

The Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa del Rey Board of Directors' Meeting – May 3, 2005

Present: Robert Acherman, Lynne Allen, Mike Arias, Sibyl Buchanan, Joe Callinan, Dolores Canizales, Judith Ciancimino, David Coffin, Robert Dalton, Pam DeArmas, Don Doyle, Steve Donell, Doug Ehlers, James Ferro, David Gray, Patricia Lyon, Geoff Maleman, Paul Maynard, Efigenia Martinez, Sheila Mickelson, Harry Rose, John Ruhlen, Kathy Santos Denny Schneider, Cozette Vergari, David Voss, Gwen Vuchsas, John-David Webster, Robert Weldon, William West and Barbara Yamamoto.

Excused: Jeff Elder

Item 1: The meeting was called to order at 6:15PM by Gwen Vuchsas, President of the Board. The Roll was called.

Item 2: Mike Arias led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 3: *A Special Presentation was made to outgoing Board Members, Myra Kriwanek and Andrea Davis.* Acknowledgement was made to outgoing Board Members Val Velasco and Efigenia Martinez who were not present.

Item 4: *Election Committee Report – Certified Results of 2005 Election* – Election Chair Cozette Vergari stated that the election was certified by the NCWPDR Election Committee as of April 27, 2005. Two challenges were lodged, however, the third party Arbiter rendered a report stating there were no grounds to overturn the election.

Item 5: *Introduction and Seating of New Board Members* – Don Doyle, John Ruhlen, Kathy Bartlow Santos and Pam DeArmas were the new Board Members seated. Incumbents re-elected to the Board were David Gray, Barbara Yamamoto, David Coffin, Judith Ciancimino, Rob Weldon and Patricia Lyon.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

Item 6: *Election of NCWDPR 2005 Officers*

President – James Ferro nominated Gwen Vuchsas for President of the Board of Directors. Judith Ciancimino seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. Robert Acherman moved that the nominations be closed. Paul Maynard seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was called. Robert Acherman, Lynne Allen, Mike Arias, Sibyl Buchanan, Dolores Canizales, Judith Ciancimino, David Coffin, Robert Dalton, Pam DeArmas, Don Doyle, Steve Donell, Doug Ehlers, James Ferro, David Gray, Patricia Lyon, Geoff Maleman, Paul Maynard, Sheila Mickelson, Harry Rose, John Ruhlen, Kathy Santos, Cozette Vergari, David Voss, John-David Webster, Robert Weldon, William West and Barbara Yamamoto voted Yea. Joe Callinan

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and Denny Schneider abstained. Gwen Vuchsas was elected President of the Board of Directors.

Vice-President – Steve Donell nominated Mike Arias for Vice-President of the Board of Directors. Robert Dalton seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. David Gray moved that the nominations be closed. Doug Ehlers seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was called. Robert Acherman, Lynne Allen, Mike Arias, Sibyl Buchanan, Dolores Canizales, Joe Callinan, Judith Ciancimino, David Coffin, Robert Dalton, Pam DeArmas, Don Doyle, Steve Donell, Doug Ehlers, James Ferro, David Gray, Patricia Lyon, Geoff Maleman, Paul Maynard, Sheila Mickelson, Harry Rose, John Ruhlen, Kathy Santos, Denny Schneider, Cozette Vergari, David Voss, John-David Webster, Robert Weldon, William West and Barbara Yamamoto voted Yea. Mike Arias was elected Vice-President of the Board of Directors.

Treasurer – Cozette Vergari nominated Steve Donell for Treasurer of the Board of Directors. Denny Schneider seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. John-David Webster moved that the nominations be closed. Mike Arias seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was called. Robert Acherman, Lynne Allen, Mike Arias, Sibyl Buchanan, Dolores Canizales, Joe Callinan, Judith Ciancimino, David Coffin, Robert Dalton, Pam DeArmas, Don Doyle, Steve Donell, Doug Ehlers, James Ferro, David Gray, Patricia Lyon, Geoff Maleman, Paul Maynard, Sheila Mickelson, Harry Rose, John Ruhlen, Kathy Santos, Denny Schneider, Cozette Vergari, David Voss, John-David Webster, Robert Weldon, William West and Barbara Yamamoto voted Yea. Steve Donell was elected Treasurer of the Board of Directors.

Corresponding Secretary – Judith Ciancimino nominated Patricia Lyon for Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Directors. Sheila Mickelson seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. David Gray moved that the nominations be closed. Robert Acherman seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was called. Robert Acherman, Lynne Allen, Mike Arias, Sibyl Buchanan, Dolores Canizales, Joe Callinan, Judith Ciancimino, David Coffin, Robert Dalton, Pam DeArmas, Don Doyle, Steve Donell, Doug Ehlers, James Ferro, David Gray, Patricia Lyon, Geoff Maleman, Paul Maynard, Sheila Mickelson, Harry Rose, John Ruhlen, Kathy Santos, Denny Schneider, Cozette Vergari, David Voss, John-David Webster, Robert Weldon, William West and Barbara Yamamoto voted Yea. Patricia Lyon was elected Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Directors.

Recording Secretary – Patricia Lyon nominated Judith Ciancimino for Recording Secretary of the Board of Directors. Sibyl Buchanan seconded the nomination. There were no other

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nominations. Paul Maynard moved that the nominations be closed. David Gray seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was called. Robert Acherman, Lynne Allen, Mike Arias, Sibyl Buchanan, Dolores Canizales, Joe Callinan, Judith Ciancimino, David Coffin, Robert Dalton, Pam DeArmas, Don Doyle, Steve Donell, Doug Ehlers, James Ferro, David Gray, Patricia Lyon, Geoff Maleman, Paul Maynard, Sheila Mickelson, Harry Rose, John Ruhlen, Kathy Santos, Denny Schneider, Cozette Vergari, David Voss, John-David Webster, Robert Weldon, William West and Barbara Yamamoto voted Yea. Judith Ciancimino was elected Recording Secretary of the Board of Directors.

Item 7: *Approval of Minutes 4/5/05 Board Meeting* – Denny Schneider made a Motion to approve the Minutes as written. Robert Acherman seconded the Motion.

Robert Acherman, Lynne Allen, Mike Arias, Sibyl Buchanan, Joseph Callinan, Dolores Canizales, Judith Ciancimino, David Coffin, Steve Donell, James Ferro, David Gray, Geoff Maleman, Paul Maynard, Harry Rose, Denny Schneider, Cozette Vergari, David Voss, John-David Webster, William West and Barbara Yamamoto voted Yea. Robert Dalton, Pam DeArmas, Don Doyle, Doug Ehlers, Patricia Lyon, Sheila Mickelson, John Ruhlen, Kathy Santos and Robert Weldon abstained from voting. The Motion passed.

Item 8: *Public Comment – Non-agenda items (limited to 2 minutes per speaker)*

- Courtney Wong from Assembly Member Mike Gordon's office stated that he authored AB1380 to have a more accurate accounting of unused telephone numbers prior to imposing a new area code. He does not believe it is needed. www.cpuc.ca.gov

- Pat Lyon – Historical Society Open House is this Thursday, May 5, from 4pm TO 8:30pm at the Furama in the Celebration Room. Guest Speaker – David Asper Johnson, Editor of the Argonaut.

Item 9: *Presentation re merger LAPD/LAWA Police – LAPD West Bureau Deputy Chief Moore – Capt. Bill Williams, Pacific Division, Capt. Jim Bower LAPD, Airport Detail* – Chief Moore spoke on Measure A which is on the May 17 ballot. Chief Bratton has made his opinion known, however, Chief Moore stated that he was speaking for informational purposes only.

As the Charter is currently written, no one can change the autonomy of LAWA Police Department and LAPD. Measure A would allow for a change of this status but not necessarily change it. It would still need a 2/3 vote by City Council. Measure A needs 51% of the vote to pass. If the measure is defeated, LAWA Police will remain autonomous.

Item 10: *Appointment of NCWPDR 2005 Committee Chairs and Committee Members* –

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President Gwen Vuchsas appointed the following Committee Chairs and Committee Members:

Planning and Land Use Committee, Chair Jim Ferro
Committee Members Sibyl Buchanan, Bill West, David Voss, John Ruhlen, Rob Weldon, David Gray, Pat Lyon, Heather Lemmon, Catherine Tyrell, Kent Strumpell

Communications Committee, Chair David Coffin

Budget and Finance, Chair Steve Donnell
Committee Members, Robert Dalton, Paul Maynard, JD Webster and Denny Schneider

Governmental Affairs/City Services, Chair Robert Dalton
Committee Members Rob Weldon

Election Committee, Chair Cozette Vergari
Committee Members Mike Arias, Geoff Maleman, Steve Donnell, David Coffin, Joe Callinan, Efigenia Martinez

Membership/Marketing Committee, Chair Sibyl Buchanan
Committee Members Joe Callinan, Pam DeArmas, Pat Lyon, Geoff Maleman, Sheila Michelson, Harry Rose, JD Webster

Ad Hoc Picnic Committee Chair Pat Lyon

Ad Hoc Lincoln Streetscape Committee Chair Mike Arias

President Gwen Vuchsas is an ex-officio member of all committees

JD Webster made Motion to Approve Chair Appointments, seconded by Robert Acherman.
Motion passed unanimously.
Robert Acherman made Motion to Approve Committee Members, seconded by Dolores Canizales. Motion passed unanimously.

Gwen encouraged the Chairs to recruit members 8 Board members and 5 Community members for their committees.

Roster and Code of Civility passed out, Gwen asked that we sign the Code and return.

Items 11: *Appointment of Neighborhood Council Alliance Representative & DWP Liaison* – Robert Acherman was nominated as NCWPDR NC Alliance Representative. Robert Weldon was nominated NCWPDR DWP Representative.

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David Gray moved that these nominations be approved. Dolores Canizales seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

Item 12: *Approval of Treasurer's Report* – Steve Donell distributed the Treasurer's report. DONE has approved the paperwork the Treasurer has submitted and the outstanding expenses and obligations will all be paid. Steve must have original invoices or receipts for payment. No money will be paid without a petty cash form signed by the person to whom the money is owed.

Item 13: *Motion to Amend & Adopt Revised Account Codes as recommended by NCWPDR Budget & Finance Committee* – Geoff Maleman made the motion as stated. Robert Dalton seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

Item 14: *Motion to Approve NCWPDR 2005-2006 Fiscal Year Budget as recommended by the NCWPDR Budget & Finance Committee* – Geoff Maleman made the Motion as stated. Kathy Santos seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

Item 15: *NC/DWP Partnership Report* – Robert Weldon reported no activity since last month. Official signing date of the Memo of Understanding for the NC/DWP Partnership will be May 15 or 16. Robert Weldon presented Gwen with the official document for her signature.

Item 16: *Public Comment – Agenda Items (limited to 2 minutes per speaker)*

- Lt. Leon Nixon – LAWA Police Dept. – “No on A to Protect LA” Thank you for depoliticizing the police at the Airport.

Item 17: *Motion to send letter to LAWA Executive Director Kim Day concerning letters to which NCWPDR has not received a reply as recommended by NCWPDR Airport Relations Committee* – Robert Acherman – a report was given.

Geoff Maleman made the Motion as stated. Paul Maynard seconded the Motion.

It was noted that the “Round Table” letter did not receive a reply, but was acknowledged as received at a subsequent Round Table meeting.

Robert Acherman, Lynne Allen, Mike Arias, Sibyl Buchanan, Joseph Callinan, Judith Ciancimino, David Coffin, Robert Dalton, Pam DeArmas, Steve Donell, Doug Ehlers, James Ferro, David Gray, Patricia Lyon, Geoff Maleman, Paul Maynard, Sheila Mickelson, Harry Rose, John Ruhlen, Kathy Santos, Denny Schneider, Cozette Vergari, John-David Webster, Robert Weldon and William West voted Yea. David Voss abstained from voting. The Motion passed.

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Item 18: *Motion to send letter to CPUC re 310 Split or Overlay Authorization* – the letter was distributed. Geoff Maleman made the Motion as stated. Patricia Lyon seconded the Motion.

A correction, changing “have” to “half” was made to the first line in the last paragraph.

The vote was called, the Motion passed unanimously.

Item 19: *Planning and Land Use Committee Report* – Jim Ferro – The next meeting is at the Westchester Branch Library on Tues May 10. A representative from McDonalds and Starbucks will be presenting plans to the Committee.

Item 20: *Neighborhood Matching Grants* – Requests will be due in October and we need a lead person who will research possible projects in our area that could fall into this area. Geoff Maleman volunteered.

Item 21: *Roberts Rules of Order Workshop May 7, 2005, 9:00am-12:00pm* – Sibyl Buchanan distributed flyers changing the date to Saturday, July 9, 9AM – 12 Noon at the Playa Vista Center Pointe Club.

Item 22: *Free Trees from City of LA Environmental Affairs Department* – a report was distributed.

Geoff Maleman made a Motion to refer this issue to John Ruhlen for consideration by Westchester Streetscape Improvement Association. John-David Webster seconded the Motion. Robert Acherman, Lynne Allen, Mike Arias, Sibyl Buchanan, Joseph Callinan, Judith Ciancimino, David Coffin, Robert Dalton, Pam DeArmas, Steve Donell, Doug Ehlers, James Ferro, David Gray, Patricia Lyon, Geoff Maleman, Paul Maynard, Sheila Mickelson, Harry Rose, John Ruhlen, Kathy Santos, Denny Schneider, Cozette Vergari, John-David Webster, Robert Weldon and William West voted Yea. Doug Ehlers voted Nay. The Motion passed.

Gwen Vuchsas asked that if you email her an Agenda item, please call her to make sure she got it if you do not receive an email acknowledgement.

Airport Marina Counseling Service Garden Tour – May 15, for information call 310.641.7850.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:35PM in memory of Officer Tommy Scott, first LAWA police officer to be killed in the line of duty.

Next Meeting: June 7 – 6:30PM

Location: LMU – University Hall, Room 1762

Submitted by: Judith Ciancimino