

**APPROVED MINUTES**  
*Submitted by Geoff Maleman*

**Tuesday, January 6, 2009 - 6:30 p.m.**  
**Westchester Council Community Room**  
**7166 Manchester Avenue, Westchester, CA 90045**

**Present:** Mike Arias, William Ballerini, Sibyl Buchanan, David Coffin, Doug Ehlers, James Ferro, Tom Flintoft, David Gray, Clarence Griffin, Cyndi Hench, Terry Issac, Patricia Lyon, Nora MacLellan, Geoff Maleman, Terry Marcellus, Nancy Niles, Booker Pearson, Paul Radke, John Ramey, John Ruhlen, Denny Schneider, Frances Stronks, Mary Taylor, Jack Topal, David Voss

**Excused:** Stephen Bentley, Steve Donell, John David Webster

**Absent:** Don Doyle

1. Call to Order **by President Arias at 6:35 p.m.**

2. Pledge of Allegiance – John Ruhlen

President Arias presented NCWP members with President George Bush's Volunteer Service awards recognizing their volunteer efforts for service on the Neighborhood Council

President Arias announced that he would not be seeking re-election as President for 2009 and is resigning his seat on NCWP, effective immediately.

3. Election of Officers for 2009 - Lisette Covarrubias, DONE

**Voss nominates Hench as President. Nominations Closed. Hench elected President unanimously.**

**Hench nominates Voss as Vice President. Nominations Closed. Voss elected Vice President unanimously.**

**Buchanan nominates Maleman as Recording Secretary. Nominations Closed. Maleman elected Recording Secretary unanimously.**

**Buchanan nominates Taylor as Corresponding Secretary. Nominations Closed. Taylor elected Recording Secretary unanimously.**

**Hench nominates Donell as Treasurer. Nominations Closed. Donell elected Treasurer unanimously.**

The meeting was turned over to new President Hench.

4. Approval of Minutes of December 2, 2008 Board meeting **M/S Schneider/Topal passes unanimously**

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

**Raymond Yu** spoke regarding Kingdom Day Parade.

**Councilman Bill Rosendahl** spoke regarding the election of officers, the city budget crisis, LAX, LMU, billboards, transportation, Measure R.

6. Representative Reports (limit to 3 minutes please):
  1. Lisette Covarrubias, DONE Project Coordinator
  2. Jennifer Zivkovic, Field Representative - Assemblymember Ted Lieu ... *introduced herself as Assemblymember Lieu's new Field Representative*  
*Jennifer.zivkovic@asm.ca.gov*
  3. Chad Molnar, LAX - Community Liaison
  4. Stephen.Cheung, Area Field Representative - Mayor's Office  
*Introduced Jennifer Badger who will assist him in community relations for the Mayor's Office ... Jennifer.badger@lacity.org*
  5. Edgar Saenz, Field Representative/Congresswoman Maxine Waters
  
7. Presentations: (limited to 5 minutes unless prior approval for additional time given)
  - a. Presentation by Jim Kennedy, Field Deputy for Councilman Rosendahl to explain LA City Motion 08-3125 and its possible impact on the Westchester/Playa community.  
  
*Discussion was had regarding the motion's impact in allowing people to camp in their vehicles overnight in area's designated by the local Councilmember.*
  
8. Motions/Actions Items: (Public comment on agendized items limited to 2 minutes)
  1. 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) up to \$135 to Stronks for reimbursement for meeting refreshments **M/S Schneider/Gray passes unanimously.**
  
  2. 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 renew the previously authorized the expenditure of \$5,000 to WSIA for sidewalk inserts (Hench). *Ruhlen presented the request.* **M/S Ruhlen/Maleman passes unanimously.**
  
9. Committee Reports:
  1. Standing Committees
    1. Airport Relations - David Voss/David Coffin
    2. Budget & Finance - Cyndi Hench (Approval of Treasurer's Report) **M/S Buchanan/Taylor passes unanimously.**
    3. Bylaws - Mary Taylor
    4. Communications - David Coffin
    5. Education - Terry Marcellus
    6. Elections - David Coffin
    7. Governmental Affairs/City Services - John Ramey
    8. Membership/Marketing - Sibyl Buchanan
    9. Planning & Land Use - James Ferro
    10. Public Safety - Cyndi Hench
  2. Ad Hoc Committees
    1. Lincoln Streetscape - Stephen Bentley
    2. Sepulveda Streetscape - John Ruhlen
    3. Community Design Overlay - Bill Ballerini
    4. Entrada - Bill Ballerini
    5. Policies and Procedures Handbook - Clarence Griffin
  3. City/Neighborhood Council Committees
    1. LANC Congress - Paul Radke
    2. City Planning Task Force - David Gray; James Ferro (alt.)
    3. NC Alliance - Cyndi Hench
    4. Mayor's Budget Day - Denny Schneider/Bill Ballerini (alt.)

5. City Attorney Legal Liaison - David Voss
6. LADWP MOU - John-David Webster
7. Westside Regional Alliance of NCs - J.D. Webster/Cyndi Hench/Jack Topal
8. 5 NC Working Group on Development and Transportation - Nora MacLellan

10. President's Discussion Items or Comments

1. Committee assignments
2. Board vacancies - Residential #13, Education & Youth Organizations

11. 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)

12. 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 NCWP Board meeting: February 3, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.
3. Other announcements

13. Adjournment **President Hench adjourned the meeting at 8:29 p.m. until the next scheduled NCWP Board meeting on February 3, 2009.**

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