

APPROVED MINUTES

Submitted by Ashley Diestel

Tuesday, May 3, 2011 - 6:30 p.m.

Westchester Council Community Room

7166 Manchester Avenue, Westchester, CA 90045

Present: Sibyl Buchanan, John Casey, Ashley Diestel, Craig Eggers, Alex Eychis, Tom Flintoft, Clarence Griffin, Andrew Kamm, Lori Kuhn, Patricia Lyon, Nora MacLellan, Geoff Maleman, Booker Pearson, Alan Quon, Paul Radke, Tony Schaffer, Denny Schneider, Sheryl Thomas-Perkins, Joan Trimble, David Voss, John David Webster, Lance Williams.

Excused: Cheryl Burnett, Cyndi Hench, Chris Lynch, Jack Topal

Absent: Ted Kroeber, John Loizeaux

Call to Order **Vice President Geoff Maleman called the meeting to order at 6:43 p.m.**

1. Call to Order
2. Salute the Flag – Jim Kennedy
3. Approval of Minutes of previous Board meeting. Motion passed unanimously. – Schneider/Lyon
4. Treasurers Report. Webster/Pearson. Motion passed unanimously.
5. Announcements from Governmental Representative:

Chad Molnar, There are two new proposals for the north LAX runways:

- Move north runway 260 feet north, with a centerline taxiway.
- No reconfiguration, with certain taxiway safety improvements
- Also studies are required for moving 340 feet south (because it's the master plan) and the "as-is" scenario, i.e., doing nothing.

Alma Marquez, Senator Wright's Office, SB286- addressing redevelopment agency, money for education will stay for education even when the budget is revisited.

Joe Hari, LA Mayor's Office, replacing Jennifer Badger, liaison to DONE and covers two neighborhood councils. Joseph.Hari@lacity.org email.

Mike Castillo, Assemblymember Bradford's Office- CA State Budget town hall, "build your own budget" at Hawthorne City Hall.

Public Comment - non-agenda items

Bryan Grosh- would like to start a program on health and wellness.

Yvonne Ford Gunderson- appreciates what the Neighborhood Council is doing; this is her 4th meeting with us. Victoria Cross, LADWP, has been helping her greatly with the issues with her home, with issues relating to DWP. A lot of criminal activity in April near Manchester and Belford.

Jeff and Johnny- www.Playa.ws a website focusing on Playa del Rey, including history, calendar, forums and events.

Motions/Actions Items and related Public Comment

Committee Reports

Education - JD Webster- Westchester High will be coming three-campus magnet school, which will start in July. Andy Kamm spoke: All teachers will reapply for their jobs, and go through a new interview process. This school always has less than they need; the hopes are that the fact that it is a magnet school will lower the amount of students to 36 per class. Communication network across our service area, would like to expand our outreach.

Airport Relations - Denny Schneider- meets once a month to discuss issues relating to the airport to try and have the community and airport work together.

Budget and Finance - Alex Eychis- Second Tuesday of every month at 5:30, purpose is to come up with budget for the council and scrutinize the spending. Budget will be cut for the year, which will leave less money for spending. This committee also gets involved in the Mayor's budget process.

Government Affairs - Ashley Diestel- meets on issues relating to the operations of city services as

well as governmental issues affecting the community.

Homelessness and Vehicular Living - Booker Pearson- worked on PATH, which was an outreach to homelessness. Reaches out and attends transportation committee meetings to help handle the homeless issues. They have found vehicles where homeless are living in. Helped send some homeless to rehab to help deal with their reasons for being on the street.

Outreach - Sibyl Buchanan- Meets as needed, usually monthly. We have a page in the Westchester/Playa Hometown News where we write stories about the neighborhood council. Outreach opportunities are: Chamberfest, Movie in the Park, 4th of July Parade, and the WPEF Expo. New banner has been delivered, t-shirts are available.

Planning and Land Use - Pat Lyon- meets third Tuesday or each month. Deals with the structure similar to the board, following the Brown Act. Deals with issues in the community; changes of use of property, building of cell phone towers, new buildings, new hours of operations, etc... If the committee takes a position on a project then that comes to the full board for a vote.

Public Safety - Alan Quon- Meet the 4th Monday of the month as needed. Cover anything to do with crime issues, emergency preparedness, first responders, etc... Try to have quarterly updates from the police on crime in the area.

Motions/Actions Items and related Public Comment

Consent Calendar: *(The following items will be treated as one item and enacted with one vote unless a Board member or a stakeholder requests that an item be placed on the Discussion Calendar.)*

Motion to deny the request of Applicant, Go Natural Gas, for a Conditional Use Permit to operate 24/7 and to construct a "retail center" at the S/W Corner of Airport and Manchester Avenues

Three public comment cards all passed on speaking besides, the last woman who wanted to just speak against having the station over 24 hours.

Motion to approve Decron Properties application for Zoning Administrator's Interpretation or Use Variance to allow a gymnasium/health club in the RAS4 zone at Playa del Oro, 8601 Lincoln Blvd in Westchester.

All motions pass M/S Schneider/Eggers, all in favor, Flintoft abstained motion passes.

Discussion Calendar

Motion to support AB1377 and send a letter to Assembly woman Betsy Butler author of the bill. (Airport Relations) (This bill would provide LAWA PD the ability to receive additional CA and Fed enforcement grants to support the protection of LAX and other LA owned airports.) <http://e-lobbyist.com/gaits/text/187824>

LAWA police are highlight of airport police, and for that reason the committee has continued to support the police. Right now there is not enough funding for the proper coverage of the police force.

M/S Schnieder/Quon- All in favor, Thomas-Perkins abstained. Motion passes.

Motion to approve expenditures up to the remaining 2010-2011 funding.

Motion to spend remaining 2010-2011 funds (\$3,354.90) on outreach. M/S Voss/Radke.

During discussion, Pearson indicated that by "pre-funding" the Outreach budget, \$2,000 should be available to fund PATH with funds from the 2011-2012 allocation of funds to NCWP from the City. Maclellan agreed. Pearson said he would bring that motion to the full board in July, 2011.

Motion passes unanimously

Posting Locations

The Westchester YMCA will post the agendas and updates.

Announcements

Open Board seats - Residential Districts 4, 10 and 13

Next NCWP Board meeting: June 7, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

Other announcements

Park Advisory Board meeting this Thursday. Wednesday, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm. Candidate Forum for 36th District at LMU, University Hall.

Adjournment **Vice President Maleman adjourned the meeting at 8:02 pm.**

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