



## Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa Committee Reports

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### Our Committees:

- Airport Relations ..... Coffin..... no report
- Budget and Finance..... Donell
- Bylaws ..... Taylor ..... no report
- Communications ..... Coffin..... no report
- Education ..... Marcellus
- Elections ..... Coffin..... no report
- Governmental Affairs/City Services..... Ramey
- Membership/Marketing..... Buchanan
- Planning and Land use..... Donell
- Public Safety..... Hench
- Streetscape ..... Ruhlen

### City Council Committees

- LA City Budget ..... Schneider
- LA Neighborhood Council Coalitions ..... Radke



## NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL OF WESTCHESTER-PLAYA (NCWP)

### Financial Statements

For the eight months ended February 28, 2009

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The accompanying financial statements are unaudited and are intended for the Council's internal use only.



## NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL OF WESTCHESTER-PLAYA (NCWP)

### Treasurer's Report

For the eight months ended February 28, 2009

NCWP AVAILABILITY before outstanding motions is:	\$97,204.95
OUTSTANDING MOTIONS	<u>\$44,162.38</u>
NCWP AVAILABILITY including outstanding motions is:	<u>\$53,042.57</u>

Expenditures in Current Month	\$1,049.98
Reimbursement for board meeting refreshements and Hometown Newsletter for February	

#### OUTSTANDING MOTIONS:

• Babe Ruth Baseball league	\$2,500
• LAFD furnishings and repairs	\$488
• Community Room - Wireless Internet	\$1,000
• Community Room - Furniture	\$4,870
• LAUSD School Supplies	\$622
• Schools Youth Summit (LAXC Chamber)	\$9,483
• Sepulveda tree lighting (Westchester BID)	\$10,000
• July 4 Picnic/Community Outreach Event	\$974
• New NCWP website	\$3,225
• Public Safety/Red Cross FirstAid/CPR	\$1,000
• LAPD Explorers and DAPS Program	\$5,000
• WSIA sidewalk inserts	<u>\$5,000</u>
Outstanding Motions	<u>\$44,162</u>



**NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL OF WESTCHESTER-PLAYA (NCWP)**  
**Year to Date Summary of Operations**  
 For the eight months ended February 28, 2009

	<u>2008-2009</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual Year-to-Date</u>	<u>Less: Approved but</u> <u>not Paid</u>	<u>Net Available</u>
<b>FUNDING</b>				
Carryforward from prior years	\$ 74,740.00	\$ 79,610.33		\$ 4,870.33
Current year	50,000.00	50,000.00		-
Total funds available	<u>\$ 124,740.00</u>	<u>\$ 129,610.33</u>		<u>\$ 4,870.33</u>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>				
Operations	14,100.00	2,581.26	3,225.00	8,293.74
Community Improvement	82,640.00	20,936.99	39,963.26 <sup>1-13</sup>	21,739.75
Outreach	28,000.00	8,887.13	974.12	18,138.75
Total Disbursements	<u>\$ 124,740.00</u>	<u>\$ 32,405.38</u>	<u>\$ 44,162.38</u>	<u>\$ 48,172.24</u>
<b>Total Available Funding</b>		<u>\$ 97,204.95</u>		<u>\$ 53,042.57</u>
Less: Outstanding Motions		\$ (44,162.38)		
<b>Total Available after Outstaning Motions</b>		<u>\$ 53,042.57</u>		

**NOTES: APPROVED BUT NOT PAID ITEMS**

Note 1 - Approved 3/6/07 for \$2,500 for repairs to Babe Ruth Little League thru CD11 (total \$7,500 with \$5,000 funded in 8/07)	44,162.38
Note 2 - Approved 4/8/08 for up to \$15,000 for furnishings and/or repairs for LAFD stations, 5,67 and 95, remaining at 9/30...	2,500.00
Note 3 - Approved 8/08 to spend upto \$1,000 for wireless internet connection in Community Room	488.26
Note 5 - Approved 8/08 for up to \$5,000 for furniture for Westchester Community Room	1,000.00
Note 7 - Approved 8/08 for up to \$7,000 for supplies for local public schools	4,870.26
Note 8 - Approved 8/08 for up to \$10,000 for Youth Summit	621.74
Note 9 - Approved 8/08 for \$10,000 for Sepulveda Blvd. tree lighting project through Westchester BID	9,483.00
Note 10 - Approved 05/08 for up to \$6,000 for July 4 Picnic/Community Outreach event	10,000.00
Note 11 - Approved 10/08 for up to \$5,000 for new NCWP website	974.12
Note 12 - Approved 11/08 for up to \$1,000 for Public Safety First Aid/CPR classes	3,225.00
Note 13- Approved 12/08 for \$5,000 for LAPD Explorers and DAPS	1,000.00
Note 14 - Reapproved 1/09 for \$5,000 for WSIA sidewalk inserts for Sepulveda Blvd	5,000.00
	5,000.00





NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL OF WESTCHESTER-PLAYA (NCWP)  
**Statement of Operations**  
 For the eight months ended February 28, 2009

	2007-2008 Budget	Jul-08	Actual Year-to- Date	Variance	Aug-08	Actual Year-to- Date	Variance	Sep-08	Actual Year-to- Date	Variance
<b>RECEIPTS</b>										
DONE Funding - Carryforward from prior years	\$ 74,740.00		\$ 79,610.33			\$ 79,610.33			\$ 79,610.33	
DONE Funding - Current year	50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	50,000.00		\$ -	50,000.00		\$ -	50,000.00	
<b>Total Receipts Available</b>	<b>124,740.00</b>	<b>50,000.00</b>	<b>129,610.33</b>	<b>4,870.33</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>129,610.33</b>	<b>4,870.33</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>129,610.33</b>	<b>4,870.33</b>
<b>CURRENT PERIOD DEDUCTIONS</b>										
<i>OPERATIONS:</i>										
Retreat/Training	2,000.00	-	-		-	-		-	-	
Miscellaneous	1,800.00	-	-		-	-		135.22	135.22	
Office Supplies	600.00	-	-		-	-		-	-	
Meeting Refreshments	1,900.00	45.24	45.24		-	45.24		20.38	65.62	
Facilities	1,700.00	70.00	70.00		-	70.00		50.00	120.00	
Consultants	2,500.00	-	-		-	-		-	-	
Personnel/Staffing	2,400.00	-	-		-	-		-	-	
Postage	100.00	-	-		-	-		-	-	
Website/Software	1,100.00	-	-		-	-		-	-	
<b>Total Administration</b>	<b>14,100.00</b>	<b>115.24</b>	<b>115.24</b>	<b>13,984.76</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>115.24</b>	<b>13,984.76</b>	<b>205.60</b>	<b>320.84</b>	<b>13,779.16</b>
<i>COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT:</i>										
General Community Projects	82,640.00	405.92	405.92		-	405.92		9,161.67	9,567.59	
<b>Total Community Improvement</b>	<b>82,640.00</b>	<b>405.92</b>	<b>405.92</b>	<b>82,234.08</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>405.92</b>	<b>82,234.08</b>	<b>9,161.67</b>	<b>9,567.59</b>	<b>73,072.41</b>
<i>OUTREACH EXPENSE:</i>										
Elections	-	-	-		-	-		-	-	
Postage/Distribution	7,000.00	-	-		-	-		-	-	
Meeting/Event Refreshments	-	-	-		-	-		-	-	
General Outreach	9,000.00	1,616.48	1,616.48		-	1,616.48		-	1,616.48	
Newsletter Design	4,000.00	-	-		-	-		-	-	
Newsletter Print	6,000.00	-	-		-	-		-	-	
Advertising/Promotion	2,000.00	-	-		-	-		-	-	
Signage	-	-	-		-	-		-	-	
<b>Total Outreach Expense</b>	<b>28,000.00</b>	<b>1,616.48</b>	<b>1,616.48</b>	<b>26,383.52</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,616.48</b>	<b>26,383.52</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,616.48</b>	<b>26,383.52</b>
<b>Total Deductions</b>	<b>124,740.00</b>	<b>2,137.64</b>	<b>2,137.64</b>	<b>122,602.36</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,137.64</b>	<b>122,602.36</b>	<b>9,367.27</b>	<b>11,504.91</b>	<b>113,235.09</b>
<b>Remaining Funding</b>			<b>\$ 127,472.69</b>			<b>\$ 127,472.69</b>			<b>\$ 118,105.42</b>	



**NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL OF WESTCHESTER-PLAYA (NCWP)**  
**Statement of Operations**  
 For the eight months ended February 28, 2009

	2007-2008 Budget	Oct-08	Actual Year-to- Date	Variance	Nov-08	Actual Year-to- Date	Variance	Dec-08	Actual Year-to- Date	Variance
<b>RECEIPTS</b>										
DONE Funding - Carryforward from prior years	\$ 74,740.00		\$ 79,610.33			\$ 79,610.33			\$ 79,610.33	
DONE Funding - Current year	50,000.00	\$ -	50,000.00		\$ -	50,000.00		\$ -	50,000.00	
<b>Total Receipts Available</b>	<b>124,740.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>129,610.33</b>	<b>4,870.33</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>129,610.33</b>	<b>4,870.33</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>129,610.33</b>	<b>4,870.33</b>
<b>CURRENT PERIOD DEDUCTIONS</b>										
<i>OPERATIONS:</i>										
Retreat/Training	2,000.00	-	-		-	-		-	-	
Miscellaneous	1,800.00	-	135.22		-	135.22		-	135.22	
Office Supplies	600.00	-	-		-	-		2.35	2.35	
Meeting Refreshments	1,900.00	330.97	396.59		-	396.59		-	396.59	
Facilities	1,700.00	-	120.00		-	120.00		-	120.00	
Consultants	2,500.00	-	-		-	-		1,775.00	1,775.00	
Personnel/Staffing	2,400.00	-	-		-	-		-	-	
Postage	100.00	3.87	3.87		-	3.87		7.25	11.12	
Website/Software	1,100.00	-	-		-	-		-	-	
<b>Total Administration</b>	<b>14,100.00</b>	<b>334.84</b>	<b>655.68</b>	<b>13,444.32</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>655.68</b>	<b>13,444.32</b>	<b>1,784.60</b>	<b>2,440.28</b>	<b>11,659.72</b>
<i>COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT:</i>										
General Community Projects	82,640.00	8,239.66	17,807.25		129.74	17,936.99		3,000.00	20,936.99	
<b>Total Community Improvement</b>	<b>82,640.00</b>	<b>8,239.66</b>	<b>17,807.25</b>	<b>64,832.75</b>	<b>129.74</b>	<b>17,936.99</b>	<b>64,703.01</b>	<b>3,000.00</b>	<b>20,936.99</b>	<b>61,703.01</b>
<i>OUTREACH EXPENSE:</i>										
Elections	-	-	-		-	-		-	-	
Postage/Distribution	7,000.00	-	-		-	-		-	-	
Meeting/Event Refreshments	-	-	-		-	-		-	-	
General Outreach	9,000.00	634.65	2,251.13		-	2,251.13		1,256.50	3,507.63	
Newsletter Design	4,000.00	-	-		-	-		-	-	
Newsletter Print	6,000.00	-	-		-	-		1,818.00	1,818.00	
Advertising/Promotion	2,000.00	-	-		-	-		-	-	
Signage	-	-	-		-	-		-	-	
<b>Total Outreach Expense</b>	<b>28,000.00</b>	<b>634.65</b>	<b>2,251.13</b>	<b>25,748.87</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,251.13</b>	<b>25,748.87</b>	<b>3,074.50</b>	<b>5,325.63</b>	<b>22,674.37</b>
<b>Total Deductions</b>	<b>124,740.00</b>	<b>9,209.15</b>	<b>20,714.06</b>	<b>104,025.94</b>	<b>129.74</b>	<b>20,843.80</b>	<b>103,896.20</b>	<b>7,859.10</b>	<b>28,702.90</b>	<b>96,037.10</b>
<b>Remaining Funding</b>			<u>\$ 108,896.27</u>			<u>\$ 108,766.53</u>			<u>\$ 100,907.43</u>	



**NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL OF WESTCHESTER-PLAYA (NCWP)**  
**Statement of Operations**  
 For the eight months ended February 28, 2009

	2007-2008 Budget	Jan-09	Actual Year-to- Date	Variance	Feb 09	Actual Year-to- Date	Variance
<b>RECEIPTS</b>							
DONE Funding - Carryforward from prior years	\$ 74,740.00		\$ 79,610.33			\$ 79,610.33	
DONE Funding - Current year	50,000.00	\$ -	50,000.00		\$ -	50,000.00	
<b>Total Receipts Available</b>	<b>124,740.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>129,610.33</b>	<b>4,870.33</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>129,610.33</b>	<b>4,870.33</b>
<b>CURRENT PERIOD DEDUCTIONS</b>							
<i>OPERATIONS:</i>							
Retreat/Training	2,000.00	-	-		-	-	
Miscellaneous	1,800.00	-	135.22		-	135.22	
Office Supplies	600.00	-	2.35		-	2.35	
Meeting Refreshments	1,900.00	-	396.59		140.98	537.57	
Facilities	1,700.00	-	120.00		-	120.00	
Consultants	2,500.00	-	1,775.00		-	1,775.00	
Personnel/Staffing	2,400.00	-	-		-	-	
Postage	100.00	-	11.12		-	11.12	
Website/Software	1,100.00	-	-		-	-	
Total Administration	14,100.00	-	2,440.28	11,659.72	140.98	2,581.26	11,518.74
<i>COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT:</i>							
General Community Projects	82,640.00	-	20,936.99		-	20,936.99	
Total Community Improvement	82,640.00	-	20,936.99	61,703.01	-	20,936.99	61,703.01
<i>OUTREACH EXPENSE:</i>							
Elections	-	-	-		-	-	
Postage/Distribution	7,000.00	-	-		-	-	
Meeting/Event Refreshments	-	-	-		-	-	
General Outreach	9,000.00	2,652.50	6,160.13		-	6,160.13	
Newsletter Design	4,000.00	-	-		-	-	
Newsletter Print	6,000.00	-	1,818.00		909.00	2,727.00	
Advertising/Promotion	2,000.00	-	-		-	-	
Signage	-	-	-		-	-	
Total Outreach Expense	28,000.00	2,652.50	7,978.13	20,021.87	909.00	8,887.13	19,112.87
<b>Total Deductions</b>	<b>124,740.00</b>	<b>2,652.50</b>	<b>31,355.40</b>	<b>93,384.60</b>	<b>1,049.98</b>	<b>32,405.38</b>	<b>92,334.62</b>
<b>Remaining Funding</b>			<b>\$ 98,254.93</b>			<b>\$ 97,204.95</b>	



## Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa Committee Report for the month of March 2009

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**Committee: Education**

**Committee chairperson: Terry Marcellus**

**Meeting date: Feb. 24, 2009**

**Mission:** To represent the stakeholders of Westchester, Playa del Rey and Playa Vista in regards to the public schools.

**Goals:** To monitor the academic progress of local public schools, and to represent the interest of stakeholders to the Los Angeles Unified School District, the Innovation Division, Loyola Marymount University School of Education and the Governing Councils of the schools.

**Monthly report:** The committee met briefly to discuss the elections to the governing councils of schools in the Innovation Division.

Our Board Member J.D. Webster was elected as a community member to the Governing Council of Westchester High School. Jeannie Butler, a local resident and mother of children at Kentwood Elementary School was elected to the second seat.

Community members elected to the Orville Wright Middle School Governance Council were Christina Davis, Executive Director of the LAX Coastal Chamber of Commerce; Brandi Ford of College Bound 4 Kids; and Rebecca Bernal, Field Representative for Assembly Member Curren Price.

Community members elected to the councils of Kentwood, Cowan Avenue and Westport Heights Elementary Schools will be announced when available.



## Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa Committee Report for the month of March 2009

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**Committee: Government Affairs/City Services**

**Committee chairperson: John Ramey**

**Meeting date: Tuesday, February 17, 2009**

**Mission:** To serve as a practical and direct resource for stakeholders needing the services of government agencies and city services to resolve quality of life issues.

**Goals:** To identify issues of concern to the community, and then develop, in a timely manner, information and guidelines that will provide stakeholders with the resources that are needed to be proactive in resolving their concerns. This information will be collected by the committee, then distributed and continually updated in print and the via the internet.

**Monthly report:** On Tuesday evening, February 17<sup>th</sup>, at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Government Affairs/City Services Committee of the Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa a Candidates' Forum was conducted, with Los Angeles City Candidates for Mayor, City Attorney, City Controller, and 11<sup>th</sup> Council District participating in the Forum.

The Forum was held at the Westchester Christian Church, and, despite the rainy weather, over fifty local residents attended and heard the candidates' vision for improving city government. Those who attended were given the opportunity to ask questions of the candidates on such important issues as the City budget deficit, traffic congestion, crime prevention and gang violence, the homeless, City Charter Measure "B" (the solar energy initiative), and ethics reform in City Government.

Candidates participating in the forum included Mayoral Candidates: Phil Jennerjahn and David Hernandez; City Attorney Candidates: Michael Amerian, David Berger and Carmen Trutanich; City Controller Candidate Kathleen Evans; and Eleventh Council District Candidate Craig Wilson.

The forum was moderated by Neighborhood Council Board Member, John Ramey, Chairperson of the Government Affairs/City Services Committee, and was hosted by Neighborhood Council Board Member J.D. Webster, Pastor of the Westchester Christian Church. The candidates received their invitations from Neighborhood Council Board Member Doug Ehlers, who also coordinated their attendance at the Forum.

Local residents who attended the Forum expressed afterwards that they felt much more informed regarding the issues the City faces, and the candidates' positions on these challenging issues. The City Primary Elections will be held on Tuesday March 3, 2009



## Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa Committee Report

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**Committee:** Membership/Marketing

**Committee chairperson:** Sibyl Buchanan

**Meeting date:** No Meeting in February

**Mission:** Actively register stakeholders. A stakeholder is someone who lives, works or owns real property in Westchester, Playa del Rey or Playa Vista. Stakeholders are the lifeblood of our neighborhood council.

**Goals:** Maintain the registration form to be current and user-friendly.

Identify opportunities/events in the community in which we can register stakeholders.

Produce collateral pieces to help educate our stakeholders on the basics—from what a neighborhood council is to the current issues being addressed by our committees.

Encourage stakeholders to attend board and committee meetings.

Encourage stakeholders' participation by voting in the elections for board members.

**Monthly report:**

Nora MacLellan and Pat Lyon staffed a registration table booth at the NCWP Candidate Forum on February 17.

Please watch for the Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa page in the March issue of the Hometown News.

Outreach opportunities approaching at community events are:

- Westchester/Playa Education Foundation Expo
- Playa Sunrise Rotary Club's Lunch at the Westchester Senior Center
- Semi-annual NCWP Forum in April at the Senior Center (April 7)
- Westchester Farmer's Market
- LAWA's "We Fly as One" (May 7)
- LAX Coastal Area Chamber of Commerce Chamberfest

- Westchester Historical Society Dinner at Elks Lodge (Honoring Mary Lou Crockett)

All board members are encouraged to volunteer to staff outreach booths at these events, especially, as we approach a NCWP election year. Sign up sheets will be circulated at upcoming board meetings.

Thanks so much in advance for your participation.



## Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa Committee Report for the month of March 2009

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<b>Committee:</b>	<b>Planning &amp; Land Use</b>
<b>Committee chairperson:</b>	<b>Steve Donell</b>
<b>Meeting date:</b>	<b>February 24, 2009</b>
<b>Mission:</b>	To work with applicants and the community to facilitate a transparent and inclusive process for all relevant planning & land use issues in the district.
<b>Goals:</b>	More outreach, better education of the overall process, improved working relationship with CD 11

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### Monthly report:

1. Steve Donell, Chair of PLUC, advised that he was informed by the City Attorney's office that he did not have any conflict with respect to any Playa Vista Phase II issues.
2. Nora MacLellan was appointed committee secretary.
3. Playa Capital presented on the RS-DEIR Village at Playa Vista; the committee voted unanimously to recommend approval of the resolution in support.
4. Meetings are confirmed at 6:00 pm at the Playa Vista Library every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month.

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## Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa Committee Report

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### **Committee: Public Safety**

**Committee chairperson: Cyndi Hench**

**Meeting date: 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month at 6:30pm, as needed**

**Mission:** To increase community involvement to reduce opportunities for crime, to help prepare for the uncertainty of natural events and address other public safety issues throughout the community.

#### **Goals:**

- Address issues regarding Public Safety and Crime Prevention.
- Partner with local agencies (e.g., LAPD, LAFD and LA City Services) to stay informed about latest news about crime and conditions in our area.
- Promote Neighborhood Watch and Business Watch Programs in order to improve community crime prevention efforts, increase community involvement and grow the general sense of community.
- Organize public safety related events for the community.

#### **Monthly report:**

In 2009, the Public Safety committee will be organize at least 4 community meetings/events which will focus on the following:

- Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) – Our sixth CERT class will be graduating this week (Tuesday, March 3), that is about 225 people who have gone through the NCWP organized CERT classes in the past 2 years! The next local course will be after the summer, beginning in August. Each year we plan to organize two - 7 week classes will be organized by the committee –the first in January/February and the second in August/September.
- **Self Defense for Women – this 5 week course will be held in March. The first session is a FREE 1.5 hour introductory session for women. The introductory class will be followed by 4 – 2 hour weekly classes that will be offered to the first 12 women who sign up. The cost is \$125 per person and is taught by a professional in martial arts and self defense.**
- Identity Theft prevention
- CERT refresher courses for graduates of the CERT program

#### **Crime update:**

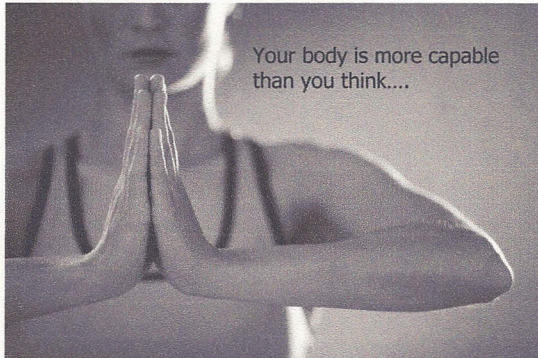
Sounds like a repeat but this is still the case - Our community continues to experience a high number of Burglaries from Motor Vehicles. In many instances, the stolen items are valuables that have been left in plain sight. Prime targets for theft are IPods, GPS navigation units, laptop computers, even purses and wallets.

Vehicles need to be locked and all items removed so that the bad guys do not smash your windows!

# SHIELD

Women's self-defense system

PRESENTED BY NELSON NIO



**SHIELD Women's Self Defense System is a practical and effective fighting system specifically designed for women to combat sexual assaults. You will learn close-range fighting, to be efficient to fight in tight quarters, using your lower body strength to generate power. Each class will build upon the previous classes, and the training gets more intense as it progresses.**

**Topics include:**

- What are my natural weapons?
- What are my targets?
- How do I hit properly?
- How do I keep from panicking?
- What if I'm pinned to the ground?
- How do I get a man twice my size off my body?
- What if I'm being choked?
- What if someone grabs me from behind?
- What if I'm pushed to the ground?

Nelson has been trained in various martial arts, self-defense and street fighting in the past 28 years. He founded SHIELD Women's Self-Defense System and has been specializing in teaching self defense & personal safety exclusively for women in the past 5 years. From April to September of 2008, Nelson has personally trained over 600 women in the greater Los Angeles area. During that time, he has received an Award from the Santa Monica Police Activities League and honored by Amanecer Community Counseling for his work with the domestic violence group.

**\*For Women Only**

**Free Class Thursday, March 12, 2009 7:00-8:30pm\***

**4-WEEK COURSE - March 19, 26, April 2, 9, 2009\***

**Class meets every Thursday for 2.5 hours, from 6:45 – 9:15 pm**

**Tuition is \$125 per person and space is limited**

Wear comfortable clothing you can move freely in. Shorts, t-shirts, tights, leotards or other gym or dance wear are fine. Please avoid very loose or baggy clothing.

**No Refunds**

**Sessions will meet in the Westchester Council Community Room at 7166 Manchester Ave.**

To sign up send an email to [wpdrnw@aol.com](mailto:wpdrnw@aol.com)

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NCWP Public Safety Committee



Subject: **Sub-committee report**  
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The Sepulveda Blvd and Lincoln Blvd sub-committee report.

The Lincoln Blvd. reconstruction is nearly completed. As you know Caltrans replaced the street trees on the east side of the street and on the west side where curbs was relocated with a new specie of tree. They left the old ficus trees on the west side of the street. The Los Angeles Street Services has agreed to replace the ficus trees to match the new specie to bring continuity to the street. We are currently working with Caltrans to obtain the approval from Caltrans for Street Services to replace the ficus trees.

Construction on Sepulveda Blvd. is on schedule

John Ruhlen  
Chairman

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LA City Budget Report to NCWPD February 27, 2009.

Last Saturday Bill Ballerini and Denny Schneider attended another meeting of the Budget Conference in City Hall for the 2009-2010 LA City Budget. Representatives of all NCs met in the Council Chambers and then separated into the seven City districts. The City is projecting almost a half billion dollar shortfall.

In the West Region meeting we noted that our area budget surveys were similar to the majority of the City. Attendees suggested that this is a very poor time to sell off City property due to the depressed values. Traffic congestion, infrastructure deficiencies and public safety, as always, lead the list of concerns. The budget and survey info is available at [www.lacity.org/mayor](http://www.lacity.org/mayor).

Denny again requested a budget cut by region, not just by department, so that we can see the magnitude of services that our community should expect. As a cost cutting measure we noted that City employee benefits are far beyond that normally found in industry and should be reviewed along with ways to improve efficiency. Bill raised several issues including the importance of WPdR as a gateway into the City and that any upgrades of our area, such as bike lanes, are important to the entire City. During the discussions we noted that little was said about revenue options to fill the upcoming budget gap. All delegates indicated a strong reluctance to increase taxes.

If anyone has ideas to impact either revenue or expenditures, please e-mail Denny Schneider at [Denny@WeLiveFree.com](mailto:Denny@WeLiveFree.com) ..I've been selected to be the Westside Rep for Budgets to the Mayor again. We will be meeting with him March 16. Several budget rep coordination meetings will occur before that meeting.

After our meeting there will be additional meetings and City Council hearings with a budget completion target of June 30.

Denny Schneider



## Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa Committee Report for the month of March 2009

**Committee:** Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition

**Committee chairperson:** Paul Radke

**Meeting date:** February 7, 2009

**Mission:** To meet with representatives of other neighborhood councils to share information concerning problems and potential problems as well as possible solutions.

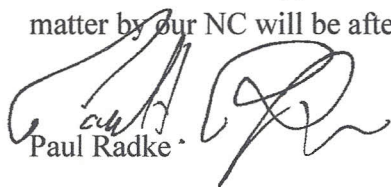
**Goals:** To develop a method of sharing the important information learned at the monthly LANCC meetings with the NC members and to communicate the NC's positions on various community wide problems to the other members of the LANCC.

**Monthly report:**

The monthly meeting of the LANCC was held in Hollywood at the City Hall on Fountain Avenue.

There were several items discussed including **billboards, sober living homes and memorandums of understanding with DWP** (see attached draft minutes for details), the principal topic was **Proposition B**. The Coalition spent about 3½ hours of the four hour meeting listening to a presentation given by the General Manager of DWP (H. David Nahai) and discussing the pros and cons of the measure with him. The discussion was very intense/emotional and my perception was that none of the LANCC members were in favor of the proposition.

Unfortunately, the election takes place before our NC meets so any discussion of this matter by our NC will be after the fact.

  
Paul Radke



**Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition**

**... DRAFT == MINUTES == ...**

**Hollywood City Hall  
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**February 7, 2009**

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1. **CALL TO ORDER – 10:00 .am.**
2. **INTRODUCTIONS** –41 participants in attendance
3. **REVIEW & APPROVAL of the AGENDA** – MSP
4. **CORRECTION & APPROVAL of the MINUTES** of the 12/06/08 meeting – MSP
5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
  - a. Lucille Saunders (Melrose Assn & Willoughby group, ) presented their “Coalition of HOAs – CD5 Educational report” on all CD5 candidates (go to [www.cd5hoas.com](http://www.cd5hoas.com) to download the full report.)
  - b. Chris Rowe (WHNC alternate, [EconMom2008@aol.com](mailto:EconMom2008@aol.com)) announced the 2/18/09 @ 7 pm Measure “B” REVIEW of the West Valley Democratic Club, Shomrei Torah Temple, 7363 Valley Circle Blvd., West Hills ... all are invited ... for DWP (Aram Benyamin) and “NO on B” (Noel Weiss and Daniel Wiseman) will present.
  - c. Ann Walnum (ASNC, [annwalnum@aol.com](mailto:annwalnum@aol.com)) spoke of SoWest Museum changes. She brought a petition to (volunteers to) sign to reaffirm support.
  - d. Phil Jennerjahn (candidate for Mayor) said “leadership and trust” are the key issues. He opposes Measure “B”
  - e. Cindy Cleghorn (Sunland-Tujunga NC) recommends that all participate and keep posted with [VoteNoMeasureB.com](http://VoteNoMeasureB.com). Perhaps, a home furnishings store (like a Target) could be found for the Home Depot site in SLTNC.

f. Lydia Grant (LAUSD volunteer) reaffirmed that NCs and their Stakeholders do have a role in LAUSD affairs. She wants to bring together all of the NC Educational Representatives to a forum. She said the fact that "...the more kids fail, the more money LAUSD gets from (state) Government..." is the wrong incentive. Call her at 818-389-4844 for more information.

g. Jose Sigala (Pres., Echo Park/Elysian Heights NC) said his NC adopted a Motion requiring EEHNC Board Members to complete Ethics Training (found on the DONE WebSite, ([lacityneighborhoods.com](http://lacityneighborhoods.com)) and to sign the Code of Conduct (Civility Code & Conflict of Interest affirmations of its Board Members. Some of them have not complied and have resigned... 11/20 remain & have complied. He is working to keep the NC's \$ 50,000/year funds in the NCs. (Motion to be provided.) He also announced the formation of a new Regional NC Alliance forming for Central L.A. (CD1, CD14, CD13, ???)

h. Steve Twining (Bel Aire / Beverly Crest) told of a 10 NC Alliance on the Westside (If I get a brochure, it will go here.). Issues are: Hillside rules, billboards, code enforcement, Community Plans, gridlock avoidance, Medical Marijuana Stores, etc.)

i. Maggi Fajnor (PlanCheck) is a liaison between NCs and the Planning Dept. Next meeting: 02/14/09, morning, @ Downtown Outreach Center, [PlanCheck.ncla.com](http://PlanCheck.ncla.com). She advised all to request that DONE update their lists of NCs and NC Board Members (with their titles, e.g. Planning person) which are used by so many Departments, Agencies, etc.

## **6. DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS**

- SOUTH = Margo Harris told us that the (South L.A.) Empowerment Congress' meeting on the First Saturday of each month conflicts with the LANCC meetings.
- HARBOR = Soledad Garcia

We are asking those who want to be involved to volunteer as District Representatives. We need two per planning district in order to spread the load. If you are interested, please let us know.

## **6 1/2. OLD BUSINESS.**

- a. Stephen Schwartz told of the court decision made to discontinue the Wattle's lease with Hollywood Heritage, Inc. Bob Gelfand was concerned that the decreasing City Budget would not be able to sustain the building.
- b. Heinrich Kiefer told of the Friends of South West Museum...encouraged all to speak in Public Comment before City Hall.

## **7. PROPOSED "SOBER LIVING" FACILITIES ORDINANCE**

Presentation by Tom Rothmann ([Tom.Rothmann@lacity.org](mailto:Tom.Rothmann@lacity.org)), Zoning Division (Code Study Section), L.A.Planning Dept. ([Planning.lacity.org](http://Planning.lacity.org))

- a. Mr. Rothmann started by saying that Planning is developing an **Ordinance re: "large" billboards** with real enforcement. An ICO (moratorium) is in effect, now. NOTE: The issue went before City Council (**CF 09-0001-S2**) on 02/11/09.
- b. He then told about "**SOBER LIVING**" facilities, **Alcohol-Drug Rehab** facilities, **Medical Rehab**. Facilities, etc. located in private residents, on residential streets. Some are licensed and regulated, some are not. It depends on the size, number of customers, relationships between customers and functions/services provided. State law says we can't regulate "families" or groups serving 6 or less people but CAN regulate (larger) businesses. There are no regulations for how many may be near each other or how close to hospitals, schools or parks they may be. Planning Dept will put out an Ordinance Draft to be reviewed by the Planning Commission early in March.

For existing problems, there are "complaint-driven" or "nuisance abatement" actions available...contact your Council Member or the Planning Dept (Nuisance Abatement Section) or Police.

## **8. DOT/MOU – Review of initial meeting with DOT**

Presentation by Ken Draper who said that MOUs are hard to create. They provide NCs with the opportunity to effect, support and modulate Departmental activities (e.g. NC-DWP MOU). NCs ability to "advise" is enhanced by MOUs and NCs' credibility is increased by MOU. Rita Robinson (DOT GM) would like to create this NC-DOT MOU. She wants it modeled after the NC-DWP MOU2. Mr. Draper proposed that LANCC become a part of coordinating the NC-DOT relationships. Discussion emphasized that all parts of the City's NC System be represented.

There will be a "process" of opened meetings to develop the NC-DOT MOU, starting with early March 2009, after the election. DONE called and arranged the meetings in the past but "should not be part of the ongoing process."

## **9. DOT/MOU – Discussion on committee formation to address the NC-DOT MOU development** - This may be coordinated with the NC Transportation Reps.

Bob Gelfand recommended an expanded, broad-based representation of NCs on the proposed NC-DOT MOU. He thanked the current developers.  
Challis MacPherson told of the Mobility Action Committee (14 groups throughout the City) that is already in existence.

MOTION: RESOLVED that the LANCC participate in the process of creating a NC-DOT MOU and RESOLVED that Stephen Box represent LANCC and that the LANCC representatives participate in informing their NCs and other stakeholder groups in the process.  
(Cleghorn/Marez) – MSP – unanimous.

**10. NC FORCLOSURE ACTION NET – deferred**

**11. HURON REPORT ON the L.A. SOLAR PLAN & PROPOSITION B  
– Presentation by H. David Nahai (LADWP GM)**

Mr. Nahai asked that DWP & LANCC continue to work together for the benefit of LA.

The merits of Solar Power were described:

- a. The power is “free” (comes from the Sun) and non-polluting.
- b. It is a hedge vs. Natural Gas Market
- c. Solar could help decrease electrical power outages
- d. Solar creates no “carbon footprint”
- e. Solar and all Green Power is a source of new industry and new jobs.

Mr. Nahai claimed some parentage of the “total” 1280 MW L.A. Solar Plan, including the 400 MW Measure “B” part. The Huron Report is a 22-page “power point-like” presentation prepared at DWP’s request to cost-analyze the Plan. The “total” Solar Plan, as described, includes:

- a. 1/3 (**400 MW**) run by LADWP ,, this is **Measure B** ... installations to be placed on L.A. City Buildings by DWP employees, maintained & operated by DWP employees and wholly-owned by DWP.
- b. The other installations 2/3 (880 MW) of the total 1,280 MW are not owned by DWP.
  - **500 MW by 2014** is comprised of **Large Scale** arrays of Solar Panels at Palmdale Airport and our surrounding deserts served by delivery systems bringing power to LA.
  - **130 MW by 2020** is **Expanded Residential/Customer Incentive** installed by and paid for by LA residents. Residents may benefit the Solar Plan and decrease LA’s carbon footprint. They may recover their investments by decreasing their DWP Power bills or, possibly, even selling “excess” power to DWP. LA has (only) 13 MW in this State-funded (SB1) program, so far; perhaps because it takes 8-15 years to recover one’s investment.
  - **150 MW by 2015** is **New Feed-in Tarriff** commercial installations which sell their power to DWP through a Standard Offer Power Purchase Agreement (SOPPA).
  - **100 MW 2020** is **SunShares Program** in which DWP customers buy shares of a privately developed solar power facility (?existing or to be created?, owned by?).

Mr. Nahai said that L.A. (i.e. LADWP) wants to and should “own” its own power production and distribution facilities. At present, LADWP energy prices are 30% less than other utilities. He emphasized that we “should not compare Solar to Coal Power.” Solar is intermittent, peak power. Coal is base (continuous) power. Coal Power is comparable to Hydroelectric and Geothermal Power but we don’t yet have a transmission facility from the Salton Sea site, yet, (called the Green Path).

Taking the 400 MW Measure “B” part onto the ballot was NOT a DWP activity. That was done by “Working Californians” and the IBEW 18 working with the L.A. City Council. Many aspects of the original proposal have already been changed (?from what is on the ballot?):

- a. The 5 years build-out (to 2014) has been extended to 6 years (2015), 0-50-75-75-100-100 MW each year, respectively.
- b. The technology has gone from "classic" PhotoVoltaics only to new Solar/Thermal, Thin-Film and other alternate technologies.
- c. Rooftop locations are now expanded to parking lots, reservoir "covers," etc.
- d. City-owned ownership now includes to other (private) ownership.
- e. Financial structure from purely City mechanisms to public-private partnerships hopes to realize lower costs from (complex) Federal Tax Credits (to the primary, private owners).

Copies of the Huron Report, released last week, were provided for all present, today. It was contracted by the DWP to provide a fiscal analysis of the structure and costs, etc. of the "total" Solar Plan. It is Huron's analysis and figures are Huron's...not DWP's but Mr. Nahai made it clear that he prefers the Huron results to those of PA Consulting, delivered 11/04/08. Huron estimates \$ 1.1 - \$ 1.3 billion in total cost (?materials, salaries & administration?, ?operating costs, subdivisions?), whereas, PA Consulting said \$ 3.6 billion.

The Industrial, Economic Administrative (IEA) Report was also released this week. It is the product of PA Consulting (HURON did it last time). The IEA analyzes all of DWP. DWP has done 17 NC Solar Plan Presentations...Mr. Nahai has done almost as many...5 Regional Presentations are scheduled. LADWP uses a website ([ladwpNeighborhoodNews.com](http://ladwpNeighborhoodNews.com)) as a primary connection to the NCs and to the Public.

**An intense Q&A period followed:**

Q: Soledad Garcia would like (us) to see the entire Huron Report.

A: Mr. Nahai & DWP hasn't seen anything more than we have ... i.e. the complete report, either. NCs may need to (should) ask Huron.

Q: Peter Parish (ASNC) would like to see more of the basis for what we have. He is surprised that DWP paid (\$ 140,000) for (only) this much output.

A: n.a.

Q: Chris Rowe asked where she (we) could find the Ballot Measure Pros and Cons? How will classic PV and thin-film technology play out? Are there existing contracts for materials the Chinese?

A: Under SB1 (the Customer Solar Incentive part), panels are provided by private companies.

Re: the 400 MW (Measure B part), no contracts have been put out, yet. Sources (US or Chinese or elsewhere) need to be found, after due diligence. Toxicities and (smoke) CO2 Production associated with the manufacturing processes need to be analyzed.

Q: Michael Cohen asked about the \$1/month/customer added charge. He said that would produce \$ 18 million/year from 1.5 million customers ... would take decades to pay \$ 1.5 billion. (NOTE: \$ 1.3 billion divided by \$ 18 million/year is 72 2/9 years.)

A: Mr. Nahai said he doesn't know how to calculate this.

Q. Cindy Cleghorn asked for a more accurate estimate the labor expenses (which may run 1/3 total costs).

A: Mr. Nahai relied on the Huron estimate of \$ 1.3 billion and said that the Tax Credits could decrease the costs to the consumer to \$ 1.0/month. When a private company takes advantage of the tax credit it (can lower) lowers its cost to the DWP and then, later (after 2 to 5 years) can sell the installation to DWP. Sale prices are unpredictable, hopefully, low.

Q" Jeff Bloch focused on the 1/3 costs for labor. He, too, wants to see the back up data and other related information. Costs of Measure B might be calculated from) DWP employees who are installing the Pinetree Windfarm devices in the Mojave Desert. Don't Photo-Voltaic installations cost more than Solar/Thermal expenses?

A: We may be able to put 100 MW on Palmdale Airport...maybe more.

Q: DeDe Audet said that her neighbors know of the two reports (PA and HURON).

Which do you prefer?

A: DWP contracted with HURON to give a fiscal analysis of the "total" Solar Plan in time for the voters to consider it, before they vote. He said that the PA Consulting Report was "hastily prepared, on a 4 day weekend," for the City CLA & City Council and not for the DWP.

Q: Ron Kaye pointed to the PA Consulting report (11/4/08) and how it varies from the Huron estimates. Past efforts (10 years) by DWP to "Green" L.A. resulted in very little electricity (only 12.5 MW). Can DWP add the new LA Solar Plan to existing challenges?

A: DWP is able to carry out its proposals. Their ratings (Fitch = AA-) determine the cost of their bonds. Recent BONDS funding include \$ 550 million for power and \$ 150 million for water.

The new Renewal Power Standard (RPS) plans and Water Supply goals are on target, x14 months. Water Conservation (Drought Police) is making (?200) citations. Water and Power Infrastructure Updating problems are being addressed.

Q: Jack Humphreville commented: Low rates are due to municipal status, advantaged bond rates, infrastructure deferred maintenance, unfunded retirement program...offset by the IBEW "premium." What is DWP's relationship with HURON?

A: HURON and PA are independent companies. Both will be eligible for future contracts.

Q: Jose Aguilar wanted more interaction and time to think, more engagement, between DWP and NCs. He wants a comparison between National claims of higher costs, than DWP's.

A: n.a.

Q: Lydia Grant asked, "Can you guarantee that future costs won't be higher than current estimates? Maintenance costs? Replacement Costs? Disaster (earthquake, fires) hazards?"

A: No guarantee is possible...HURON has provided our best current guess.

Q: In his business, Peter Parish has seen the prices of PV go up and down. We are currently in a down phase, not necessarily cheaper technology. He favors more opportunities for more unions. AB811 (2007) empowers municipalities to pay individual SFV and businesses to put in Solar Installations. What are DWP's involvements in these issues?

A: DWP recognizes the Market fluctuations. The Palm Desert or Berkeley models have been taken into consideration. 2/3 of 1280 MW Solar Plan is NOT DWP-owned. He was disappointed that there were no questions about Feed-in Tariffs or SunShares.

**12. MEDICAL MARIJUANA COOPERATIVES** – discussion deferred - Chairman Len Shaffer said he would get docs up on our website for next month's agenda.

**13. SUGGESTIONS for FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Council Files and form 54 (revised)

Mayors plan for affordable housing

DWP infrastructure progress

Regional alliances

Mandatory ethics training

Hillside Ordinance & Mansionization issue

Bob Gelfand solicited more suggestions

Impact of the Federal Stimulus package – can it help NCs and their communities.

**15. ADJOURNMENT: 1:30 p.m.**

**Next LANCC Meeting: March 7, 2009 10:00 AM - Location to be announced**