

The Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa del Rey Board of Directors' Meeting – April 5, 2005 Minutes

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

Ex Officio: Edgar Saenz and Courtney Wong.

Excused: Dolores Canizales, Andrea Davis, Jeff Elder, Patricia Lyon, Sheila Mickelson, Robert Weldon, and David Voss.

Item 1: The meeting was called to order at 7PM by Gwen Vuchsas, President of the Board. The Roll was called.

Item 2: Robert Dalton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

- Ellie Holm – Westchester Resident – Presented Board Member Myra Kriwanek with flowers, in appreciation for all she has done from her friends and neighbors, especially in Residential District 7.

- Pamela Matsuda – Playa del Rey Resident – Went to the NC Candidate Forum, registered to be a stakeholder. She is concerned about the Spy Glass Development. She is also concerned about Vista del Mar street condition because, after underground utilities were installed the proper street treatment was not done, streets, sidewalks and some building foundations are cracking. Asking for help on behalf of area residents and owners. This issue was referred to the Planning and Land Use Committee.

- Courtney Wong – Assemblyman Mike Gordon's office – he is still in the hospital but his Assembly Bills continue to move forward, a report was distributed. Especially important is AB 556, Airport Homeowner Bill of Rights.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

Item 4: *Approval of Minutes 3/1/05 Board Meeting* - Jim Ferro made a Motion to approve the Minutes of the March 1, 2005 Board Meeting. Paul Maynard seconded the Motion.

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Barbara Yamamoto voted Yea. Doug Ehlers and William West abstained from voting. The Motion passed.

Item 5: *Approval of Minutes of the 3.16.05 Special Board Meeting* – Jim Ferro made a Motion to approve the Minutes of the March 16, 2005 Board Meeting. Paul Maynard seconded the Motion.

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Item 7: *Treasurer's Report* - Steve Donell – A report was distributed. The NC will be receiving another \$50,000 on July 1; coupled with the un-obligated funds from the last year, will bring the total to approximately, \$57,000 for the first quarter of next fiscal year.

John-David Webster made a Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. David Grey seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

Item 8: *Motion to Approve Proposed Budget through June 30, 2005* – Motion to adopt the budget covering the period from April 1, 2005 through June 30, 2005 as submitted to the entire Board at the 4.5.05 Board of Directors Meeting.

Geoff Maleman made the Motion. John-David Webster seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

Item 9: *Public Comment – Agenda Items (limited to 2 minutes per speaker)*

- Kyle – LMU Student – Spoke in favor of approval of Judy Delavigne as Election Administrator.

Item 10: *Election Committee Report* – Cozette Vergari – The Election Committee commended the Election Committee for doing an outstanding job. The first day of elections ran very smoothly because of the committee's efforts. The "walking man" distribution by DONE of the two election pieces was spotty.

Items 11: *Motion to Approve LMU Representative Judith Delavigne as NCWPDR Election Administrator* – Denny Schneider made the motion as stated above. Geoff Maleman seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

Item 12: *Motion to Adopt the Intra Memorandum of Understanding between Los Angeles City Neighborhood Councils and DWP as recommended by Board Member Robert Weldon.* – Robert Weldon was not available to attend the DWP meeting held 4/5/05; John-David Webster attended in his place. The Memo of Understanding was distributed. The MOU was approved at the DWP meeting today.

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John-David Webster made the Motion as stated above. Robert Dalton seconded the Motion. Lynne Allen, Mike Arias, Sibyl Buchanan, Joseph Callinan, Judith Ciancimino, David Coffin, Robert Dalton, Steve Donell, Doug Ehlers, James Ferro, David Gray, Myra Kriwanek, Geoff Maleman, Efigenia Martinez, Paul Maynard, Harry Rose, Denny Schneider, Cozette Vergari, John-David Webster, William West, and Barbara Yamamoto voted Yea. Val Velasco abstained from voting. The Motion passed.

Item 13: *Update - Repair of Westchester Sign* – Judith Ciancimino – The sign and frame have been moved to the conservator's studio for analysis and refurbishment. When the sign was removed it was discovered that the sign had been lit from inside. Electrical contractors are being interviewed to update the lighting components.

Item 14: NC Alliance Meeting 3/19/05 Report – Robert Acherman – attended the last meeting – Mayor Hahn is looking for a new City Planning Director. The selection deadline is March 25; several candidates are under consideration. It would be desirable for new City Planning Director to be more responsive to the Neighborhood Councils. Greg Nelson would like to see "DONE" done away with; he is trying to form a Congress of Neighborhood Councils that actually has some teeth.

Item 15: *Motion to Approve the following letters as recommended by the NCWPDR Airport Relations Committee* – Items No. D, Letters Nos. 2005-04, 05, 06; No. F, Letter No. 2005-16; and No. G, Letter No. 2005-17 were tabled to a future meeting.

- A. *LETTER 2005-12 Thank you letter to Mike Biagi for LAX FlyAway Presentation*
- B. *LETTER 2005-07 Letter to CalTrans protesting exclusion of stakeholders and approval of LAX Noise Variance*
- C. *LETTER 2005-11 Letter to Interim LAX Stakeholder Liaison inquiring about outreach efforts*
- D. *MOTION to NCWPDR Board to release letters of commendation to Councilmen Bernard Parks, Antonio Villaraigosa and Jack Weiss for their opposition to the LAX Master Plan (Letters 2005-04, -05 and -06)*
- E. *LETTER 2005-14 Letter to U.S. Secretary of Transportation Norman Mineta requesting denial of the LAX Master Plan Record of Decision*
- F. *LETTER 2005-16 Letter to Westchester/LAX-Marina del Rey Chamber of Commerce to publish NCWPDR's views on the LAX Master Plan in the Chamber's newsletter* – After some discussion, it was decided not to send this letter to the Chamber.
- G. *LETTER 2005-17 Letter to LAWA Executive Director Kim Day concerning letters to which NCWPDR has not received a reply* – Geoff Maleman asked to see a list of letters to which LAWA has not responded. It was recommended that the unanswered letters be attached to the letter. This letter will be brought back at another meeting prior to being sent.
- H. *LETTER 2005-18 Thank you letter to Board of Airport Commissioners for renaming the LAX Administration Building in honor and memory of former LAWA Executive Director Clifton Moore*

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Geoff Maleman made a Motion to approve Letters Nos. 2005-12, 2005-07, 2005-11, 2005-14 and 2005-18. David Coffin seconded the Motion. Steve Donell made a Friendly Amendment to add "one of" before "the biggest" and an "s" to "issue" and "concern" in the last line of the first paragraph of Letter 2005-11. Both Geoff and David accepted the Friendly Amendment.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mike Arias on the Parking Lot at Neilson Field Project - All involved with this effort want to thank the Neighborhood Council for their donation to the parking project. This is a community that cares and it is evident in the response to this request. Special thank you goes to Sibyl Buchanan and Playa Vista for their enormous contribution.

Westchester Streetscape Improvement Association – will hold an open house Saturday, April 30, 10AM to Noon in the Community Room of the Westchester Municipal Building. They will be discussing the results of the charettes that were held over the last year.

Item 16: *Thank You – Music West* – A letter thanking the Neighborhood Council for our financial contribution was received.

Item 17: *Concert for the Canyon – Cowan Avenue School* – Sunday, May 1 @ with a VIP Reception @11AM.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:20 PM

Next Meeting: May 3 – 6:30PM

Location: LUM – University Hall, Room

Submitted by: Judith Ciancimino