

The Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa Board of Directors' Meeting – May 6, 2008

Present: William Ballerini, Steven Bentley, Sibyl Buchanan, Judith Ciancimino, David Coffin, Steve Donell, Don Doyle, James Ferro, David Gray, Clarence Griffin, Terry Issac, Cyndi Hench, Patricia Lyon, Geoff Maleman, Terry Marcellus, Nora MacLellan, Nancy Niles, John Ruhlen, Kathy Santos, Denny Schneider, Frances Stronks, Mary Taylor, David Voss and John David Webster.

Excused: Mike Arias, Robert Dalton, Doug Ehlers, Tom Flintoft, Terry Issac and John Ramey.

Absent: Richard Nelsen.

Item A. Call to Order – Frances Stronks called the meeting to order at 6:37PM

Item B. Pledge of Allegiance -- Cyndi Hench led the pledge of Allegiance.

Item C. Approval of Minutes of April 8, 2008 Board meeting. Kathy Santos made the Motion to Approve the Minutes as corrected. John-David Webster seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

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

Allan Nadir – LA City Atty. – Gang Division – told the Board that graffiti is vandalism and the police should be called to photograph the graffiti; alternately, members of the public could take a picture before it is removed so the gangs involved can be prosecuted.

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

1. Deanna Stevenson, Interim DONE Project Coordinator – not available
2. Jim Kennedy, Field Deputy/Councilman Bill Rosendahl – LAX master plan scoping meeting planned for 10.7 6P – 9P & 10.10 9A – 12m at the Proud Bird Restaurant on Aviation.
3. Chad Molnar, LAX - Community Liaison – not available.
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 – a calendar of May events was distributed.
7. Jessica Duboff, Field Representative/Congresswoman Jane Harman – not available.
8. Edgar Saenz, Field Representative/Congresswoman Maxine Waters – not available.

Item F. Presentations: (limited to 5 minutes unless prior approval for additional time given)

1. LA Planning Department's Plan for Playa del Rey & Draft of the City of Los Angeles Housing Element - Grieg Asher/Jim Kennedy – Grieg Asher – CD11 planning staff – City Council approved the baseline mansionization ordinance. This ordinance reduces by 1/3 the size of homes that can be built in single family home areas in the flatlands. Coastal and hillside areas will be addressed at a later

date. Jane Blumenfeld, Principal City Planner for the city of LA, jane.blumenfeld@lacity.org, discussed SB1818 implementation ordinance regarding density bonus.

Public Comment

Ellie Holmes – Westchester Resident – what about airport land where houses were torn down, is that land on the map? Is Sepulveda Blvd. now zoned for mixed use?

Karen Kanter – PdR Resident – why were no resident or residential representatives included on the advisory board? Why of the 51 members, were 10 people involved in homeless housing issues?

Colleen Phillips – Playa del Rey resident – can we protect our zoning prior to the Plan becoming a finished document?

2. Pacific Graffiti Solutions - Yvette M. Neal – owner of Pacific Graffiti Solutions – asking for funds to keep the 5th crew and hire a 6th crew for second story removal. They handle 4,000 locations per month; an increased over last year. This issue still has to be heard at Public Safety safety committee.

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 (Hench) – 2 months of meal expenses for Frances Stronks up to \$220

2. 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 approve the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$3,500 for booths at the 4th of July Parade for outreach and stakeholder registration (Buchanan) – David Voss made the Motion as stated. Don Doyle seconded the Motion. A Friendly Amendment was made to change the amount to \$2,500. The FA was accepted by the Maker and Second. The Motion passed unanimously.

2. Motion to approve appointment of NC Representatives to School Transition Teams (Marcellus) – this is not an action item. Terry Marcellus will report on progress at the next meeting.

3. Motion to approve the scheduling of the Annual NC Community Event for July 4, 2008 (Taylor) – NCWP will partner with park advisory board to do a community event. There will be a Stars of the Neighborhood Award. Mary Taylor made the Motion as stated. John-David Webster seconded the Motion. Steve Donnell made a Friendly Amendment to authorize the expenditure of up to \$6,000 in NCWP community outreach funds for the July 4th Stars and Stripes Event subject to the inclusion of

this item in the 2008/2009 budget. The FA was accepted by the Maker and Second. The Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment –

Scott Carni – Park Advisory Board – wants to partner with NCWP to do community event in the park after the parade in an effort to bring the community back into the park. There will be a big outreach effort to advertise the community event.

Item H. Committee Reports:

Standing Committees

1. Airport Relations - David Voss/David Coffin - no meeting last month. There was a special meeting with the Mayor to discuss his vision of airport expansion. He did say he would not approve any movement of runway for other than safety issues. We asked for expansion of comment period it would expire prior to NASA study finalization. He offered that the comment period might extend until after the NASA study. Jim Blackman will be our "point" man liaison to the mayor.

2. Budget & Finance - Cyndi Hensch (Approval of Treasurer's Report) a report was distributed. Cyndi Hensch made the Motion to approve the Report. David Grey seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

3. Bylaws - David Voss – no report was given

4. Communications - David Coffin – no report was given

5. Education - Terry Marcellus – a report was given

6. Elections - David Coffin – per DONE, there will be no Board elections until a date in 2010.

7. Governmental Affairs/City Services - John Ramey – no report was given.

8. Membership/Marketing - Sibyl Buchanan – the newsletter has gone to print; it will be distributed soon. Membership/Marketing committee will be attending several local events in the future that will afford an opportunity to sign up stakeholders. A Stakeholder survey will be distributed with the newsletter.

9. Planning & Land Use - James Ferro – the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 13, at the library in Playa Vista at 6PM. They will be discussing a proposal for an historic preservation overlay zone in lower PdR along Culver.

10. Public Safety - Doug Ehlers – planning three community meetings including a "Cert lite" overview of disaster preparedness. How to build emergency preparedness kit and defending against residential burglaries. A Cert class is planned for 8.18 – 9.29 at Westchester Fire Station #5.

Ad Hoc Committees

1. Lincoln Streetscape - Stephen Bentley – the committee has not met for 3 months. The Lincoln Boulevard widening effort is now 35 days behind schedule; completion is scheduled for September.

2. Sepulveda Streetscape - John Ruhlen – The design overlay was approved last month. If the Contractor is not finished by November, they have to cease work for the holidays.

3. Community Design Overlay - Bill Ballerini – The Planning Department is not yet ready to deal with a CDO for Culver Boulevard in lower Playa del Rey. Bill will keep us updated.

4. Entrada - Bill Ballerini – Culver City City Council approved this project. UNOC, a 501C3

non profit group will study the project and release a report shortly. New CC of Culver City met with their City Attorney to see if the decision can be reversed without much liability. No opinion has been given.

City/Neighborhood Council Committees

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

Item I. President's Discussion Items or Comments

1. Resignation of Pam DeArmas – anyone interested may submit a statement of qualifications
2. Neighborhood Council Self Assessment (Stronks) – distributed must be completed by next meeting.
3. Policies and Procedures Handbook status and input- no report
4. Community event update (Taylor) – See Item G – DC3.
5. Standing Committee scheduled meetings – some committees are not holding regular monthly meetings.
6. Stakeholder/Community meeting – requests from the stakeholders for more “Town Hall” type meetings have been received.

Item J. 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 K. Announcements:

1. BONC meetings now held on the 1st Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. and every 3rd Thursday at of the month at 6PM
2. Next NCWPDR Board meeting: June 3, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.
3. Other announcements

Item L. Adjournment 9:15PM

Submitted by: Judith Ciancimino

Next Meeting: June 3, 2008