

**APPROVED MINUTES**  
*Submitted by Nora MacLellan*  
**Tuesday, October 4, 2011 - 6:30 p.m.**  
**Westchester Recreation Park Gym**  
**7000 Manchester Avenue, Westchester, CA 90045**

**Present:** Cyndi Hench, Cheryl Burnett, Nora MacLellan, Booker Pearson, John Casey, Alex Eychis, Thomas Flintoft, Clarence Griffin, Andy Kamm, Ted Kroeber, John Loizeaux, Patricia Lyon, Paul Radke, Tony Schaffer, Denny Schneider, Sheryl Thomas-Perkins, Jack Topal, Joan Trimble, David Voss, John-David Webster, Lance Williams

Excused: Geoff Maleman, Alan Quon, Lori Kuhn, Chris Lynch, Craig Eggers

1. **Call to Order by Cyndi Hench at 6:40 p.m.**
2. **Salute the Flag lead by Cyndi Hench**
3. **Introductions** of Board Members
4. **Announcements from Governmental Representative** (limit to 3 minutes please):
  - a. Nate Kaplan, Field Deputy - Councilman Bill Rosendahl – development agreement for Howard Hughes 1.85 million to fix up Sepulveda Blvd. between Manchester and Howard Hughes Parkway. Closer to open the homeless shelter in West LA early by 2 months (by October 15<sup>th</sup> hopefully). LA ban on plastic bags postponed til Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Budget day Sat. Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> at 8 a.m. at City Hall.
  - b. Chad Molnar, LAX - Community Liaison – LAWA will host an LAX Northside Community plan at Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> 6-8 p.m. at Westchester Middle School. All Community members are encouraged to attend. Mailings will be sent out to all residents in the area.
  - c. Melissa S. Ramoso – Senator Ted Lieu – Updated the Board to legislation authored by Senator Ted Lieu. SB917 – Curbing Animal Abuse and Neglect Bill signed Jan. 1, 2012. Discussed Bills: SB702 microchipping of dogs, SB746 Tanning and Cancer Prevention, SB757 Insurance Equity for Domestic Partners, SB857 Protecting the Right to Strike. Senator welcomes any ideas.
  - d. Joe Hari – Mayors office – Invites community members to the Mayors budget day, Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m.– 12:30 p.m. at City Hall. All the NCs are asked to send two budget reps. The NCWP Budget Representatives are Denny Schneider and Tony Schaffer. All community members are invited. Budget advocates will be chosen for each region and are not required to be Neighborhood Council Board Members.
  - e. Mike Casteo: Assembly Member Steven Bradford. Discussed AB38 incentive for banks to invest in low income areas.
5. **Public Comment** - non-agenda items (*limited to 2 minutes per speaker unless otherwise declared by the President or presiding director. Public comment on agenda items will be called as each agenda item is brought forward. Comments are limited to 2 minutes, unless otherwise declared by the President or presiding director.*)
  - a. **Scott Carni:** President of the Park Advisory Board for Westchester. Noted the improvements to the Westchester Park Gym at were attributed to the contribution of the NCWP including the pads on the stage, basketball hoops and wall, the scoreboard, and lastly the climbing wall. Mr. Carni also discussed other recent improvements to the park. Announced the Columbus Day Sports Festival is this coming weekend October 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. There will be music, a beer and wine garden, restaurants booths, sports etc.
6. **Presentation** -
  - a. **Austin Beutner** - former Los Angeles Deputy Mayor and DWP General Manager - shares his views on City Hall, DWP and how to make Los Angeles a better city. (Mr. Beutner's biography - <http://www.losangelesworks.org/aboutUs/austin-beutner.cfm>).
    - i. **Questions from the Board members for Mr. Beutner:**

- ii. Denny Schneider: Airport Expansion or Modernization?
- iii. Cyndi Hensch: Schools and increase funding for schools? Is it the Mayor's job?
- iv. JD Webster: how do cut the excess the government or how do we do more with less?
- v. Tom Flintoft: Business Tax Holiday can it be permanent?
- vi. David Voss: Pension Reform?

**b. NCWP Recognition - Westchester/Del Rey Softball Champs**

- i. 9-10 year old Girls 2011 State Champs
- ii. 11-12 Girls Western Region and Southern California Champs
- iii. 15-18 Girls Western Region Champs and Southern Cal. Champs
- iv. YEAH for our young ladies!!!
- v. These young people will be recognized on December 9<sup>th</sup> at City Council Chambers by Councilman Rosendahl.

**7. Approval of Minutes of previous Board meeting**

- a. **M/S** Tom Flintoft/Pat Lyon
- b. **Discussion:** none
- c. **Motion Passed** Unanimously

**8. Treasurer's Report**

- a. **M/S** – Denny Schneider/Pat Lyon
- b. **Discussion:** none
- c. **Motion Passed:** Unanimously

**9. Board Member Reimbursements – Sibyl Buchanan Motion not to exceed \$60.00 for certificates**

- a. **M/S** AlexEychis/Chris Lynch
- b. **Discussion:** none
- c. **Motion Passed:** Unanimously

**10. Motions/Actions Items and related Public Comment**

- a. Public Comment:
- b. Harry Schwley – opposes the motion re MacDonalds
- c. Julian Paine – opposes the motion
- d. Donna Murray – opposes the motion
- e. Mel Neidenmeyer – opposes the motion
- f. Gina Somma – opposes the motion
- g. Vito Somma – opposes the motion
  - i. **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.)*
    - 1. Motion to approve letter of support for development plans for McDonald's Restaurant at southwest corner of Manchester Avenue and Airport Boulevard with the following conditions:
      - a. McDonald's agrees to engage in efforts to conduct local hiring, with preference given to local contractors and suppliers, and at risk youth and adults;
      - b. McDonald's agrees to take steps to address any issues that arise from homeless gathering at the site, and will entertain engaging PATH for that purpose;
      - c. The hours of the drive thru will be limited as follows: Sunday thru Thursday the drive thru hours will be 5:00 a.m. through 12:00 a.m., and the lobby hours will be 5:00 a.m. through 11:00 p.m. The hours on Friday and Saturday of the drive thru will be 5:00 a.m. through 1 a.m., and the lobby hours will be 5:00 a.m. through 12:00 a.m.;
      - d. McDonald's will construct a 6 foot wall between their property and the residential area adjacent to the property, with a step down per code;
      - e. McDonald's agrees to maintain the wall by keeping it in good repair and free of graffiti.

- f. **M/S** Nora MacLellan/JD Webster
- g. **Motion Passed:** Unanimously
- ii. **Discussion Calendar**
  - 1. Motion to authorize expenditure not to exceed \$2,000 for the rental of main stage and equipment for the Westchester Park Columbus Day Sports Festival (October 8 and 9, 2011) (Outreach)
    - a. **M/S** Tony Schaffer/Booker Pearson
    - b. **Discussion was had by NCWP Board Members**
    - c. Tony Schaffer: spoke against the motion
    - d. Booker Pearson: spoke against the motion
    - e. Sibyl Buchanan: spoke for the motion
    - f. Pat Lyon: question regarding the motion
    - g. Lance Williams: question regarding the motion
    - h. Nora MacLellan: question regarding the motion
    - i. **Motion Passed:** Ayes: Nora MacLellan John Casey, Alex Eychis, Thomas Flintoft, Clarence Griffin, Andy Kamm, Ted Kroeber, John Loizeaux, Patricia Lyon, Paul Radke, Denny Schneider, Sheryl Thomas-Perkins, Jack Topal, Joan Trimble, David Voss, John-David Webster, Lance Williams. Nays: Tony Schaffer, Booker Pearson

#### 11. Committee Reports and Assignments

- a. **NC Alliance Congress** – Jack Topal: elections postponed til 2014 and a survey will be distributed in the mean time.
- b. **Homeless and Vehicular Committee** – Booker Pearson, homeless count and outreach was conducted in Westchester Park November 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. 14 homeless were noted living in the park in the bushes. The ‘trouble makers’ had heard about the homeless outreach due the recent article in the Argonaut Newspaper. 27 vehicles were noted to be occupied. Knabe’s office sent some representatives from Mental Health to do the survey with PATH the members of the Homeless Committee. Continue to work on a plan to find a path to permanent housing for these folks. LASHA has voted to open the winter shelter early on 10/15/11 however, this motion needs to be approved by the whole City Council. Councilman Rosendahl is pushing and advocating for a pick-up for the homeless to transport them to the winter shelter.
- c. **LAX Crenshaw line** – looks like there will be no Westchester stop because it is too expensive.

#### 12. Announcements

- a. Posting Locations
- b. Open Board seats - At Large Affirmation, Residential Districts 4, 10 and 13
- c. Other announcements- John Casey joining Education Committee, Jack Topal to join Finance Committee and resign from the Airport Relations Committee. Next Airport Relations Committee meeting is a tour of the Airport – meet at the Flight Path. Must confirm with Denny Schneider

#### 13. Adjourn- 8:05 by Cyndi Hench

Next NCWP Board meeting: Tuesday, November 1, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.