

# The Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa del Rey Board of Directors' Meeting – April 4, 2006

**Present:** Mike Arias, Sibyl Buchanan, Judith Ciancimino, David Coffin, Robert Dalton, Pam DeArmas, Steve Donell, Don Doyle, Lisa Farland, James Ferro, Patricia Lyon, Geoff Maleman, Sheila Mickelson, Harry Rose, Kathy Santos, Denny Schneider, David Voss, Gwen Vuchsas, John-David Webster and William West.

**Excused:** Robert Acherman, Lynne Allen, Joe Callinan, Doug Ehlers, Jeff Elder, David Gray, Terry Marcellus, Paul Maynard, John Ruhlen, Cozette Vergari and Lisa Wellik.

**Item 1:** Gwen Vuchsas, President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 6:44PM. The Roll was called.

**Item 2:** Pam DeArmas led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

- Stephanie Molen of Assemblyman Ted Lieu's office stated that if we had any questions or needed help in any way, the Assemblyman's office is always ready to help.

- Chris Weare – USC Survey and the 912 Commission – urged us to complete the online survey; it will be used to evaluate and improve the Neighborhood Council system and DONE.

- Rebecca Bernal representing Councilman Curren D. Price, City of Inglewood, told us he is running for Assembly 51<sup>st</sup> District. A campaign flyer was distributed.

- Kathy Santos – Westchester resident – asked that the NC write letter in support of Janice Hahn's proposal to place a ban on overnight parking of oversized vehicles on city streets. Westchester/Playa del Rey streets are becoming an overnight parking lot for semi trucks, school/shuttle busses and RV's. Will address at Governmental Affairs committee meeting.

## **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

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

- The Councilman has a new website, [www.CouncilmanRosendahl.com](http://www.CouncilmanRosendahl.com)

- Department of Transportation will be making a presentation on Sepulveda Boulevard widening at Howard Hughes Center. This issue will be heard at City Council PLUC on Tuesday April 11.

- The Councilman asked for our input on 912 Commission.

- The Councilman is forming a "Service Cabinet" composed of a representative from each of the eight NC's in CD11 and the Department heads from City Services. They will meet bimonthly to discuss needs and delivery of services. There will be a preliminary meeting on May 11, in the Community Room of the Council office. That meeting will be reps from each of the eight

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appointees and the Councilman only, no department heads. The first official meet will be in June or July.

**Item 5:** Report/Lisette Covarrubias, Project Coordinator, DONE -

- The City of LA and "Big Sunday" organizers are coming together for the "Mayor's Day of Service" scheduled for May 7, 2006. All citizens/organizations are being asked to participate by doing projects for the betterment of their communities. We are asked to register them at [www.bigsunday.org](http://www.bigsunday.org).

- 912 Commission – Will review DONE, BONC & NC's. The Commission needs participation from all sectors. Nominations for a position on the Commission are still being accepted.

**Item 6:** *Governmental Affairs/City Services – Discussion "912" Commission*

Motion to Approve Letter of Recommendation for Nomination to "912" Commission.

David Voss nominated Robert Dalton as a representative to the 912 Commission. Geoff Maleman seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

Item 7: Approval of Minutes of 3.7.06

James Ferro made a Motion to Approve the Minutes of the March 7, 2006 Board Meeting as distributed. Harry Rose seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

- Approval of the Minutes of 3.20.06 Special Board Meeting –

James Ferro made a Motion to Approve the Minutes of the March 20, 2006 Special Board Meeting as distributed. Kathy Bartlow Santos seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

Item 8: Approval of Treasurer's Report – Steve Donell – a report was distributed.

Geoff Maleman made a Motion to Approve the Report as distributed. Judith Ciancimino seconded the Motion. Denny Schneider made a Friendly Amendment that we "receive and file" the Treasurer's Report. Both Maker and Second accepted the Friendly Amendment. The Motion passed unanimously.

Item 9: Motion for Expenditure for YMCA Tables – 6 Tables and 36 Chairs.

David Voss made the Motion as stated above. J.D. Webster seconded the Motion. Pat Lyon made a Friendly Amendment that we put a limit of up to \$1,000. Both the Maker and the Second accepted the Friendly Amendment.

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Item 10: Motion to Approve Reimbursement to Board Members for NCWPDR – \$120 to Patricia Lyon for the “Jumper” provided by NC at the “Public School Expo” hosted by the Education Foundation in Westchester Park on April 1, 2006. The NC had a table at the Expo to sign up stakeholders.

Steve Donell made the Motion as stated above. Judith Ciancimino seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

Item 11: Public Comment – Agenda Items – No cards were received.

Item 12: Membership/Marketing Committee

- Public School Expo 4.1.06 – NC had a registration table and it was very successful.

- Handouts and info pieces on NC are needed for To hand out at public gatherings. Sibyl Buchanan, David Coffin and Geoff Maleman volunteered to create some “hand outs.”

- Motion to Continue Support of CowanNature Center – After some discussion, this item was tabled to a future meeting.

– The CowanNature Center’s Concert for the Canyons is scheduled for April 30, 2006.

Item 13: Alliance Meeting Report 3.18.06 – Robert Dalton gave a report.

Item 14: Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Congress Meeting Report 4.1.06 – Robert Dalton and Cozette Vergari attended – Cozette submitted written report and Robert gave an oral report.

Item 15: Election Committee Report – Cozette Vergari was not available – a written communication and timeline were submitted.

Item 16: Bylaws Committee Report – David Voss – a report was distributed.

President’s Report

Item 17: Conflict of Interest Training – State Law – 13 NCWPDR Board Members attended.

Item 18: Neighborhood Watch Training Meetings 3.8 & 3.22.06 – Well attended and many new Neighborhood Watch groups are being formed.

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Item 19: Neighborhood Council Survey – All Board Members were encouraged to complete the survey because our surveys will not be counted if we don't have a majority of Board Members submitting the survey.

Item 20: CERT Training – Judith Ciancimino – half way through the 7-week course. It is very well attended with almost 30 participants.

**Announcements**

- Dateline – a publication of LAWA was distributed
- New Fire Station Grand Opening is scheduled for Saturday, June 24. The NC has been asked to be involved.
- The Election yard signs have been stored in the storage space provided in the Community Room by the Council office.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:45PM

**Next Meeting:** May 2 – 6:30PM

**Location:** Westchester Community Room

**Submitted by:** Judith Ciancimino