

APPROVED MINUTES

Submitted by Ashley Diestel

Tuesday, August 3, 2010 - 6:30 p.m.

Westchester Council Community Room

7166 Manchester Avenue, Westchester, CA 90045

Present: Sibyl Buchanan, Cheryl Burnett, John Casey, Ashley Diestel, Craig Eggers, Alex Eychis, Tom Flintoft, Cyndi Hench, Terry Issac, Arlin Kahan, Ted Kroeber, John Loizeaux, Chris Lynch, Patricia Lyon, Nora MacLellan, Geoff Maleman, Kerri Moszkiewicz, Booker Pearson, Paul Radke, Tony Schaffer, Denny Schneider, Sheryl Thomas-Perkins, Jack Topal, John David Webster, Lance Williams.

Excused: Clarence Griffin, Andy Kamm, Lori Kuhn, Alan Quon.

Absent: Bryan Garcia.

Call to Order **President Hench called the meeting to order at 6:41 p.m.**

1. Call to Order

2. Salute the Flag

3. Announcements from Governmental Representative:

1. **Nate Kaplan**, Field Deputy - Councilman Bill Rosendahl- Discussed the LMU Master plan, focusing on the relocation of the recycling center, lighting into neighborhoods, parking study, and alternative location to the sports complex. The public comment period has been extended until Friday, August 6. Update on the proposed T-Mobile cell tower, Rosendahl wants to fight this tower and had a discussion with Congresswoman Maxine Waters about the issue earlier in the day. Movie night at Westchester Park will be moving forward – date set for Friday, September 3.

2. **Chad Molnar**, LAX - Community Liaison- LAWA management came forward with ground transportation alternatives. North airfield discussions will be happening next week, and he will update us on these proposed issues at next month's meeting. The Mayor does not support selling the Ontario Airport; he favors putting the airport out to bid for a private entity or the City of Ontario to manage. Follow what is going on at LAX at <http://www.facebook.com/lax.community.liaison>, <http://twitter.com/laxliaison> or contact Chad Molnar at chad.molnar@lacity.org 213-308-7595

4. Public Comment - non-agenda items

a. **Don Fast**- Concerned about the City's financial crisis, suggested that the City of LA could hold a fund raiser in Playa del Rey to sell advertising stones/bricks similar to what El Segundo has in the sidewalks on Main Street. Also interested in getting a hardware store into Playa del Oro.

b. **Richard Hofmeister**- Concerns regarding LMU Master Plan: they want 20 ft buffer zone, 150 ft setback to residences, 150 ft. buffer from any facility using sound, reasonable time of relocation of recycling center.

c. **Myra Kriwanek**- Requested that the issue of the proposed T-Mobile tower be included on the PLUC agenda for the month of August.

d. **Marie Kellier**- Would like to invite the NCWP and the city to the Caribbean Festival. It's on October 17, 2010.

e. **Jeffrey Yip**- Spoke against the proposed T-Mobile cell phone tower at 78th St and El Manor.

5. **Presentation - Marcia Hanscom from The Ballona Institute discussed alternatives for initial public access at the Ballona Wetlands Ecological Reserve**

a. Issues with the State planned parking areas, which the current location proposed by the state is right next to where the blue herring's live. She would like a larger walkway that does not endanger any of the current habitats.

b. **Public Comments**

i. M. Kelly Ducharme- spoke in favor of saving as much of the ballona wetlands as possible, asked for support of the alternative parking areas.

- ii. David Warren- support of alternative parking areas
- iii. Robert Krauch- this issue needs more discussion about having the entrance on Fiji way versus alternative options.
- iv. David Kay- opposes moving the entryway further east, would like to consider to use the Gordon's parking lot for the entry to the Ballona Wetlands.

6. **Presentation - Sean Bergquist from the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Project discussed the current plan for restoration of the Ballona Wetlands Ecological Reserve**

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- a. Provided a brief history on the Ballona Wetlands and the surrounding area.
- b. Provide public access to the public so people can learn and enjoy the wetlands, discussed the early access plan. Would like to use the Gordon's parking lot, and have that be open to the public as well as the parking lot at the Fiji Way state owned parking lot.
- c. Open house August 21 from 9am-12pm at the Fiji Way Gateway.
- d. CEQA process is beginning and will explain why some suggestions can work and why others cannot work.
- e. **Public Comments**
 - i. Robert Van de Hoek- Recommended use of the restoration dollars to acquire remaining open lands, for example North side of the Del Rey Lagoon, bluff and again the most important aspect of restoration is obtaining more open lands. Say no to the US Army's "bulldozing project"
 - ii. Marcia Hanscom- Requested to present to the board stating what species will be affected by the proposed parking lots and access points. Marcia thanked Playa Vista for agreeing to sell more land than was planned for.

7. **Motions/Actions Items: Public comment on agenda items will be called as each agenda item is brought forward.**

- a. Approval of Minutes of previous Board meeting **M/S MacLellan/Buchanan to approve. Motion passes unanimously.**

b. Discussion Calendar:

- i. Motion to support the proposed 14 single family detached townhome/condo development at Manchester and Belford and the zone change from R2-1 to RAS3-1. (Lyon/PLUC) **M/S Lyon/Buchanan to approve. Following discussion and public comment, motion was withdrawn.**
- ii. Motion to refer the above project back to the Planning and Land Use Committee and will be heard at the August 17th PLUC Meeting. (Lyon/PLUC) **M/S Lyon/Buchanan to approve. Motion passes. Ted Kroeber opposed, Tom Flintoft abstain, all other Board members in attendance voted in favor.**

1. Public Comments

- a. Gary Schovley- would like the property to stay under R2 control, and will strongly oppose any change from R2 to RAS3-1. He presented a proposed plan to the board and the developer.
- b. Julian Payne- also presented the new proposed plan, reducing the homes to 12 homes, with access only to 85th Street.
- c. James Lybolt- is against the zoning moving past the R2 zone. Believes there should only be 10 homes.
- d. Mary Marmolejo- concerned with the exit/driveway that goes straight into her home on 85th and Ramsgate
- e. Danna Cope- mistake to change zoning for one particular plan, concerned the property could be sold and then the new developer could build a larger zone based on the RAS3-1 zone. Would like to see the height brought down, but feels the community plan is a much better plan.
- f. Steve Rittenhouse- concerned with the safety issue of the cars coming off of Manchester.
- g. Mel Nielsenmeyer- opposed to the RAS3-1 zone change. Supports

- the communities plan
 - h. Paul Morgan- concerned with traffic, parking and noise control problems. Would like the project to stay at the R2 zone. Rezoning is not good for the neighborhood.
 - i. Gerardo Giusti- against the change in the zoning. Urges the board to look at the communities proposed development.
 - j. Amos Vandeyar- submitted written comments in opposition to the project.
 - 2. Discussion was had by the members of the Board.
 - 3. The developer provided answers to technical questions from the board and the community.
 - iii. Motion to approve a request for beer/wine license for Sodexo/LMU at the Crimson Lion restaurant on the campus of LMU (Lyon/PLUC) **M/S Lyon/Diestel to approve. 3 board members abstained. Motion passes unanimously.**
 - 1. **Public Comments**
 - a. Richard Hofmeister- spoke in opposition to this request.
 - b. Discussion was had by the board.
 - iv. Motion to approve a letter to the Los Angeles City Council to oppose the draft ordinance (CF 05-1383-S1) that would Amend Subsection (e) of Section 62.104 of the LAMC to transfer liability and responsibility to property owners for repair of curbs, driveways and sidewalks due to tree root damage (Hench/WRAC) **M/S Maleman/Schneider to approve. Motion passes unanimously.**
 - v. Motion to approve of the NCWP 2010-2011 Revised Budget by the NCWP board, further revised to reclassify the \$1800 in Food and Refreshments to Community Improvement Projects (Eychis/Budget&Finance) **M/S Webster/Lyon to approve. Motion passes unanimously.**
 - 1. Within the budget there is a \$150 per month allowance for food for the board and community guests. This money will be moved into community improvement projects. **5 in favor, 18 in opposition. Motion does not pass.**
 - a. **Public Comments**
 - i. Dan Fast- spoke that the \$150/month should be donated to a homeless shelter.
 - vi. Motion to approve Treasurer's report and Credit Card Statement (Eychis/Budget&Finance) **M/S Eychis/Maleman to approve. Motion passes unanimously.**
 - vii. Motion to approve a funding request for up to \$1,000 to purchase and install windscreens for Westchester Recreation Center Preschool play area (Eychis/Budget&Finance) **M/S Eychis/Loizeaux to approve. Motion passes unanimously.**
 - viii. Motion to approve a funding request for up to \$1,500 to equipment rental for Movie Under the Stars Night at Westchester Park (Eychis/Budget&Finance) **M/S Eychis/Diestel to approve. Motion passes unanimously.**
 - ix. Motion to approve reimbursement of Board member expenditures (Eychis/Budget&Finance) **No board member reimbursements.**
8. Committee Report - Homelessness and Vehicular Living (Pearson)
 - a. **Public Comments**
 - i. Marcia Hanscom- there are still homeless people living in the Ballona Wetlands.
 - ii. Robert Van de Hoek- don't just move the area's homeless people around, they need stable homes.
 - b. Pearson gave an update from his committee meeting. The City will take input from three committee members. The NCWP provided a \$5,000 grant to address homelessness in the NCWP boundaries, and Councilman Rosendahl is considering matching that amount. Homeless snapshot in Westchester/Playa will be conducted on September 28-29 from 7-11 pm.
 - c. Councilman Rosendahl's homeless advocate, Sophia Heller, spoke on a new program for homelessness in LA. The goal being to move willing homeless persons into safe areas, and

- there will be strict 24 hours programs. They will move people from their cars into housing.
9. Announcements:
 - a. Conflict of Interest and Ethics Training - Required training for all board members - <http://ethics.lacity.org/ncouncil.cfm>
 - b. Next NCWP Board meeting: September 7, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.
 10. Adjournment **President Hench adjourned the meeting at 10:07 pm.**

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