

APPROVED MINUTES

Submitted by Geoff Maleman

Tuesday, May 5, 2009 - 6:30 p.m.
Westchester Council Community Room
7166 Manchester Avenue, Westchester, CA 90045

Present: Stephen Bentley, Sibyl Buchanan, David Coffin, Steve Donell, Don Doyle, Craig Eggers, Doug Ehlers, Tom Flintoft, David Gray, Clarence Griffin, Cyndi Hench, Terry Issac, Patricia Lyon, Geoff Maleman, Terry Marcellus, Nora MacLellan, Nancy Niles, Booker Pearson, Paul Radke, John Ramey, John Ruhlen, Denny Schneider, Frances Stronks, Mary Taylor, David Voss, John David Webster

Excused: James Ferro, Jack Topal,

Absent:

1. Call to Order **President Hench called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.**
2. Pledge of Allegiance by **Sibyl Buchanan**
3. Approval of Minutes of previous Board meetings (March and April)

M/S Schneider/Lyon to approve. Motion passes unanimously.

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

John Nahas spoke re: development in Marina del Rey. Urged NCWP to support Venice NC, We Are Marina del Rey and California Coastal Commission on their opposition to development in the Marina and to push for more of a community voice in the Marina.

5. Announcements from Governmental Representative:
 - a. **Lisette Covarrubias**, *DONE Project Coordinator* spoke re: Regional Congress of Neighborhoods, City Clerk meetings re: oversight of NC elections, Neighborhood Purposes Grants for 501(c)3 organizations, and announced she would be going on maternity leave.
 - b. **Jim Kennedy**, *Field Deputy/Councilman Bill Rosendahl* spoke re: the City budget woes, the City's proposed taxi parking ordinance, LMU's upcoming graduation and the DWP's heightened state of water usage.
 - c. **Chad Molnar**, *LAX - Community Liaison* spoke re: long-term lease for Westchester Golf Course and addition of the three missing holes, TBIT EIR and alternatives for new construction parking lots at LAX and Councilman Rosendahl's support for locating the lot south of World Way West, and progress on the LAX Northside Community Plan.
 - d. **Jennifer Zivkovic**, *Field Representative - Assemblymember Ted Lieu* spoke re: California Foreclosure Prevention Act (Lieu) signed by the governor
 - e. **Rebecca Bernal**, *Field Representative - Assemblymember Curren Price* spoke re: voting on May 19
6. Presentations: (limited to 5 minutes unless prior approval for additional time given)
 - a. Presentation about improvements at Westchester Park by Department of Recreation and Parks, by **Craig Raines**, Recreation and Parks Director of Planning and Development spoke re: renovation of the Westchester Pool area with construction beginning this summer as well as creation of the new skateboarding plaza adjacent to the pool area.
 - b. Presentation about the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils by **Mike Newhouse**, WRAC chairperson and Venice Neighborhood Council President, spoke re: the five

proposed motions from WRAC and the group's mission to bring local Neighborhood Councils together to address regional issues and speak with a unified voice.

7. Motions/Actions Items:

- a. Public comment on agenda items
- b. **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.)*
 - i. Motion to authorize expenditure of \$3,000 for Outreach booth at the Westchester Fourth of July Parade, to be paid to LAX Coastal Area Chamber of Commerce (Buchanan/Outreach)
 - ii. Motion to authorize expenditure not to exceed \$2,250 for lemonade stands at the Fourth of July Parade (Buchanan/Outreach)
 - iii. Motion to authorize the expenditure of \$175 for Outreach booth at the Chamberfest event, to be paid to LAX Coastal Area Chamber of Commerce. (Buchanan/Outreach)
 - iv. Motion to authorize expenditure of up to \$500 for a booth at the 2009 Family of Schools 5k Run/WPEF Public School Expo (Buchanan/Outreach)
 - v. Motion to authorize \$123.75 additional expenditure for previously approved sidewalk inserts for Sepulveda Blvd. (Ruhlen)
 - vi. Motion to approve letter to Councilman Bill Rosendahl, Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, Assemblyman Ted Lieu, and State Senator Jenny Oropeza re support of the Ballona Institute and The Committee to Complete the Park on matters related to Egret Park. (Donell/PLUC)
 - vii. Motion to approve letter to Councilman Bill Rosendahl re Council File 07-3326 Parking of Taxicabs in Residential Areas (MacLellan)
 - viii. Motion to authorize a letter of support be written to the Los Angeles Department of Transportation and/or other applicable municipal agency, in favor of establishing Overnight Parking District restricting parking from the hours of 2:00am to 6:00am daily for the following streets within the Playa Vista community: Bluff Creek between Lincoln and Dawn Creek; Villosa Place between Deawalk Drive and Kiyot Way; Agustin Place between Celedon Creek and Dawn Creek; and Crescent Park East and West.
 - ix. Motion to approve the following motion as recommended by the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils: (Hench)

WRAC Motion No.1

1. That Early Notification of all applications to the Department of City Planning, the Bureau of Engineering and to the Department of Building and Safety shall be sent to all impacted certified Neighborhood and Community Councils recognized by their Councilperson (hereafter, "council"), and the applicant shall be required to send notice, by certified RRR mail, to the applicable council, of all subsequent requests for modifications, adjustments, amendments, alterations, or revisions to the application.

2. Planning and Building and Safety shall review all such applications, and such review shall include, prior to approval, compliance with all relevant Community Plans, Specific Plans, and Overlay Districts.

3. With respect to all applications to Planning and Building and Safety for which a public hearing is not required, notice shall be sent to the applicable council of the terms of the proposed approval, no later than 10 calendar days prior to issuance of the approval, and consideration shall be given by the decision maker to any objections, comments, or questions submitted in writing by the applicable council during the 10-day period.

4. Planning and Building and Safety shall each establish an ombudsman or community advocate who is accessible to officers of a council and whose responsibilities shall include facilitating access to Department personnel, procedures, and documents.

- x. Motion to approve the following motion as recommended by the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils: (Hench)

WRAC Motion No 2.

That the Los Angeles City Council be requested to supply each Neighborhood or Community Council with an accounting of both LAAC 5.117 parking funds, and Quimby Funds for its district.

- xi. Motion to approve the following motion as recommended by the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils: (Hench)

WRAC Motion No. 3

We hereby support adoption of an Interim Control Ordinance (ICO) / moratorium as proposed by the City Planning Commission temporarily prohibiting the installation of all new offsite advertising signs and supergraphic signs, as well as prohibiting alteration to existing offsite signs and supergraphic signs, until a new offsite sign ordinance can be developed, adopted and implemented. There should be no exceptions that might weaken the enforceability of the moratorium.

- xii. Motion to approve the following motion as recommended by the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils: (Hench)

WRAC Motion No. 4

As gridlock is a major quality of life issue, the City of Los Angeles City Council is hereby requested to implement an enforcement mechanism and fine system to alleviate the constant gridlock in intersections in the City Limits. While the City has found it both effective and profitable to implement "Tiger Teams" to clear "No Parking, Tow Away Zones" during peak hours, the city has been unable to control gridlock.

- xiii. Motion to approve the following motion as recommended by the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils: (Hench)

WRAC Motion No. 5

That the Los Angeles City Council be requested to amend the working documents for Neighborhood and Community Councils, thereby allowing N.C./C.C.'s the right to appeal city department decisions.

M/S Schneider/Taylor (Approval of All Items on the Consent Calendar) passes unanimously

- c. **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.)*

- i. Motion to authorize expenditure not to exceed \$4,500 for the purchase of tote bags with NCWP logo for NCWP promotional items (Buchanan/Outreach) Called special by **Donell** and moved from Consent Calendar.

Donell requested a delay in authorizing this expenditure to explore other vendors/sizes to reduce the expenditure in light of budget constraints. Board members discussed the issue. **M/S McClellan/Doyle to approve motion as agendized. Motion fails 12-13 (AYES: Bentley, Buchanan, Doyle, Flintoft, Gray, Griffin, MacLellan, Maleman, Radke, Schneider, Taylor and Voss. NAYS: Coffin, Donell, Eggers, Ehlers, Issac, Lyon, Marcellus, Niles, Pearson, Ramey, Ruhlen, Stronks and Webster)**

M/S Marcellus/Gray to approve the expenditure in an amount not to exceed \$3,500. Motion passes unanimously.

- ii. Motion to approve Treasurer's report (Donell/Budget and Finance)

M/S Donell/Webster to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion passes unanimously.

- iii. Motion to approve reimbursement of Board member expenditures (Donell/Budget and Finance)

M/S Donell/Gray to reimburse Lyon in an amount to to exceed \$175 for meals at the Board meetings. Motion passes unanimously.

- iv. Motion to approve NCWP Budget for 2009-2010. (Donell/Budget and Finance)

M/S Donell/Schneider to approve the NCWP Budget for 2009-2010. Motion passes unanimously.

- v. Motion to approve proposed bylaw changes as written (Taylor/Bylaws)

Taylor presented the Bylaws Committee report, including rationale for the various items proposed by the Bylaws Committee.

Public Comment Regarding this Item:

Linda Kokelaar had her comments opposing the proposed bylaws revisions read into the record.

Robert Acherman spoke in opposition to the proposed bylaws revisions.

Karen Kanter spoke in opposition to the proposed bylaws revisions.

Marcia Hanscom spoke in opposition to the proposed bylaws revisions.

Amendment: M/S Voss/Marcellus eliminate changes to the LMU and Education seats and creating a total of just three (3) Business Seats (defined by zip codes 90293, 90094 and 90045) by eliminating the existing Business Seat, the Recognized Community Volunteer Seat and one (1) existing At-Large Seat. Board members discussed the issue. **Motion passes 21-4. (AYES: Buchanan,**

Coffin, Donell, Doyle, Eggers, Flintoft, Gray, Griffin, Issac, Lyon, MacLellan, Maleman, Marcellus, Niles, Pearson, Radke, Ramey, Ruhlen, Taylor, Voss and Webster. **NAYS:** Bentley, Ehlers, Schneider and Stronks).

Amendment: Election procedures applicable to the LAWA seat be also applicable to the LMU seat. **M/S Marcellus/Voss. Motion passes unanimously.**

Amendment: Eliminate redistricting of Districts 13, 14 and 15 as part of this round of bylaws revisions. **M/S Coffin/Stronks.** Board members discussed the issue. **Motion passes 17-8 (AYES:** Bentley, Buchanan, Coffin, Donell, Eggers, Ehlers, Gray, Griffin, Maleman, Marcellus, Niles, Pearson, Radke, Ramey, Ruhlen, Schneider and Stronks. **NAYS:** Doyle, Flintoft, Issac, Lyon, MacLellan, Taylor, Voss and Webster.).

Amendment: Add "certification of the election" on Page 7, Paragraph 4 of the proposed bylaw revisions; and make all confirmations of presidential appointments by simple majority of the board present rather than the proposed 2/3s. **M/S Schneider/MacLellan. Motion passes unanimously.**

Motion to make all the bylaws revisions as proposed and incorporate the previously approved amendments. **M/S Taylor/MacLellan Motion passes unanimously.**

Jennifer Badger, *Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa's Office* spoke re: Mayor's Day of Service, Gun Buy-Back Day.

- vi. Motion to approve proposed Election Procedures Stipulation Language Worksheet (Taylor/Bylaws)

Motion to approve the proposed Election Procedures Stipulation Language Worksheet and include the appropriate changes so that the Worksheet reflects the amendments previously made. **M/S Taylor/Niles. Motion passes unanimously.**

8. Committee Reports:

- a. Highlighted Committee Report
 - i. Bylaws - Mary Taylor
- b. Standing Committees (written reports)
 - i. Airport Relations - David Voss/David Coffin
 - ii. Budget & Finance - Steve Donell
 - iii. Bylaws - Mary Taylor
 - iv. Education - Terry Marcellus
 - v. Elections - David Coffin
 - vi. Governmental Affairs/CityServices - John Ramey
 - vii. Outreach - Sibyl Buchanan
 - viii. Planning & Land Use - Steve Donell
 - ix. Public Safety - Cyndi Hensch
- c. Ad Hoc Committees (written reports, as needed)
 - i. Streetscape - John Ruhlen
 - ii. Community Design Overlay - open
 - iii. Policies and Procedures Handbook - Clarence Griffin
 - iv. Homelessness and Vehicular Living - Pearson
- d. City/Neighborhood Council Committees (written reports, as needed)
 - i. LANC Congress - Paul Radke

- ii. City Planning Task Force -David Gray; James Ferro (alt.)
 - iii. NC Alliance - Cyndi Hench
 - iv. Mayor's Budget Day - Denny Schneider/Bill Ballerini (alt.)
 - v. City Attorney Legal Liaison -David Voss
 - vi. LADWP MOU - John-DavidWebster
 - vii. Westside Regional Alliance of NCs - J.D. Webster/Cyndi Hench/Jack Topal
 - viii. 5 NC Working Group on Development and Transportation - Nora MacLellan
9. President's Discussion Items or Comments
- a. Committee assignments - PLUC, PLUC CDO and Public Safety. Motion to approve new committee assignments as presented by President Hench. **M/S Taylor/Gray. Motion passes unanimously.**
 - b. Current board vacancies - Residential Districts #3 and #13, Education
10. Other Items:
- a. Ethics and Conflict of Interest On-line Training: www.lacityneighborhoods.com
11. Announcements:
- a. 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
 - b. Next NCWP Board meeting: June 2, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.
 - c. Other announcements
12. Adjournment **President Hench adjourned the meeting at 9:34 p.m.**

In compliance with Government Code section 54957.5, non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority or all of the board in advance of a meeting, may be viewed at our website by clicking on the following link:www.ncwpdr.org. In addition, if you would like a copy of any record related to an item on the agenda, please contact Mary Taylor - NCWP Corresponding Secretary at: mary@gotpromosllc.com.