

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

Present: Mike Arias, Sibyl Buchanan, Joe Callinan, Dolores Canizales, Judith Ciancimino, David Coffin, Robert Dalton, Pam DeArmas, Don Doyle, Doug Ehlers, James Ferro, David Gray, Patricia Lyon, Geoff Maleman, Paul Maynard, Sheila Mickelson, Harry Rose, John Ruhlen, Kathy Bartlow Santos, Denny Schneider, Robert Weldon, William West and Barbara Yamamoto.

Ex Officio: Kathryn Frengs, Edgar Saenz.

Excused: Robert Acherman, Lynne Allen, Steve Donell, Jeff Elders, Cozette Vergari, Gwen Vuchsas, John-David Webster and Bill West.

Item 1: The meeting was called to order at 6:40PM by Mike Arias, Vice-President of the Board. The Roll was called.

Item 2: Geoff Maleman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

- Edgar Saenz – Representative Congressman Maxine Waters – The “Paddle Out” on Dockweiler Beach, sponsored by Surfrider Foundation is scheduled for Saturday. 9/10/05 from 9AM to Noon.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

Item 4: *Report/ Kathryn Frengs, Field Deputy for Councilman Bill Rosendahl* – The Field Office staff is in the office and ready to work. “Open office” is this Thursday, August 4, from 1PM to 3PM. Visit www.CouncilmanRosendahl.com to make an appointment to meet with Councilmember Rosendahl.

Item 5: *Presentation Arden Realty Development* – Patty Loch and Tamara Rosenberg - The next phase of development at Howard Hughes Center is scheduled to break ground this November and is expected to be completed in March, 2007. A report was distributed. If you have any questions, call Tamara Rosenberg at (310.445.5717).

Item 6: *Public Comment – Agenda Items (limited to 2 minutes per speaker)* – No cards received.

Item 7: *Approval of Minutes 8/2/05 Board Meeting* – Pat Lyon made a Motion to approve the Minutes of the August 2, 2005 Board Meeting. Harry Rose seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

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Item 8: *Approval of Treasurer's Report* – Steve Donell was not available – A report was distributed. Denny Schneider moved to accept and file the Treasurer's Report. Harry Rose seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

Item 9: *Appointment of NCWPDR 2005 Committee Members* – No appointments requested.

Item 10: *Motion to confirm Appointment of JD Webster as the NCWPDR Representative to the NC/DWP MOU Oversight Committee replacing, Robert Weldon* – David Voss made the Motion as stated above. Denny Schneider seconded the Motion. Robert Weldon, former Representative to the Committee, will send all pertinent information to Robert Dalton and JD Webster prior to leaving the Board. The Motion passed unanimously.

Items 11: *Planning and Land Use – Motion that the NCWPDR support the Del Rey Task Force proposal presented to PLUC 8.17.05 as recommended by the NCWPDR Planning and Land Use Committee* – Jim Ferro – PLUC recommended support of the Del Rey Task Force proposal. Geoff Maleman made the Motion as stated above. David Coffin seconded the Motion. David Voss made a Friendly Amendment that if adequate funding to support the project is not found within twelve months the Neighborhood Council would investigate other proposals. Geoff and David accepted Friendly Amendment.

The Motion was withdrawn and new motion was made by Geoff Maleman that the Neighborhood Council support the Del Rey Task Force proposal as presented to the Neighborhood Council on August 2, 2005 and to the Planning and Land Use Committee on August 17, 2005; and that should adequate funding for the project be unavailable within the next twelve months, the Neighborhood Council support the conceptual proposal for a comprehensive senior community presented by Senior Urban Living Concepts at the Planning and Land Use Committee meeting of August 17, 2005. This Motion was seconded by David Voss. Pat Lyon made a friendly amendment that the Del Rey Task Force make quarterly progress reports to the NCWPDR. Geoff and David accepted the Friendly Amendment.

Sibyl Buchanan, Joseph Callinan, Dolores Canizales, Judith Ciancimino, David Coffin, Robert Dalton, Pam DeArmas, Doug Ehlers, James Ferro, Patricia Lyon, Geoff Maleman, Paul Maynard, Sheila Mickelson, Harry Rose, John Ruhlen, Kathy Santos, Denny Schneider and David Voss voted Yea. Don Doyle voted Nay. The Motion passed

A proposed letter of support was distributed. Geoff Maleman made a Motion to send the letter. David Coffin seconded the Motion. Dolores Canizales made a Friendly Amendment that the sentence in the third paragraph starting with "It will offer..." be changed to read "It can offer recreational opportunities to the student bodies in schools and universities in the local areas." Geoff and David accepted the Friendly Amendment. The Motion passed unanimously.

Item 12: *Picnic Committee Report* – Picnic plans are moving along. All Board Members are expected to participate. Set up will begin at 7AM with Joe Callinan in charge. The NCWPDR participation will be needed until the park is cleaned up, approximately 3PM.

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Item 13: *2006 Election Committee Update* – Geoff Maleman – the first meeting was held last week. We will again be using the Scantron balloting method. The tentative dates for the 2006 elections are Monday, April 3 and Wednesday, April 5.

Item 14: *Membership/Marketing Committee – Table at Arden Energy Challenge 9.18* – Sibyl Buchanan requested volunteers to staff the table. Sheila Mickelson and Judith Ciancimino volunteered.

Item 15: *Community Beautification Grant Update* – Geoff Maleman – No proposals have been received to date, however, several are in planning stages.

Item 16: *Motion that the NCWPDR decertify from the City of Los Angeles NC System* – Geoff Maleman distributed a recommendation as stated above. Geoff Maleman made a Motion that NCWPDR ask the President to refer this issue to an ad hoc committee to review the concept of decertification and to express to DONE, Mayor Villaraigosa and Councilman Rosendahl our extreme dissatisfaction and the fact that unless things change, our Neighborhood Council will move forward with exploration of decertification from the City of Los Angeles' Neighborhood Council system. David Voss seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

Announcements:

- Robert Weldon's official resignation from the NCWPDR is effective September 30, 2005.
- The Alliance of Neighborhood Councils' next meeting is September 17, 2005, 9:30AM at LA City College. The Guest Speaker will be Mayor Villaraigosa. Sheila Mickelson will attend.
- The 12th Anniversary of the Westchester Farmer's Market will be celebrated on Wednesday, September 21 in the Westchester Triangle. Everyone is invited for lunch.
- A "Friends of the Arts" group is forming to support after-school, community-wide performing arts activities, including writing, performing, make-up, etc. for the local Kindergarten through 8th Grade schools. For further information contact Heather Lemmon at 310.823.7653 ex. 101.
- A Progressive Dinner hosted by Westchester Rotary and benefiting Westchester YMCA's "Youth in Government" Program will be held on September 18. For information contact Laurie Hughes at Gateway to LA.
- Sibyl Buchanan distributed copies of the Brown Act and notes from the recent Brown Act training hosted by Playa Vista.
- Sheila Mickelson announced that former Board Member Valeria Velasco's appointment to the Board of Airport Commissioners was confirmed today.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:15 PM

Next Meeting: October 4 – 6:30PM

Location: Westchester Community Room

Submitted by: Judith Ciancimino