

**Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa  
Board of Directors Meeting  
August 5, 2008 – Amended Minutes**

**Present:** Mike Arias, William Ballerini, Sibyl Buchanan, Judith Ciancimino, David Coffin, Steve Donell, Don Doyle, Doug Ehlers, Tom Flintoft, David Gray, Terry Issac, Cyndi Hench, Patricia Lyon, Geoff Maleman, Terry Marcellus, Nora MacLellan, Nancy Niles, John Ramey, Frances Stronks, Mary Taylor, Jack Topal and David Voss.

**Excused:** John Ruhlen, Kathy Santos, Denny Schneider and John-David Webster.

**Absent:** Stephen Bentley, James Ferro, Clarence Griffin and Richard Nelsen.

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

**Item B:** Pledge of Allegiance – Jack Topal

**Item C:** Approval of Minutes of July 1, 2008 Board meeting - Frances Stronks made a Motion to approve the Minutes as distributed. Bill Ballerini seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

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

Clarence Griffin – LMU Representative – invited the public to attend an open house at LMU regarding public safety 8.16 at 4PM. Further information can be found on LMU's website.

Maurice Nicholas – Westchester resident - asked for Minutes from PLUC re proposed Chevron station at corner of Manchester & LaTijera.

Joseph Ratkovic – submitted letter for the public record with an assessment of the NCWP.

Diane Sher – Pointed out that the bus stops on Sepulveda Boulevard are unsafe because of construction are not usable. She also pointed out that the further drilling of oil wells in Baldwin Hills drilling is bad for public safety.

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

1. Lisette Covarrubias, DONE Project Coordinator – a report was given.
2. Jim Kennedy, Field Deputy/Councilman Bill Rosendahl – a report was given.
3. Chad Molnar, LAX - Community Liaison – a report was given
4. Stephen.Cheung, Area Field Representative/Mayor's Office – not available.
5. Stephanie Molen, Field Representative - Assemblymember Ted Lieu – a report was given.
6. Rebecca Bernal, Field Representative - Assemblymember Curren Price – a report was given
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) – no presentations were made.

**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) – a request for \$105 was submitted by Frances Stronks for dinner. Cyndi Hench made the Motion to approve. Nancy Niles seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

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 support the dedication and renaming of the Westchester Community Room in honor of Howard and Jewel Drollinger as requested by Councilmember Bill Rosendahl (Hench) – Cyndi Hench made the Motion as stated. Judith Ciancimino seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

2. Motion to renew previously approved motion to spend up to \$1,000 to install wireless network in the Westchester Community Room (Hench) – Cyndi made the Motion as stated. Geoff Maleman seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

3. Motion to approve expenditure not to exceed \$1,000 to purchase recreational equipment (Nintendo Wii) and to repair the billiards table for the Westchester Seniors Center (Ehlers) – Doug Ehlers made the Motion as stated. Frances Stronks seconded the Motion. Judith Ciancimino pointed out that it was not a billiards table, it was a pool table and in order to make the Motion correct, she made a FA to change the word “billiards” to “to pool.” The FA was accepted by maker and second. The Motion passed unanimously.

4. Motion to approve expenditure not to exceed \$5,000 to purchase furniture for Westchester Community Room (Hench) this would be matched by the Drollinger Company. Cyndi Hench made the Motion as stated. Clarence Griffin seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

5. Motion to approve \$5,000 expenditure for Pacific Graffiti Solutions for community graffiti abatement services (Hench) – Funding from City is flat and they cannot afford to pay for gas, etc. and provide the current level of service. Other NC's in the

area have contributed \$5,000. Cyndi Hench made the Motion as stated. David Coffin seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

6. Motion to approve expenditure not to exceed \$5,000 for Schools Supplies Project for local area schools (Lyon) – Patricia Lyon made the Motion as stated. David Voss seconded the Motion. Clarence Griffin made a FA to increase to the amount to \$7,000 i.e. \$1,000 per public school. The FA was accepted by maker and second. Bill Ballerini, Sibyl Buchanan, Judith Ciancimino, Steve Donell, David Gray, Clarence Griffin, Cyndi Hench, Terry Issac, Patricia Lyon, Geoff Maleman, Terry Marcellus, Nora MacLellan, Nancy Niles, John Ramey, Frances Stronks and Jack Topal voted Yea. David Coffin and Don Doyle voted Nay. Doug Ehlers and Mary Taylor abstained from voting. The Motion passed.

7. Motion to approve \$10,000 expenditure for the Youth Summit presented by the LAX Coastal Chamber for area middle school aged children (Hench) – Cyndi Hench made the Motion as stated. Patricia Lyon seconded the Motion. Bill Ballerini, Judith Ciancimino, David Coffin, Steve Donell, Doug Ehlers, David Gray, Cyndi Hench, Terry Issac, Geoff Maleman, Terry Marcellus, Nora MacLellan, Nancy Niles, John Ramey, and Jack Topal voted Yea. Sibyl Buchanan, Don Doyle, Tom Flintoft, Clarence Griffin, Patricia Lyon, Frances Stronks and Mary Taylor abstained from voting. The Motion passed.

8. Motion to approve \$30,000 expenditure for a portion of the Sepulveda Street Lighting project in the recently renovated business district area of Sepulveda Blvd (Niles) – Nancy Niles made the Motion as stated. David Gray seconded the Motion. David Coffin made a FA to amend the amount to \$10,000 and suggested that the Sepulveda BID go to the LA Department of Cultural Affairs for further funding. The FA was accepted by maker and second. Bill Ballerini, Sibyl Buchanan, Judith Ciancimino, David Coffin, Steve Donell, Don Doyle, Doug Ehlers, Tom Flintoft, David Gray, Clarence Griffin, Cindy Hench, Terry Issac, Geoff Maleman, Terry Marcellus, Nora MacLellan, Nancy Niles, John Ramey, Frances Stronks, Mary Taylor and Jack Topal voted Yea. Patricia Lyon abstained from voting. The Motion passed.

#### **Item H: Committee Reports:**

#### **Standing Committees**

1. Airport Relations - David Voss/David Coffin – a report was given
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. Patricia Lyon seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.
3. Bylaws - David Voss – no report
4. Communications - David Coffin – no report
5. Education - Terry Marcellus – a report was given
6. Elections - David Coffin – no report
7. Governmental Affairs/City Services - John Ramey – no report
8. Membership/Marketing - Sibyl Buchanan – a report was given
9. Planning & Land Use - James Ferro – no report
10. Public Safety - Cyndi Hench – a report was given

**Ad Hoc Committees**

1. Lincoln Streetscape - Stephen Bentley – no report
2. Sepulveda Streetscape - John Ruhlen – no report
3. Community Design Overlay - Bill Ballerini – a report was given
4. Entrada - Bill Ballerini – a report was given
5. Policies and Procedures Handbook – no report was given

**City/Neighborhood Council Committees**

1. LANC Coalition - Jack Topal/Judith Ciancimino (alt.) – a report was given
2. City Planning Task Force - David Gray; James Ferro (alt.) – no report
3. NC Alliance - Cyndi Hench – a report was given
4. Mayor's Budget Day - Denny Schneider/Bill Ballerini (alt.) – no report was given
5. City Attorney Legal Liaison - David Voss – no report was given
6. LADWP MOU - John-David Webster – no report was given
7. Westside Regional Alliance of NCs - J.D. Webster/Cyndi Hench/Jack Topal – no report was given

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

1. Committee assignments - none were made
2. Standing Committee scheduled meetings
3. Recommendations/Applications to fill vacant Board seat – none were received

**Item J.** 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 K.** Announcements:

1. BONC meetings now held every month on the 1st Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. and the 3rd Thursday at 6:00 p.m.
2. Next NCWP Board meeting: September 2, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.
3. Other announcements

**Item L.** Adjournment – 9PM

**Submitted by:** Judith Ciancimino