

The Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa del Rey Board of Directors' Meeting – November 7, 2006

Present: Robert Acherman, Lynne Allen, Mike Arias, Sibyl Buchanan, Joe Callinan, Judith Ciancimino, David Coffin, Robert Dalton, Pan DeArmas, Steve Donell, Don Doyle, Doug Ehlers, Stephen Bentley, Lisa Farland, James Ferro, David Gray, Patricia Lyon, Geoff Maleman, Paul Maynard, Sheila Mickelson, John Ruhlen, Kathy Santos, Denny Schneider, David Voss, Thomas Flintoff, John-David Webster, Nancy Niles and William West.

Excused: Harry Rose and Cozette Vergari.

Absent: William West.

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

Item B: Nancy Niles led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item C: Appointment of Stephen Bently to complete the remaining two years in Residential District 5, left vacant by the resignation of Jeff Elder. Denny Schneider made the Motion as stated. David Gray seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

Item D: Approval of Minutes of the October 3, 2006, Board meeting. A Motion to approved the Minutes was made and seconded. The Motion passed unanimously.

Item E: Public Comment – non-Agenda Items

- *Raymond Yu* – 11.26 - Hollywood Holiday Parade contact www.hollywoodchamber.net for further information.

- *John Brady* – Office of Mayor Villaraigosa

- 11.18 Day of Service in Watts 8AM to noon a flyer was distributed

- Mayor's Community Budget Survey – is available on line on the City of LA web site

Item F: Elected Representatives' Reports:

1. *Lisette Covarrubias*, DONE Project Coordinator

Budget Day LA – Mayor's budget survey was distributed and it is available on line at www.lacity.org then go to the DONE Website.

2. *Laurie Sale*, Interim Field Deputy/Councilman Bill Rosendahl

- The offensive billboard on Sepulveda will be down on 11.23. The Chamber of Commerce may take out an ad on the billboard to ensure than another offensive billboard won't replace this one..

- Bill Rosendahl will be the speaker at the 11.15 State of the City Breakfast at the Westin Hotel.

- LMU students' Clean Up LA on 10.28 was a very successful event.

3. *Reza Akef*, Field Representative/Congresswoman Jane Harman

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Item G: Motions/Action Items: (Public comment on agenda items limited to 2 minutes)

Consent Calendar (These items will be enacted with one vote unless a Board member or a stakeholder requests that an item be placed on the Discussion Calendar.) No submittals

1. Motion to approve reimbursements of Board member expenditures – No receipts were submitted

Discussion Calendar

- Susan Cox, Westchester-Emmerson Adult School – spoke in support of funding community improvement projects.

1. Motion to fund community improvement project – Westchester Community Center sliding wall. Steve Donnell made a Motion to allocate up to \$2,500 for the repair of the sliding wall in the Westchester Senior Center. Geoff Maleman seconded the Motion. Judith Ciancimino made the Friendly Amendment to correct the name of the Center in the Motion from Community to Senior. The FA was accepted. The Motion passed unanimously.
2. Motion to refer various issues regarding district voting, Board vacancies and Committee Chairmanships to the Bylaws ad hoc Committee (Acherman) – Robert A made a Motion to refer to Bylaws Committee – Sheila Mickelson seconded the Motion.

Pat Lyon made a motion to table the Motion. David Voss seconded the Motion to table. Lynne Allen, Sibyl Buchanan, Judith Ciancimino, David Coffin, Pam DeArmas, Steve Donnell, Don Doyle, Lisa Farland, James Ferro David Gray, Patricia Lyon, Geoff Maleman, Terry Marcellus, Pay Maynard, John Ruhlen, David Voss, John-David Webster and Tom Flintoff voted Yea. Robert Acherman, Joseph Callinan, Robert Dalton, Doug Ehlers, Sheila Mickelson, Kathy Santos, Denny Schneider and Nancy Niles voted Nay. Stephen Bentley abstained from voting. The Motion to table passed 18, 8, 1.

The Motion to refer various issues to the Bylaws ad hoc Committee failed to be heard.

Mike Arias, President of the Board, asked Bylaws and Election Committees to get together on this issue and all issues in the Motion.

3. Motion to send letter to LAWA and the Councilman regarding LAX access designs (Voss) – David Voss made the Motion as stated. Judith Ciancimino seconded the Motion. Joe Callinan made a Friendly Amendment to delete the last sentence in point #7 and refer to the diagram included. Robert Acherman seconded the FA. The FA was accepted. The Motion passed unanimously.

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4. Motion to support the Councilman's efforts to secure Metro Green Line extension to LAX. Robert Dalton made the Motion as stated. Denny Schneider seconded the Motion. Robert Acherman, Sibyl Buchanan, Joseph Callinan, David Coffin, Robert Dalton, Pam DeArmas, Steve Donell, Don Doyle, Doug Ehlers, Stephen Bentley, Lisa Farland, James Ferro, David Gray, Patricia Lyon, Geoff Maleman, Terry Marcellus, Paul Maynard, Sheila Mickelson, John Ruhlen, Kathy Santos, Denny Schneider, David Foss, Tom Flintoff, John David Webster and Nancy Niles voted Yea. Judith Ciancimino voted Nay. The Motion passed.

Item H: Committee Reports

Standing Committees

1. Airport Relations – David Voss – we need to be vigilant in opposing lengthening runways.
2. Budget & Finance – Steve Donell (Approval of Treasurer's Report) – a report was distributed via email. Steve Donell made a Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. John-David Webster seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.
3. Communications – David Coffin – no report was available.
4. Education – Terry Marcellus – introduced Rick Nelson new Board Member – a report was given. The next Committee meeting is scheduled for 11.28.06 at 6:30PM in Community Room.
5. Governmental Affairs/City Services – Robert Dalton – Nicole Faming in power wheelchair having difficulty navigating Sepulveda because of the sidewalk curbs are not ADA. John Ruhlen is working with the Council office to get the ADA curbs installed.
6. Membership/Marketing – Sibyl Buchanan – working on Stakeholder list to make it more accurate.
7. Planning & Land Use – James Ferro – the next meeting is scheduled for November 10, 2006.
- 8 – Election Committee - a report was not available

Mary Taylor, Lynn Katioyka and Frances Stronks, newly elected Board Members were introduced

ad hoc Committees

1. Bylaws – David Voss – Community Board members
2. Lincoln Streetscape – Chair to be appointed – Judith Ciancimino was appointed interim chair.
3. Neighborhood Watch – Pat Lyon – no report
4. Sepulveda Streetscape – Sheila Mickelson –no report

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City/Neighborhood Council Committees – Mike Arias asked for attendees to write a report for distribution

1. LANC Congress – Robert Acherman; Nancy Niles, alt. – Robert Acherman gave a report.
2. City Planning Task Force – David Gray; James Ferro, alt. – no report
3. NC Alliance – Robert Acherman/Sheila Mickelson – no report
4. Mayor's Budget Day – Denny Schneider and Stephen Bentley were appointed as NCWPDR representatives.
5. City Attorney Legal Liaison – David Voss was appointed Legal Liaison and John Ruhlen as alternative.
6. LADWP Fall Budget Workshop – John-David Webster was appointed Representative. Mike Arias will fill out the appropriate form.

Item I: Discussion Items:

1. Conflict of Interest On-line Training – Parts 2 and 3 may be found on www.lacityneighborhoods.com and www.done.ethicstraining@lacity.org – the training must be completed by December 31, 2006.

Item J: Announcements

1. BONC meetings now held on 1st Tuesday of the month at 6:30 PM and every 3rd Thursday of the month at 6PM.
2. City Council Approved Water Rate Action
3. Mayor's Day of Service
4. Neighborhood Character Study Workshop

Item K: Adjournment n- 8:10PM

Next Meeting: December 5 – 6:30PM

Location: Community Room

Submitted by: Judith Ciancimino