

APPROVED MINUTES

Submitted by Ashley Diestel

Tuesday, January 4, 2011 - 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, Clarence Griffin, Bryan Garcia, Lori Kuhn, Chris Lynch, Patricia Lyon, Nora MacLellan, Geoff Maleman, Alan Quon, Booker Pearson, Paul Radke, Tony Schaffer, Denny Schneider, Lance Williams.

Excused: Cyndi Hench, Tom Flintoft, Sheryl Thomas-Perkins, Jack Topal, John David Webster

Absent: Bryan Garcia, Arlin Kahan, Andy Kamm, Ted Kroeber, John Loizeaux

Call to Order **Vice President Geoff Maleman called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.**

1. Call to Order
2. Salute the Flag
3. Approval of Minutes of previous Board meeting. Lyon/MacLellan seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Announcements from Governmental Representative:
 1. **Arturo Pina**, No updates.
 2. **Mike Castillo, Assemblymember Bradford**- Hearing at Gardena Council Chambers on Small Business issues and the committee on procurement. Hearing will be held on Friday, January 28th 10 am- 1pm.
5. Public Comment - non-agenda items
 - a. Marcia Hanscom- update on the Culver Blvd. project, and reported on the accident this last week at the cross walk at Nicholson and Culver. Green and safe Culver Blvd. Offer to present to the committee on their plans for Culver Blvd.
 - b. Scott Carni- thank everyone for allocating \$800-\$900 for new screens at the park.
6. Motions/Actions Items: Public comment on agenda items will be called as each agenda item is brought forward.
 - a. **LA Dept of Recreation and Parks and Annenberg Foundation - proposal to build a skate park at Westchester Recreation Park**
 - i. Plan is to put a skate park at the Westchester Park. The skate park will be more of an open urban plaza with open walkways and new landscape. This will help make the park a safer place.
 - ii. Public Comment
 1. **Elliot Wright**- 20yr old who grew up in Westchester, he is in support of the park. Good for the community and the kids, bring business to the community.
 2. **Anton Einarsson**- 15yr old who grew up in Westchester. No current place to skate, and skating is unappreciated, so this is something very beneficial to the kids in the area.
 - iii. Board member comments
 1. **Nora MacLellan**- Spoke in support of this project. Would like to have lighting on the basketball courts and the skate park.
 2. **Lance Williams**- wondering about the time frame on the project (basketball courts would be started soon, end of Jan.)
 3. **Sibyl Buchanan**- wondering how this park would be different than Venice. Asked about safety and accountability of the kids at the skate park.
 4. **Denny Schnieder**- spoke in support
 5. **John Casey**- spoke in support
 6. **Alan Quon**- asked how much it would cost for lighting

- iv. Motion was made to support the development of a Skate Park at WRC (including other renovations as presented and required).
 - v. **M/S Lyon/Griffin.** Motion passes unanimously.
 - b. **Westside Neighborhood School's request for a CUP which allows the following changes: An increase in admission of up to 8% growth over the next 5 years. A change of use of 5400 Beethoven Ave., L.A. from office use to Education use classification.**
 - i. Motion was made to support the CUP request of Westside Neighborhood School to increase admissions by up to 8% and change the use of 5400 Beethoven Ave., L.A., 90066 from Office/Administrative use to Educational.
 - ii. **M/S Lyon/Eychis seconded.** Motion passes unanimously.
 - c. **Appointment of New Board member - RD2 (Joan Trimble) M/S Schneider/Pearson**
 - d. **Committees - creation of Ad hoc committee - Bylaws**
 - i. Geoff Maleman will be the Chair of this committee. Sibyl Buchanan, Denny Schneider Cheryl Burnett Cyndi Hench, and Booker Pearson will sit on the committee.
7. Announcements:
- a. Conflict of Interest and Ethics Training - Required training for all board members - <http://ethics.lacity.org/ncouncil.cfm>
 - b. Booker Pearson announced that there will be a Federal Homeless count.
 - c. LMU- master plan still moving forward, still in PLUM.
 - d. Next NCWP Board meeting: February 1, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.
8. Adjournment **Vice President Maleman adjourned the meeting at 7:26 pm.**

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