

## APPROVED MINUTES

*Submitted by Ashley Diestel*

**Tuesday, February 1, 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, Tom Flintoft, Clarence Griffin, Cyndi Hench, Andrew Kamm, Ted Kroeber, Lori Kuhn, John Loizeaux, Patricia Lyon, Nora MacLellan, Geoff Maleman, Paul Radke, Tony Schaffer, Denny Schneider, Sheryl Thomas-Perkins, Jack Topal, Joan Trimble, John David Webster.

**Excused:** Alan Quon, Booker Pearson

**Absent:** Arlin Kahan, Lance Williams.

1. Call to Order **meeting called to order at 6:35 p.m by Cyndi Hench, President.**
  2. Salute the Flag
  3. Approval of Minutes of previous Board meeting. Webster/Thomas-Perkins seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
  4. Treasurers Report. Eychis/Maleman Motion passed unanimously.
  5. Announcements from Governmental Representative:
    1. **Nate Kaplan**, Rosendahl is back at work after heart surgery. City Council voted to turn down Jerry Brown's zone enterprise initiative. LA Budget Challenge- make your own budget. Non-emergency roadside assistance call 399. 16,000 potholes were fixed on Jan 8-9 "pothole weekend". City victory against mobile ad trailers, they will no longer be allowed. **To report a mobile ad trailer call 818-752-5100 #2.** Westside mobility plan, you rank the parking availability in your area, February 15<sup>th</sup> is deadline.
    2. **Chad Molnar**, Specific plan amendment study, Draft EIR will be ready at end of 2011. No decision on North runway for 2 years. New Airport Commission President, Michael Vasson. Singapore Airlines will launch A380 service in March. Tom Bradley Terminal hopes to open on 12/12/12.
    3. **Victoria Cross DWP**, Draft EIR for Scattergood/Olympic project is ready for the public to review. 3 possible routes, final decision will be made by the Board of WP Commissioners, but public can still give input. Routes are based on environmental impact. New General Manager, Ron Nichols. Emergency repair projects happening in the area, one at Pershing and Culver (leaking valve) will begin in late February (2-3 days, 24 hours and then 8 hours for 2 weeks).
  6. Public Comment - non-agenda items
    - a. Yvonne Fok-Gundersen- town home faces Manchester Ave., and trailers park at 5800 and Belford on Manchester Blvd. It is unsafe and an eyesore.
      - i. Nate Kaplan- If you put signs up, they will just move further down Manchester and parked. Rosendahl wants to red stripe all of curbs on Manchester, possibly no overnight parking. NCWP can help with a letter of recommendation.
  7. **Presentations -**
    - a. A. Ken Blum - Information on Measure L "Save our Neighborhood Libraries" - <http://yesonlibraries.com/>. Limited to 5-day service, first time in 130+ years. Guarantee funding increase for libraries. Measure L is not a tax; it will increase the libraries share of city funds. The portion of funding for libraries .0175% will go to .030%.
    - b. B. Kathy Davison, Friends of the Library- Measure L will be on March 8<sup>th</sup> ballot. Libraries need to be open 6 days a week, and LA is the only major city besides Detroit that doesn't have their libraries open 6 days a week.
    - c. C. Los Angeles Westside Transportation Plan (Parking Survey) – discussed prior by Nate Kaplan. Visit [www.westsidemobilityplan.com/parking-study-hot-spot/](http://www.westsidemobilityplan.com/parking-study-hot-spot/) for more information.
  8. **Motions/Actions Items and related Public Comment**
    1. **Motion to move all items on consent calendar to the discussion calendar.**  
**Lyon/Buchanan.**
- Discussion Calendar**

1. Howard Hughes Center Development
  - a. Public Comment:
    - i. David Coffin- would like the council to defer the vote, due to the water issues **below the plan.**
    - ii. John Ruhlen- spoke in favor of this project on behalf of the Westchester Streetscape Association and Westchester BID.
  - b. Presentation:
    - i. Allan Abshez, Equity Office- started as all office and hotel rooms, over the years it has changed. Proposed two-office building and residential uses, but there are no active users for these lots.
    - ii. Matt Edwards- A lot of interest in Assisted Living facilities. Medical facilities have also been looked into.
      1. Board comment- Schneider, Kuhn, Eggers, Schaffer
  - c. Amendment to motion to ask for Howard Hughes to present back to the council on a semi-annually basis re the tenancy plans for the project, by meeting with PLUC. Schneider/Eychis. Loizeaux opposed, motion passes.
  - d. Motion: Motion to support Equity Office's application to amend the Howard Hughes Center Development Agreement to extend its term for an additional 15 years and to allow uses generally permitted in the C-2 zone for the four undeveloped lots, provided that the 3:1 FAR limitation, trip cap, and height limits for Howard Hughes Center remain in place and Equity Office Partners will report back to PLUC bi-annually to PLUC re the tenancy plans for the project. Lyon/Maleman. Schaffer and Kuhn opposed, motion passes.
2. Las Casitas Project
  - a. Public Comment:
    - i. Silvio Nunez- spoke against this project
    - ii. Dave Voss- spoke against this project – the project has been turned down at every level of city government in past years when presented to the NCWP and LA City.
  - b. Presentation:
    - i. Randy Morris, Morris Design Architecture- 14 homes on this site, 7,800 sq. feet homes. Gate has been installed so that Fire Department has access at the end of the road. Exxon Mobile pipe does not affect the project, it goes around the project. Two units will be moderate income housing.
  - c. Board Comment- Trimble, Topal, Lyon
  - d. Motion to oppose the request of applicant for the Las Casitas Project located at 5212-5238 Thornburn Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90045. Lyon/Flintoft. Motion passes.
9. **Appointment of Joan Trimble to WRAC PLUM – (appointment confirmed)**
10. **Appointment of new Board member - D. Voss (Community Org) – (appointment confirmed)**
11. **Open Board seats - Residential Districts 10 and 13**
12. **Committees - LA Budget Advocates - LA City Budget and related survey - [www.LABudgetChallenge.lacity.org](http://www.LABudgetChallenge.lacity.org)**
13. **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: March 1, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.
  - c. Other announcements
5. Adjournment **President Hench adjourned the meeting at 8:26 pm.**

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