSL) (Coffin) – Moved to Consent Calendar.

4. Motion to send letter to BOAC supporting final approval to Runway Status Lights (RWSL) (Coffin) – Moved to Consent Calendar.

**Item G: Committee Reports:**

Standing Committees

1. Airport Relations - David Voss – a letter to be sent in support of the installation of runway status lights at LAX was submitted for approval.

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

3. Bylaws - David Voss – nothing new to report.

4. Communications - David Coffin – nothing new to report.

5. Education - Terry Marcellus – a report was given.

6. Elections - David Coffin – nothing new to report.

7. Governmental Affairs/City Services - John Ramey – an ad hoc committee on the CA Clean Money Campaign was formed. J D Webster is the Chair. Jack Davis has agreed to serve on the Governmental Affairs Committee. John Ramey requested that he be appointed to the Committee.

8. Membership/Marketing - Sibyl Buchanan – the next newsletter draft is in draft form; it will be finalized soon and should be distributed by end of March.

9. Planning & Land Use - James Ferro – Entrada – Bill Ballerini – an ad hoc committee was formed; the next meeting is meeting is set for 4.14. The next PLUC meeting is scheduled for 3.11.08.

*Public Comment:*

- Myra Kriwanek – Westchester Resident – Thank you for addressing the Draft EIR in writing.

- Diane Landis – Westchester Resident – gave her time to Lorie Alexander.
- Lorie Alexander – Westchester Resident – the traffic impacts will have a greater effect on W/PdR than the City at large. According to the EIR, traffic impacts are negligible. DOT has not yet explained how this project will impact the already congestion intersection of Sepulveda and Centinela.
- Ellie Holmes – please don't schedule any meetings for 4.14 so everyone can come to the meeting of the City Council of Culver City.
- Robert Acherman – Westchester Resident – There is precedent for a law suit to stop this project and he urged the City to sue.

10. Public Safety – Cyndi Hench for Doug Ehlers – the next meeting is scheduled for March 24 6PM.

#### Ad Hoc Committees

1. Lincoln Streetscape - Stephen Bentley – not available
2. Sepulveda Streetscape - John Ruhlen – thanked Maxine Waters for helping to obtain a \$1m grant. This is the first time any community has gotten federal funds for a local project.
3. Community Design Overlay – Bill Ballerini – not available

#### City/Neighborhood Council Committees

1. LANC Congress - Robert Dalton/Judith Ciancimino (alt.) – a report was given
2. City Planning Task Force - David Gray; James Ferro (alt.) – nothing to report
3. NC Alliance - Cyndi Hench – nothing to report
4. Mayor's Budget Day - Denny Schneider/Bill Ballerini (alt.) – a report was distributed
5. City Attorney Legal Liaison - David Voss – nothing to report
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 – addition of Co-Chair to AP Coffin/Voss
4. Committee member appointments and re-assignments –
  - Nora MacLellan was substituted for Nancy Niles on the Airport Committee.
  - Corrine Farley was appointed to the Education Committee.
  - Tom Flintoft, Don Doyle, Judith Ciancimino and Jack Davis were appointed to the Government Affairs Committee.
  - Cyndi Hench was appointed to the Elections Committee.
  - Molly Bauer was excused from the Membership Committee.
  - Kathy Santos was excused from PLUC and Public Safety.
  - Terri Issac was appointed to the Lincoln Streetscape Committee.

#### **Item I.** Other Items:

1. Conflict of Interest On-line Training: [www.lacityneighborhoods.com](http://www.lacityneighborhoods.com) and [www.done.ethicstraining@lacity.org](http://www.done.ethicstraining@lacity.org)
2. Neighborhood Empowerment Academy workshops: [www.lacityneighborhoods.com/empowerment\\_academy.htm](http://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: April 8, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.
3. Other announcements

**Item L:** Adjournment - the President adjourned the meeting at 8PM.

Submitted by: Judith A Ciancimino