

The Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa del Rey Board of Directors' Meeting – May 2, 2006

Present: Lynne Allen, Mike Arias, Sibyl Buchanan, Joe Callinan, Judith Ciancimino, David Coffin, Robert Dalton, Doug Ehlers, Lisa Farland, James Ferro, David Gray, Patricia Lyon, Geoff Maleman, Sheila Mickelson, Harry Rose, John Ruhlen, Kathy Santos, Denny Schneider, Cozette Vergari, David Voss, Gwen Vuchsas, John-David Webster and Lisa Wellik.

Excused: Robert Acherman, Pam DeArmas, Steve Donell, Don Doyle, Jeff Elder, Terry Marcellus, Paul Maynard and William West.

Item 1: Gwen Vuchsas, President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 6:50 PM. The Roll was called.

Item 2: Lisa Farland led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 3: Public Comment – non-Agenda Items

- **Christine Moen** – Westchester/Playa del Rey Education Foundation – The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 4 in the Community Room. A fundraiser is planned for Saturday, May 13th in the WHS auditorium. Sandra Tsing Loh will be appearing in Mother on Fire. Proceeds to benefit WPEF.

- **Stephanie Molen** – Assemblyman Ted Lieu's office – A "Meet & Greet" is scheduled for Friday May 5, at Playa Vista Center Pointe Club at 7:30AM.

- **Raymond Yu** – Friday May 5 and 6 a Cinco de Mayo celebration is scheduled on Olvera Street across from Union Station. On May 29, a Memorial Day Parade and celebration is scheduled in Canoga Park

- **Ellie Holmes** – Westchester resident – The NC meeting location is still listed in the Hometown News as being at LMU; requesting a letter of formal notification to Hometown News that we meet in the Community Room of the Municipal Building.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

Item 4: Report/*Kathryn Frengs, Field Deputy for Councilman Bill Rosendahl* – was not available – Gwen Vuchsas made a few announcements for her.

- The Service Cabinet for Council District 11 by which the NC's will interact with Directors of City Services will meet on May 11. Gwen will attend first meeting to get a clear picture of the function of the Cabinet and will then appoint a representative.

- The Councilman has open office hours for anyone who wants to speak to him one-on-one.

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- The Council office is looking for suggestions of streets that need resurfacing in Playa del Rey. The deadline for submission is the end of June,

Item 5: *Approval of Minutes of 4.4.06 Board Meeting* – Geoff Maleman made a Motion to approve the Minutes of the April 4, 2006 Board Meeting as submitted. Kathy Santos seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

Item 6: *Approval of Treasurer's Report* – Steve Donell was unavailable – a report was distributed. Denny Schneider made a Motion to accept and file the Treasurer's Report. David Gray seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

Item 7: *Motions for Possible Funding by Neighborhood Council.*

- **Tables and Chairs for YMCA** – Geoff Maleman made a Motion to allocate up to \$1,000 to purchase 6 tables and 36 chairs. Denny Schneider seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

- **CowaNature Center** – Sheri Weitz – At the recent Concert for the Canyon, the NC was thanked for the \$6,000 contributions we have donated to date. Cowan needs \$50,000 to finish the Nature Center and establish a foundation to support it in perpetuity.

Sibyl Buchanan made a Motion to allocate \$10,000 to the CowaNature Center, in accordance with DONE rules and regulations, to be used in support of the Student Art Center. Sheila Mickelson seconded the Motion. Lynne Allen, Sibyl Buchanan, Joseph Callinan, Judith Ciancimino, David Coffin, Robert Dalton, Doug Ehlers, Lisa Farland, James Ferro, David Gray, Patricia Lyon, Sheila Mickelson, Harry Rose, John Ruhlén, Kathy Santos, Cozette Vergari, David Voss, John-David Webster and Lisa Wellik voted Yea. Denny Schneider voted Nay. With a vote of 20 Yea's to 1 Nay, the Motion passed.

- **Westchester Recreation Center Basketball Rims and Backboards** – Linda Fisher and Steven Joyce – the "old" gym is in need a "manual height adjustment systems" for the basketball rims. The system they are currently using to raise and lower the rims for the younger players is awkward and potentially dangerous. A formal Proposal was distributed.

David Voss made a Motion to allocate up to \$3,000 to purchase two height adjustment systems. Patricia Lyon seconded the Motion. Lynne Allen, Sibyl Buchanan, Joseph Callinan, Judith Ciancimino, David Coffin, Robert Dalton, Doug Ehlers, Lisa Farland, James Ferro, David Gray, Patricia Lyon, Sheila Mickelson, Harry Rose, John Ruhlén, Kathy Santos, Cozette Vergari, David Voss, John-David Webster and Lisa Wellik voted Yea. Denny Schneider voted Nay. With a vote of 20 Yea's to 1 Nay, the Motion passed.

Item 8: *Motion to Approve Reimbursement to Board members for NCWPDR expenditures* –

- Gwen Vuchsas \$49.88 for copying and packaging material for Board Members.

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- Cozette Vergari \$100.00 for Election Committee photocopying and paper expense.

David Voss made a Motion to reimburse these Board Members for the expenditures listed above. Geoff Maleman seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

Item 9: Public Comment – Agenda Items

- **Karen Kanter** – Playa del Rey Resident – Overnight parking of RV's in residential neighborhoods needs to be addressed. Some are parked for months at a time and even have electrical cords running from a nearby house to the vehicles.

Item 10: *Governmental Affairs/City Services*

a) **912 Commission** – Lisette Covarrubias – The Commission will consist of 29 Commissioners. Fourteen will be selected by the Mayor; of the fourteen, seven will be from Neighborhood Councils. Each of the fifteen City Council Members will have one appointment each. The deadline for submission of names is 5PM June 19. There will be space at the Congress of NC's for by DONE, for NC's for each of the 7 Planning Areas to get together to pick a representative.

b) **DWP MOU Partnership** – JD Webster – last event was informational only with no hard numbers presented. We are now in a 90-day time frame in which to make recommendations, however, no recommendation can be made since no hard information was given upon which to base input or a recommendation.

c) **Overnight Parking Districts** – We need more information before we can make a recommendation regarding Overnight Parking Districts. The Ordinance is specifically aimed at oversized vehicles, i.e., RV's. JD suggested we take cameras with us and document the offenses along with dates and times and send the information to the Council office.

- **CA Clean Money Campaign** - a representative of the "California Clean Money Campaign" will attend the next Committee meeting to explain the concept. A special meeting is planned for the end of May to discuss overnight parking & Clean Money. It will be noticed in accordance with the Brown Act.

Item 11: *Planning and Land Used Report* – Jim Ferro – The next Committee meeting is planned for Tuesday, May 9, 6PM at Westchester Library Meeting Room. Several items on the agenda, DOT to "straighten" Sepulveda, Playa del Rey Lagoon property owner who is seeking a zoning change in order to build an apartment building.

Item 12: *Motion to send letter of support to Councilman Bill Rosendahl for Chevron Service Station project improvements as recommended by the NCWPDR Planning and Land Use Committee* – a report and letter were distributed. Jim Ferro made the Motion to send the letter as presented. Cozette seconded the Motion. David Coffin made a Friendly Amendment to add

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"no beer and wine sales" to the letter. Both proposer and second accepted the FA. The Motion passed unanimously.

Item 13: *Bylaws Committee Report* – David Voss – a Committee Report and Proposed Bylaw Changes were distributed.

Item 14: *Motion to Amend NCWPDR Bylaws, Article VII, D1, D10, E, F1, Article VIII A as recommended by the NCWPDR Bylaws Committee and NCWPDR Election Committee.*

- a) David Voss made a Motion to amend Article VII D1, D10, E and F1 and Article VIII A as recommended by the NCWPDR Bylaws Committee. Jim Ferro seconded the Motion. Lynne Allen, Sibyl Buchanan Judith Ciancimino, David Coffin, Robert Dalton, Lisa Farland, James Ferro, David Gray, Patricia Lyon, Geoff Maleman, John Ruhlen, Kathy Santos, David Voss, John-David Webster and Lisa Wellik voted Yea. Joseph Callinan, Dough Ehlers, Sheila Mickelson, Harry Rose and Denny Schneider voted Nay. The Motion passed with 16 Yeas and 5 Nays.
- b) David Voss made a Motion to amend Article VII D4, D6 as recommended by the NCWPDR Bylaws Committee. Harry Rose seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.
- c) David Voss made a Motion to amend Article VII D11. This is a Mandatory amendment as required by DONE, regarding how to settle "tie votes." The Election Committee recommends drawing a name out of a hat or bowl. John-David Webster seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.
- d) David Voss made a Motion to amend Article XII as recommended by the Bylaws Committee. Geoff Maleman seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

Item 15: *Election Committee Report* – Cozette Vergari – a Committee Report, Board Seat Description, Election Timeline and Draft Neighborhood Council Election Procedures were distributed.

Item 16: *Motion to Approve the proposed NCWPDR 2006 Election Procedures as recommended by the NCWPDR Election Committee* - Cozette Vergari made the Motion as stated. Joseph Callinan seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

Presidents Report – Gwen Vuchsas

Item 17: Big Sunday Mayor's Day of Service May 7, 2006, from 1PM to 4PM – The location for NC volunteers is Westchester High School and contact person is Board Member Terry Marcellus.

Item 18: CD 11 Service Cabinet – Gwen will attend the first meeting.

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Item 19: LAPD Basic Car Meeting is scheduled for May 16, 2006 in the Community Room of the Westchester Municipal Building.

Item 20: Congress of Neighborhoods is scheduled for June 17, 2006, at the LA Convention Center.

Item 21: CERT Training – our NC-sponsored Community Emergency Response Team training, a 7 week 25 ½ -hour training, has concluded. We now have 32 more certified CERT trained people in our area. This was one of the largest classes in the area with no drop-outs.

Item 22: The new Fire Station No. 5 Grand Opening is scheduled for June 24 at 10AM. The NC will have a booth. We will need volunteers to staff the booth.

Item 23: Sibyl is hosting a CORO training session on Sunday, June 11 from Noon to 3PM at the Center Pointe Club in Playa Vista. Anyone wishing to attend may contact Chris Ball at 310.488.4626.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:00 PM

Next Meeting: June – 6:30PM

Location: Community Room

Submitted by: Judith Ciancimino