## **APPROVED MINUTES**

Submitted by Geoff Maleman

## Tuesday, February 2, 2010 - 6:30 p.m. Westchester Council Community Room 7166 Manchester Avenue, Westchester, CA 90045

**Present**: Stephen Bentley, Cheryl Burnett, Steve Donell, Craig Eggers, Doug Ehlers, Tom Flintoft, Clarence Griffin, Terry Issac, Andy Kamm, John Loizeaux, Patricia Lyon, Geoff Maleman, Nora MacLellan, Paul Radke, Denny Schneider, Frances Stronks, Mary Taylor, Jack Topal, David Voss, John David Webster

Excused: Sibyl Buchanan, Cyndi Hench, John Ramey, John Ruhlen,

Absent: David Coffin, David Gray, Terry Marcellus, Nancy Niles, Booker Pearson, Ron Rader,

- 1. Call to Order Vice President Voss called the meeting to order at 6:41 p.m.
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance by Jim Kennedy
- 3. Approval of Minutes of previous Board meetings **M/S Maleman/Stronks to approve. Motion** passes unanimously.
- 4. Public Comment non-agenda items (limited to 2 minutes per speaker)
  - a. None
- 5. Announcements from Governmental Representative (limit to 3 minutes please):
  - a. **Jim Kennedy**, *Field Deputy/Councilman Bill Rosendahl* spoke re: Councilman's request to extend the EIR comment period on the LMU Masterplan by 15 days from March 1 to March 15; Playa Vista project moving through the city process and the Councilman is currently accepting feedback from the community on the project; Scattergood powerline project through Westchester and Playa del Rey analyzing various potential route for the line; Councilman Rosendahl voted against slashing of Neighborhood Council funding as a budget-cutting measure; and city services are expected to be cut to balance the more than \$400 million shortfall.
  - b. Chad Molnar, LAX Community Liaison; at 11:30 a.m. on Feb. 18 the Westchester Golf Course will hold its official ribbon cutting for the course's three new holes; the Board of Airport Commissioners will release the NASA findings on the movement of the northernmost runway at LAX further north on February 19; and Tom Bradley International Terminal ground-breaking is tentatively set for February 22.
  - c. **Alma Marquez**, *Field Representative Senator Roderick Wright* spoke regarding state budget issues.
- 6. Presentations: (limited to 5 minutes unless prior approval for additional time given)
  - a. Loyola Marymount University Master Plan Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR)

    http://www.planning.lacity.org/eir/LoyolaMarymountUniv/DEIR/TOC.html Lynn

Scarborough from LMU and Lisa Gritzner from Cerrell and Associates presented the LMU Masterplan project, including the need for the project, the goal to bring more students onto campus and discourage students from driving, addition of new recreational facilities (5 acres of new outdoor athletic facilities and landscaped open space at full build out), improve on-campus circulation, the project's job-creation and economic impacts. The university is seeking approval of a new specific plan for the site that will include reaffirmation of the existing cap of 7,800 full-time students. DEIR Comment period is scheduled to close on March 1. For more information, visit www.lmu.edu/masterplan

 Erika Kemmerer spoke regarding the proposed sports complex adjacent to the residential area and her concerns about the project's parking, noise and visual impacts.

- ii. Richard Hofmeister spoke representing the McConnell Quality of Life Group requesting the NCWP Board send a letter requesting a 45-day extension of the comment period for the DEIR.
- iii. **Suzanne Jaggers** spoke regarding her concerns about the project's proposed heights and setbacks impacting LMU's residential neighbors. She added concerns about the noise from the proposed sports complex.
- iv. Roberta Fay spoke in opposition to the proposed LMU plan and asked the NCWP Board send a letter requesting a 45-day extension of the comment period for the DEIR. She also expressed concerns that LMU would be creating a new set of requirements outside the existing City of L.A. Municipal Ordinances. She also expressed concerns about traffic, noise, light pollution, and construction impacts.
- v. **Ross Williams** spoke expressing his concerns that the DEIR document is misleading and the analysis of the project's impacts are mischaracterized.
- vi. **Bill Hendricks** spoke expressing his concerns that the DEIR document is too vague and does not provide enough specificity to allow the public to effectively comment upon it.
- vii. Sara Cozolino spoke regarding traffic and parking concerns.
- viii. NCWP Board members asked questions and made comments to the presenters regarding the enrollment cap, proposed, building heights, the proposed 1,500-seat conference center, the DEIR comment period, parking increase vs. square-footage increase, relocation of the Gersten Pavilion, a hire-local program for construction, opening of LMU's fields to local sports programs, construction timing, LMU's presentation to the NCWP's Planning and Land-Use Committee, setback concerns, shading, views and air-flow during construction, community outreach, construction haul routes and equipment staging, noise and light pollution, and LEED construction.
- ix. Clarence Griffin of LMU said the university is likely to agree to extend the comment period by 15 days.
- 7. Motions/Actions Items:
  - a. Discussion Calendar:
    - i. Motion to approve Treasurer's report (Donell/Finance) M/S Webster/Stronks to approve. Motion passes unanimously.
    - ii. Donell introduced an emergency motion that the NCWP take the formal position that the NCWP opposes cuts to Neighborhood Council funding, including the sweeping away of rollover funding, and supports the maintenance of existing funding for NCs throughout the city and maintenance of existing funding levels for the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment. Vice President Voss declared that this motion fits the requirements under the Ralph M. Brown Act for an Emergency Motion. M/S Donell/Webster to approve. Motion passes unanimously.
- 8. Committee Reports:
  - a. Highlighted Committee Reports
    - i. Playa del Rey development projects (ad hoc committee) (Burnett and Eggers)
- 9 Announcements:
  - a. Next NCWP Board meeting: March 2, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.
  - b. Other announcements
- 10. Adjournment Vice President Voss adjourned the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

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