

The Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa del Rey Board of Directors' Meeting – December 6, 2005

Present: Robert Acherman, Lynne Allen, Mike Arias, Sibyl Buchanan, Joe Callinan, , David Coffin, Robert Dalton, Pam DeArmas, Steve Donell, Don Doyle, Doug Ehlers, Lisa Farland, James Ferro, David Gray, Patricia Lyon, Geoff Maleman, Terry Marcellus, Paul Maynard, Sheila Mickelson, Harry Rose, John Ruhlen, Denny Schneider, Cozette Vergari, Gwen Vuchsas, John David Webster, David Voss, Lisa Wellik,. Bill West

Excused: Judith Ciancimino, Kathy Santos, Jeff Elder

Absent: None

Item 1: President Vuchsas called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Item 2: Doyle led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 3: John Brady, Mayor Villaraigosa's Deputy for our area, introduced himself and brought commendations for the recipients of the "Stars of the Neighborhood."

Item 4: Public Comment – Non-Agenda Items.

A representative from Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council Bob Gelfand reported on the Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils Congress. He asked for NCWPDR's support in ratifying the LANC Congress proposal, becoming a member and sending a representative.

Item 5: Appointments to Board of Director Vacancies:

President Vuchsas appointed Terry Marcellus to take Rob Weldon's Seat for District No. 4. Arias moved to approve, Gray seconded, and motion passed unanimously.

President Vuchsas appointed Lisa Wellik to the LAWA seat to replace Barbara Yamamoto. Acherman moved to approve, Schneider seconded, and motion passed unanimously.

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President Vuchsas appointed Lisa Farland to the Loyola Marymount seat to replace Dolores Canizales. Maleman moved to approve, Callinan seconded, and motion passed unanimously.

Item 6: Kathryn Frengs from CD11 was not present, and therefore, no report was given.

Items 7&8: Election Committee Report – Committee Chair Vergari made the motion that the polling places for 2006 elections be the Playa Vista CenterPointe Club and Covenant Presbyterian Church. Dalton seconded the motion, and motion passed unanimously.

Item 9: Rose made a motion to approve the Draft 2006 Election Procedures pending DONE's approval of the Bylaw Amendments. Coffin seconded the motion, and motion passed unanimously.

Item 10: Schneider made a motion to approve the Bylaw Amendment Article VII, D6 as required by DONE for the 2006 election. Gray seconded the motion, and motion passed unanimously.

Item 11: Arden Realty was unable to attend; their report was tabled for a future meeting.

Item 12: Planning and Land Use Report – Presentation on AM/PM Minimart/Refueling Station Refurbishment Project located at 7370 La Tijera Boulevard. Committee Chair Ferro presented the report from his committee along with committee recommendations regarding the AM/PM project. AM/PM representatives Michael Stewart (consultant) and Shiraz Govani (developer) presented the project to the board and answered a variety of questions regarding ingress and egress, traffic, soil remediation, etc.

Item 13: Ferro made a motion to approve the proposed AM/PM Minimart/Fueling Station Refurbishment Project as recommended by the NCWPDR Planning and Land Use Committee, accepting a friendly amendment that stipulates that the AM/PM halt beer and wine sales at 11 p.m. Ruhlen seconded the motion, and motion failed 6 AYES and 19 NAYS.

Arias made a motion to approve the proposed AM/PM Refurbishment Project as recommended by the NCWPDR Planning and Land Use Committee. Maynard seconded the motion, and motion passed 23 AYES and 2 NAYS.

Item 14: Public Comment – Agenda Items (limited to 2 minutes per speaker)

Deepa Jyengar submitted written comments regarding Agenda Items 7 and 9 suggesting registration on election days and candidate forums with a format which allows questions from stakeholders.

Item 15: Schneider made a motion to approve the November 7, 2005 meeting minutes. Dalton seconded the motion, and motion passed unanimously.

Item 16: Treasurer Donell gave the Treasurer's Report, including complete financial statements. Acherman made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Schneider, and motion passed unanimously.

Item 17: A motion to approve Reimbursement to Board members was not required this month.

Item 18: There were no new appointments of NCWPDR Committee members.

Item 19: Maleman made a motion to approve the letter to the Board of Airport Commissioners regarding small business opportunities at LAX as recommended by the NCWPDR Airport Relations Committee. Motion seconded by Rose, and motion passed 22 AYES and 3 NAYS.

Item 20: Acherman made a motion to approve letter to Mayor Villaraigosa regarding the City Budget process. Motion seconded by Coffin, and motion passed 17 AYES and 6 NAYS.

Item 21: President Vuchsas made appointments to the CD11 Summit committees as follows: Arias to Crime and Safety Committee, Ruhlen to

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Transportation/Traffic Committee, Voss to Planning and Land Use Committee, Dalton to Homeless Committee, Mickelson to Renters' Rights Committee, and Marcellus to Education Committee.

President Vuchsas reported on the following Items:

Item 22: USC Neighborhood Partnership Project

Item 23: City's Crisis Response Team Recruitment

Item 24: Integrated Resources Plan

Item 25: Congress of Neighborhoods Document

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by Sibyl Buchanan