

# The Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa del Rey Board of Directors' Meeting – March 1, 2005 Minutes

**Present:** Robert Acherman, Lynne Allen, Mike Arias, Sibyl Buchanan, Joe Callinan, Judith Ciancimino, David Coffin, Robert Dalton, Steve Donnel, Jeff Elder, Doug Ehlers, James Ferro, David Gray, Myra Kriwanek, Paul Maynard, Geoff Maleman, Efigenia Martinez, Harry Rose, John-David Webster, Val Velasco, Cozette Vergari, Gwen Vuchsas and Barbara Yamamoto.

**Ex Officio:** Edgar Saenz.

**Excused:** Dolores Canizales, Andrea Davis, Patricia Lyon, Sheila Mickelson, Denny Schneider, Robert Weldon, William West, and David Voss.

**Item 1:** The meeting was called to order at 6:50PM by Gwen Vuchsas, President of the Board. The Roll was called.

**Item 2:** David Gray led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Item 3:** Public Comments – non-Agenda Items – (limited to 2 minutes per speaker)

- Courtney Wong – Assembly Member Mike Gordon – Introduced herself to the NC.

- Jeff Paz – Playa del Rey Resident – 577.2203 – Re: Rental property occupied by LMU students. Stated that LMU students host many loud parties with alcohol. The police have been called to the location and the students have been called before the Dean but there has been no improvement. The location is 7328 Earldom at Talbot. LAPD Sr. Lead Officer Tony Ramos has been out to investigate. Mr. Paz is looking for NC help. President Gwen Vuchsas referred this issue to the Planning and Land Use Committee for further investigation and recommendation.

- Janny Kim – Flora Gil Krisoloff running for City Council District 11 Seat – invited members to a Meet & Greet at the Furama on Wednesday, March 2, from 6PM to 7:30PM.

## **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

**Item 4:** *Appointment of Residential Seat No. 2 Vacancy* – President Gwen Vuchsas appointed Paul Maynard to fill Residential Seat #2 vacated by Jina Jani.

Geoff Maleman made a Motion to accept the appointment of Paul Maynard to Residential Seat 2. J.D. Webster seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

**Item 5:** *Approval of Minutes of the 1.11.05 Board Meeting* – James Ferro made a Motion to approve the Minutes of the January 11, 2005, Board Meeting as corrected. Sibyl Buchanan seconded the Motion. The Motion passed.

Mike Arias, Sibyl Buchanan, Joe Callinan, Judith Ciancimino, David Coffin, Robert Dalton, Steve Donnell, Doug Ehlers, James Ferro, Myra Kriwanek, Geoff Maleman and Efigenia Martinez voted Aye.

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Lynne Allen, Jeff Elder, Paul Maynard, Harry Rose, Val Velasco, David Voss and J.D. Webster abstained from voting.

**Item 6:** *Approval of Minutes of the 2.01.05 Board Meeting* – James Ferro made a Motion to approve the Minutes of the February 1, 2005, Board Meeting as amended. Sibyl Buchanan seconded the Motion. The Motion passed.

Sibyl Buchanan, Joe Callinan, Judith Ciancimino, David Coffin, Robert Dalton, Steve Donell, James Ferro, Myra Kriwanek, Geoff Maleman, Efigenia Martinez, Val Velasco and John-David Webster voted Aye.

Lynne Allen, Mike Arias, Doug Ehlers, Jeff Elder, Paul Maynard, Harry Rose, Cozette Vergari and Barbara Yamamoto abstained from voting.

**Item 7:** *Public Comment – Agenda Items* - no cards were received.

**Item 8:** *Treasurer's Report – Budget Discussion* – Steve Donell was confirmed by DONE as the Treasurer of NCWPDR. A Treasurer's Report was distributed.

President Gwen Vuchsas asked for volunteers to serve on the Budget and Finance Committee with Treasurer Steve Donell. J.D. Webster, Paul Maynard and Robert Dalton volunteered.

Geoff Maleman made a Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Cozette Vergari seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

**Item 9:** *Report of Bylaws Meeting – DONE Approval of Bylaw Amendments* – A letter from Parker Anderson, Director, Field Operations of DONE, dated February 28, 2005 approving our Application to Change or Adjust Bylaws, was distributed.

**Item 10:** *Election Committee Report* – Cozette Vergari – Election Procedures, dated February 24, 2005, as approved by DONE were distributed.

Each Board Member, except those up for re-election, are expected to work at one of the two voting days, April 4, at the Westchester Women's Club or April 6, at Playa Vista Center Pointe Club. Each Board Member will also provide two volunteers to work one shift at one of the polling places. The deadline to file as a candidate is March 28, 2005. The Candidates' Forum is March 31, 2005. Yard signs will be available soon, information will be emailed to all Board Members.

**Items 11:** *Motion to Adopt the finalized NCWPDR 2005 Election Procedures approved by DONE as recommended by the NCWPDR Election Committee* – Cozette Vergari made the Motion as stated above. Robert Dalton seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

**Item 12:** *Membership/Marketing Report* – Sibyl Buchanan – Election notices have been delivered to each household in Westchester/Playa del Rey/Playa Vista. The Stakeholder

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Registration Sign-ups have been held throughout the neighborhood and are going well, they will continue until the elections.

**Item 13:** *Governmental Affairs Report – DWP Partnership Update, \$100,000 in Street Surfacing.* – Robert Weldon was unavailable to give an update. Gwen reported that the MOU should be signed within the next few days. The Governmental Affairs Committee will handle the Street Surfacing issue and will report at a later time.

**Item 14:** *Report of Mayoral Forum 2.7.05 – Robert Dalton* – All the Mayoral candidates, except for Robert Moore, participated in the forum which was held at CBS Studio City. The forum was well attended by many Neighborhood Councils throughout the city.

**Item 15:** *Report of DASH Meeting 2.10.05* – Judith Ciancimino – attended the meeting and spoke on behalf of the area covered by the NC. She tried to convince them that there was a way to provide Dash shuttle-type service to the NC area, which is currently underserved by mass transit. She will report on the final DASH study when it is published.

**Item 16:** *Repair of “Welcome to Westchester” Sign – Motion for NC’s support and possible funding of repair and renovation of sign.* – Judith Ciancimino – The sign, located in Westchester Park, on the corner of Loyola and Manchester, is in serious need of restoration. The process has begun with a donation from Councilwoman Miscikowski to restore the sign; however, funds are still need to restore the electrical component of the sign.

Harry Rose made a Motion to donate up to \$5,000 for the restoration of the electrical component of the Welcome to Westchester sign. Val Velasco seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

- R&B Station – a report from the City Associate Zoning Administrator, Daniel Green, was distributed. The application for a zoning variance was denied.

- Westchester Lutheran Middle School – the application for relocation of the middle school and renovation of the existing property was approved by the Zoning Administrator.

- Neilson Field Parking Lot Paving Project – Mike Arias – This project is moving forward but will need additional funds to complete. This request will be an action item on the next agenda.

**Item 17:** *Telephone Call from Mayor Hahn* – the Mayor called Gwen to thank the NC for facilitating the Public Safety meeting at Covenant Presbyterian Church in February.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:30PM  
**Next Meeting:** April 5 – 6:30PM  
**Location:** LUM – University Hall, Room  
**Submitted by:** Judith Ciancimino