

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

**Present:** Lynne Allen, Mike Arias, Sibyl Buchanan, Joe Callinan, Judith Ciancimino, David Coffin, Robert Dalton, Pam DeArmas, Steve Donell, Don Doyle, Doug Ehlers, Lisa Farland, Patricia Lyon, Geoff Maleman, Terry Marcellus, Paul Maynard, Sheila Mickelson, Harry Rose, John Ruhlen, Kathy Santos, Denny Schneider, Cozette Vergari, David Voss, Gwen Vuchsas, John-David Webster, Lisa Wellik and William West.

**Ex Officio:** Kathryn Frengs.

**Excused:** Robert Acherman, Jeff Elder, Jim Ferro and David Gray.

**Item 1:** Gwen Vuchsas, President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM. The Roll was called.

**Item 2:** Terry Marcellus led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

- Roy Heffner – Westchester Resident – thanked the NC and Department of Public Works for repaving 80<sup>th</sup> Place.

- Karen Kanter – Playa del Rey Resident – complained about the NC Stakeholder Registration process.

- Cyndi Hench – Westchester Resident – concerned about the recent burglaries in the Westchester area.

- Richard Greenberg – Westchester Resident – public safety issues need to be addressed. We need more officers and cars.

- Raymond Yin – Chinatown events – spoke about the Golden Dragon Parade in honor of Chinese New Year – Year of the Dog. February 12, is the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Firecracker 12k Run and Lion Dance.

## **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

**Item 4:** *Report/ Kathryn Frengs, Field Deputy for Councilman Bill Rosendahl –*

- The 2<sup>nd</sup> CD#11 Summit is scheduled for Saturday, March 4.
- The Councilman is working on taking down the x-rated billboard on Sepulveda.
- Councilman Rosendahl is planning a 3rd LMU Town Hall mtg. for Feb or March, 2006.
- Kathy Bartlow asked the Council staff to investigate the rent-a-car signage impeding the sidewalk on Manchester near Bellanca.
- Kathryn was asked to work with the NC to rename the library in honor of the late Mary Lou Crockett.

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- The Council office has received Jim Ferro's letter re the Vista del Mar neighbors' objection to the illegal Bed & Breakfast on that street; it is being researched.

**Item 5:** *Presentation - Westchester-Loyola Village Branch Library* – A spokesman for the Library asked to be placed on the March agenda.

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

**Item 7:** *Approval of Minutes of 1/10/06 Board Meeting* – Pay Lyon made a Motion to approve the Minutes of the January 10 Board Meeting. John Ruhlen seconded the Motion. Allen, Arias, Buchanan, Ciancimino, Coffin, Dalton, DeArmas, Donell, Doyle, Ehlers, Farland, Lyon, Maleman, Marcellus, Maynard, Mickelson, Rose, Ruhlen, Santos, Schneider, Vergari, Voss, Webster, Wellik and West voted Yea. Joe Callinan abstained. The Motion passed.

**Item 8:** *Approval of Treasurer's Report* – Steve Donell – A report was distributed. All outstanding bills have been submitted to DONE. Paul Maynard made a Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as distributed. Sibyl Buchanan seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

**Item 9:** *Motion to Approve Reimbursement to Board members for NCWPDR expenditures* – No requests for reimbursement were received.

**Item 10:** *Election Committee Report* – Cozette Vergari – A committee report and timeline for Policies and Procedures were distributed. The NCWPDR Election Procedures have not been approved by DONE, therefore, the walking man piece has been held up. The candidate registration period was extended to 2.13 and all other related events have been extended except for the Candidate Forum, which remains 3.30.06. An independent Election Administrator is being chosen.

The next committee meeting will be 2.16 at 5:00PM in the Westchester Christian Church.

**Item 11:** *Membership/Marketing Report – Stakeholder Registration Sign-Ups* – Sibyl Buchanan - Sibyl distributed copies of a flyer announcing registration sign up dates and locations, registration forms and the election "walking man" piece. She asked that every Board Member take them for distribution. Each board member was assigned a 2-hour shift to staff the registration table in front of the Loyola Village Library. Board Members were asked to trade days with each other if the assigned date does not work and to keep her informed of changes.

**Item 12:** *Mayor's Budget Day Report – January 21, 2006* – Denny Schneider – a report was distributed.

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**Item 13:** *Mayor's Survey* – John Brady, Area Representative, Neighborhood and Community Services for the Mayor's office, told us that we compared very favorably to other Neighborhood Councils regarding how we operate and spend money.

**Item 14:** *Gov't Affairs/City Services Meeting 2/16/06* – Robert Dalton – the issue of NC Congress will be discussed. The meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. and will be held at Westchester Christian Church. Robert asked that all questions, thoughts/concerns on this issue be emailed to him prior to the meeting to in order to be addressed by a representative from the NC Congress. Robert attended the first NC Congress meeting.

**Item 15:** *PLUC Meeting 2/21/06* – will be in the conference room of the Westchester Library. The Chevron Gas station, currently being remolded, on LaTijera & Manchester will be on the agenda.

**Item 16:** *NC Alliance Meeting 3/18/06, LA City College, 9:30am* – Sheila Mickelson, J. D. Webster.

**Item 17:** *Street Resurfacing* – The City plans to have all street resurfacing completed by June 30, 2006.

**Item 18:** *City of LA Emergency Preparedness Workshops* – City of LA will be hosting one on March 18, and one on April 1.

**Item 19:** *CERT Training* – The Community Emergency Response Team training will begin Monday, March 6 and continue through April. They are being held at the Westchester Elks Lodge on Manchester in Playa del Rey. The time is 7:00 to 9:30.

**Announcements:**

- The Community Room needs more tables. The NC is willing to buy and donate a couple.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:10PM

**Next Meeting:** March 7 – 6:30PM

**Location:** Westchester Community Room

**Submitted by:** Judith Ciancimino