

APPROVED MINUTES

Submitted by Geoff Maleman

Tuesday, July 7, 2009 - 6:30 p.m.

Westchester Council Community Room

7166 Manchester Avenue, Westchester, CA 90045

Present: Sibyl Buchanan, Craig Eggers, Tom Flintoft, Cyndi Hench, Terry Issac, Patricia Lyon, Geoff Maleman, Terry Marcellus, Nora MacLellan, Nancy Niles, Booker Pearson, Ron Rader, John Ruhlen, Denny Schneider, Mary Taylor, Jack Topal, David Voss, John David Webster

Excused: James Ferro, Paul Radke, John Ramey, Frances Stronks

Absent: Stephen Bentley, David Coffin, Steve Donell, Doug Ehlers, David Gray, Clarence Griffin

1. Call to Order **President Hench called the meeting to order at 6:41 p.m.**
2. Pledge of Allegiance by **J.D. Webster**
3. Approval of Minutes of previous Board meetings **M/S Schneider/Webster to approve. Motion passes unanimously.**
4. Public Comment - non-agenda items (limited to 2 minutes per speaker)
 - a. **Raymond Yu** spoke regarding the Los Angeles County Youth Democrats meeting on July 10 and Nisei Week
 - b. **Richard Beban**, President of Friends of Ballona Wetlands, spoke regarding his organization.
5. Announcements from Governmental Representative (limit to 3 minutes please):
 - a. **Deanna Stevenson**, DONE Project Coordinator, spoke regarding a task force of neighborhood councils being created for emergency preparedness and Empower L.A.
 - b. **Jim Kennedy**, Field Deputy/Councilman Bill Rosendahl, spoke regarding the Michael Jackson event downtown, Councilman Rosendahl's swearing in, the Westchester Fourth of July Parade, progress on Playa del Rey Parking District, Westchester Park renovations and progress on Fire Station No. 5/Egret Park.
 - c. **Alma Marquez**, Field Representative, Sen. Rod Wright, spoke regarding the chamber's Government Affairs Breakfast at which the Senator spoke and an Aug. 29 School Readiness event in the City of Long Beach
 - d. **Veronica Zendejas**, Sen. Jenny Oropeza, spoke regarding the Senator's bills: SB4, which would ban smoking at state parks and beaches; and SB18, which increases penalties for elder abuse
6. Presentations: (limited to 5 minutes unless prior approval for additional time given)
 - a. Presentation by **Don Duckworth**, Executive Director - Westchester Business Improvement District, regarding the strategic plan for Westchester Town Center.
 - b. Presentation by **Rudy Salinas**, Director of Outreach - People Assisting the Homeless (PATH) regarding assistance to homeless in Westchester.
7. Motions/Actions Items:
 - a. Public comment on agenda items limited to 2 minutes
 - 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. President Hench announced that she was adding a previously unagendized motion, declaring an emergency motion to approve support for the sale of land owned by the City of Los Angeles and LAWA to Otis College of Art and Design. Discussion was had. **M/S Flintoft/Schneider to declare this an emergency item. Motion passed unanimously.**
 - ii. Motion to send letter of support indicating that NCWP supports in concept the sale of land owned by the City of Los Angeles and Los Angeles World Airports to

Otis College for purposes of Otis' plans to consolidate its campuses here in the Westchester community as part of a project that includes 100,000 square feet of low-rise, two-story structures with substantial surrounding green space on an approximate eight-acre parcel to the West of the existing Otis parking facility. And to include in the letter that NCWP has appreciated the relationship between Otis and the community and encourage that relationship to continue on a long-term basis, and encourages further dialogue between the City of Los Angeles/LAWA and Otis to further refine the proposals and expect that before there is any concrete proposal including zoning limitations that the NCWP will have further opportunity to be heard. **M/S Voss/Flintoft to approve. Motion passes unanimously. Rader, Buchanan and Niles abstained.**

- iii. Motion to approve expenditure not to exceed \$1,000 for NCWP Banners to be placed in community sports fields. **M/S Flintoft/Maleman to approve. Motion 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 approve Treasurer's report (Donell/Budget and Finance) **M/S Schneider/Flintoft to approve. Motion passes unanimously.**
 - ii. Motion to approve reimbursement of Board member expenditures to Lyon for an amount not to exceed \$150 for board meeting food (Donell/Budget and Finance) **M/S Schneider/Niles to approve. Motion passes unanimously.**
8. Committee Reports:
 - a. Highlighted Committee Report
 - i. Homelessness and Vehicular Living - **Booker Pearson**
 - b. Standing Committees (written reports)
 - i. Airport Relations - David Voss/David Coffin
 - ii. Budget & Finance - Steve Donell
 - iii. Education - Terry Marcellus
 - iv. Elections - David Coffin
 - v. Governmental Affairs/CityServices - JD Webster
 - vi. Outreach - Sibyl Buchanan
 - vii. Planning & Land Use - Steve Donell
 - viii. Public Safety - Cyndi Hench
 - c. Ad Hoc Committees (written reports, as needed)
 - i. Bylaws - Mary Taylor
 - ii. Streetscape - John Ruhlen
 - iii. Community Design Overlay - John Ruhlen
 - iv. Policies and Procedures Handbook - Clarence Griffin
 - v. Homelessness and Vehicular Living - Booker 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. Alliance - Cyndi Hench
 - iv. Mayor's Budget Day - Denny Schneider
 - v. City Attorney Legal Liaison - David Voss
 - vi. LADWP MOU - John-David Webster
 - vii. Westside Regional Alliance of NCs - Cyndi Hench/Jack Topal/JD Webster
 - viii. 5 NC Working Group on Development and Transportation - Nora MacLellan
9. President's Discussion Items or Comments
 - a. Committee assignments – Motion to appoint Ron Rader as a member of the NCWP Government Affairs Committee. **M/S/ Flintoft/Webster to approve. Motion passes unanimously.**
 - b. Current board vacancies - Residential Districts #1, #13 and Education
10. Other Items:
 - a. Ethics and Conflict of Interest On-line Training: www.lacityneighborhoods.com

11. Announcements:
 - a. Next NCWP Board meeting: August 4, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.
 - b. Other announcements
12. Adjournment **President Hench adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.**

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