

**Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa
Board of Directors Meeting
September 2, 2008 - Draft Minutes**

Present: Mike Arias, William Ballerini, Judith Ciancimino, David Coffin, Steve Donell, Don Doyle, Tom Flintoft, Geoff Maleman, Terry Marcellus, Nora MacLellan, Nancy Niles, Paul Radke, John Ramey, John Ruhlen, Kathy Santos, Denny Schneider, Frances Stronks, Mary Taylor, David Voss and John-David Webster.

Excused: Stephen Bentley, Doug Ehlers, Clarence Griffin, Cyndi Hench, Patricia Lyon and Jack Topal.

Absent: Sibyl Buchanan, James Ferro, and Richard Nelsen.

Item A: Call to Order – Frances Stronks, Vice-President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM

Item B: Pledge of Allegiance – Steve Donell

Item C: Appointment of Paul Radke to fill vacant Board Seat #11. Denny Schneider made the Motion as stated. Kathy Bartlow seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

Item C: Approval of Minutes of August 5, 2008 Board meeting - Frances Stronks made a Motion to approve the Minutes as amended. Mary Taylor seconded the Motion. John Ruhlen was not here he was excused. Clarence Griffin was not here. The Motion passed unanimously.

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

Raymond Yu –

9.7 – LA Triathlon starts in Venice and ends downtown LA

9.18 – Chinatown Moon Festival

9.15 – El Greco Los Angeles Mexican Festival

9.27 – 36th Annual Korean Parade and Festival

Valerie Fuentes – Westchester Resident – re LMU party houses in her neighborhood. There is quite a problem in her neighborhood with at least one party attended by over 400 students. She suggested that the landlords be charged for the police man hours used to disburse these people; all officers should leave their name/badge number with neighbors to make a list of who responded, etc.

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 – not available.
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 report was given and a flyers distributed.

7. Jessica Duboff, Field Representative/Congresswoman Jane Harman – not available.
8. Edgar Saenz, Field Representative/Congresswoman Maxine Waters – a report was given.

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) – Frances Stronks request reimbursement of \$109 for dinner at the Board Meeting. Steve Donell made the Motion to approve. Terry Marcellus 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 approve the request for changes and conditions of the J's Spot Comedy Club at 5581 West Manchester Avenue with the stipulation that valet parking be provided during the weeknight hours of operation (Ferro) - David Voss made the Motion as stated. Frances Stronks seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

2. Regarding the Chevron Station at La Tijera and Manchester, a Motion to approve the request to waive the rear window requirement and allow movement of the trash containers, with the additional condition of a six-foot cinder block wall on the rear of the property to be built by November 1, 2008 and extend the opening hours from 7AM to 5AM. (Ferro) David Voss made the Motion as stated. David Coffin seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

Maurice Nicholls - Westchester Resident – regarding an extension of hours from 7AM – 11PM to 5AM – 11PM. Hours should not be extended and there should be a wall.

John De Frenza – developer of the site at La Tijera and Manchester – we didn't anticipate that it would be a problem that we were so close to residences. I don't see how a block wall will benefit the community. Instead we want to build wrought iron fence with ivy to block traffic from cutting through the neighborhood and should be more effective in cutting noise in the neighborhood. We want to work with the community to make the best possible site for all concerned.

Toby Villalobos – Westchester resident – lives near the development; wants the cinder block wall to stay. It will be safer for the community. As for the extended hours and back windows it's ok but we need the wall.

Gordon Kam - Westchester resident – wants the block wall and suggests that it be covered with ivy.

3. Motion to support the request for a limited parking zone on Sepulveda Eastway between La Tijera and Westchester Parkway. Parking shall be limited to 4 consecutive hours, seven days a week with no parking permitted between the hours of 10 PM and 6 AM (Webster) – JD Webster made the Motion as stated. Bill Ballerini seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

Ellie Holm – Westchester resident – said that there is an office in the Municipal Building who can help with this.

Item H: Committee Reports:

Standing Committees

1. Airport Relations - David Voss/David Coffin – a report was given.
2. Budget & Finance – Steve Donell (Approval of Treasurer's Report) – a report was distributed. Steve Donell made a Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Geoff Maleman 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 – a report was given
8. Membership/Marketing - Sibyl Buchanan – no report was given
9. Planning & Land Use - James Ferro – no report was given
10. Public Safety - Cyndi Hench – no report was given

Ad Hoc Committees

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

City/Neighborhood Council Committees

1. LANC Coalition – Paul Radke/Jack Topal (alt.) – no 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
8. 5 NC Working Group on Development and Transportation – Nora MacLellan – a report was given

Item I. President's Discussion Items or Comments

1. Committee assignments - Danna Cope AP Committee

2. Standing Committee scheduled meetings

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 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: October 7, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.
3. Other announcements

Item L. Adjournment – 8:16 PM

Submitted by: Judith Ciancimino