

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

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

Ex Officio: Edgar Saenz

Excused: Robert Acherman, Dolores Canizales, Harry Rose and Kathy Santos.

Item 1: The meeting was called to order at 6:40PM by Gwen Vuchsas, President of the Board. The Roll was called.

Item 2: Robert Dalton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

- Jeff Gerard - Westchester Resident and Eagle Scout – attend a Neighborhood Council meeting and obtain budget information was part of the requirements for Eagle Scout "Citizenship in the Community" badge.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

Item 4: *Approval of Minutes 6/7/05 Board Meeting* – Denny Schneider made a Motion to approve the Minutes. John Ruhlen seconded the Motion.

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Item 5: *Approval of Treasurer's Report* – Steve Donell distributed a report. Geoff Maleman made a Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Paul Maynard seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

Item 6: *Appointment of NCWPDR 2005 Committee Chairs and Committee members* -

Airport Committee – Anton Acherman was appointed to the Committee.

David Grey made a Motion to accept the appointment. Sheila Mickelson seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

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Government Affairs/City Services Committee - Kathy Santos was appointed to the Committee. Robert Dalton made a Motion to accept the appointment. John-David Webster seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

Item 7: Planning and Land Use Committee – Jim Ferro – a report of the June 21st Committee meeting was distributed.

- Presentation to Committee on June 21 – 5212 – 38 Thornburn Avenue requesting Zoning Administrator's adjustment to permit zero-foot rear yard setbacks in lieu of 15 feet for all 13 lots.

- Presentation to the Committee on June 21 and to the Board of Directors on July 5 – La Playa on Manchester – 8238 Manchester – New construction of 41 luxury condominiums by GTO Manchester LLC.

Item 8: *Motion that the NCWPDR support GTO Manchester LLC's project for construction of 41 new luxury condominiums at 8238 Manchester Avenue as recommended by the NCWPDR Planning and Land Use Committee including support for a variance regarding Talbert Street.* Jim Ferro made the Motion as stated above. David Grey seconded the Motion.

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Item 9: *Motion to Purchase and Replace Neighborhood Watch Sign at Emerson and 88th Street, Westchester* – Doug Ehlers – Doug Ehlers made the Motion as stated above. Robert Dalton seconded the Motion.

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Item 10: *Motion to send Community Alert Bulletins by LAPD to NCWPDR Registered Stakeholders via email* – Doug Ehlers – After some discussion, this item was tabled until after the Communications Committee hears the issue.

Items 11: *Picnic Committee Report* – Patricia Lyon – Westchester Park has been reserved for September 24. Kitchen Fresh caterer will be used (same as last year). The next Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 11 at 7:30PM in the meeting room of the Commercial Capitol Bank.

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We have received several Sponsorships for \$150 each. The sponsors will be named in the advertising campaign and on a banner on the day of the picnic.

A copy of the "Stars of the Neighborhood" ad/application was distributed.

Item 12: *Motion to Approve Letters as recommended by the Airport Relations Committee*

1. DRAFT LETTER 2005-19 Thank letter to Sheldon Plotkin
2. DRAFT LETTER 2005-22 Letter forwarding Sheldon Plotkin's high speed rail proposal
3. DRAFT LETTER 2005-23 Thank you letter to Bob Gilbert for presentation
4. DRAFT LETTER 2005-27 Letter to Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa about NCWPDR position on the LAX Master Plan
5. DRAFT LETTER 2005-28 Letter to Councilman Bill Rosendahl about NCWPDR position on the LAX Master Plan
6. DRAFT LETTER 2005-24 Commending LAWA for beginning simultaneous Part 161 noise studies for LAX and Van Nuys Airport (VNY)
7. DRAFT LETTER 2005-25 Commending LAWA for a new noise monitoring system for LAX
8. DRAFT LETTER 2005-26 To CalTrans regarding LAX exit signage along the 405 freeway
9. DRAFT LETTER 2005-20 In reply to Airport Commission President Cheryl Peterson's April 18th letter to restate NCWPDR's position on the LAX Master Plan
10. DRAFT LETTER 2005-21 to Mike Gordon's office In support of and requesting changes to Assembly Bill 556, "Article 6. Los Angeles International Airport Noise Standards Compliance."

David Coffin requested that letter 2 be pulled. Geoff Maleman requested that letters 4 and 5 be pulled. David Grey requested that letter 8 be pulled.

Cozette Vergari made a Motion to approve letters 1 to 10 except letters 2, 4, 5, 10. David Grey seconded the Motion.

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Letter 2 – David Coffin stated that he did not believe this issue was appropriate for the Airport Committee. It proposed a train station for high speed rail from LAX to Palmdale and is a Planning and Land Use issue.

Denny Schneider made a Motion to send this letter to the Southern California Association of Governments. Robert Dalton seconded the Motion.

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With 11 Yeas, 14 Nays and 1 Abstention, the Motion failed.

Letters 4 & 5 – David Voss stated that the point of the letter should be that the Neighborhood Council is included in the design process. We should not include our position papers from 2003 should not be included because they are flawed, erroneous and out of date.

David Voss made a Motion to amend letters 4 and 5 to delete all language referencing position papers and emphasizing, in the first paragraph, our desire to be a part of any redesign process with a seat at the table and send the same letter to Mayor Villaraigosa and to Councilmember Rosendahl. Mike Arias seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

Letter 8 – Joe Callinan requested that the sentence, "This sign has the effect of directing airport traffic along surface streets in Westchester which are already heavily congested, instead of along Century Boulevard and the 105 Freeway, the intended main airport entrances" be inserted after the first sentence in paragraph one. Denny Schneider made the Motion as stated above. Joe Callinan seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

Item 13: Public Comment – Non-agenda items (limited to 2 minutes per speaker) – no cards were received.

Miscellaneous:

- Thank you letters were discussed; unless they state a position, they do not need to come before the Board. These letters will not need to be signed by the President of the Board; they may be signed by the Committee Chair.
- All letters on behalf of NCWPDR should use the Neighborhood Council's address not an individual Board Members' address.
- Bus tour to Ontario Airport sponsored by LAWA Wednesday, July 27, leaving the Flight Path Learning Center at 10AM and returning at 4:30PM
- Barbara Yamamoto has been named the new Honorary Mayor of Westchester
- Election Committee's first meeting is scheduled for August 15 at 6:00PM
- Roberts Rules of Order Workshop – Saturday July 9 at Playa Vista's CenterPointe Club

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- An email was received from Laura & Jeff Remington, Music West, thanking NCWPDR for its support and inviting the Board to attend the Music Man Production
- An official, signed copy of DWP/NC MOU was received.
- A "Hometown Tribute" for Assemblyman Mike Gordon is planned for Wednesday, July 6, 5:30 at El Segundo High School. Funeral Services will be Friday, July 8 at 1PM at Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Hollywood Hills followed by a "Gathering of Friends" at 5:30PM at Chevron Park in El Segundo.
- July 16 – Maxine Waters is hosting a Town Hall at LMU at 2PM

Meeting Adjourned: 8:30PM

Next Meeting: August 2 – 6:30PM

Location: Westchester Senior Center

Submitted by: Judith Ciancimino