

The Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa del Rey

Board of Directors' Meeting

Approved Minutes - January 9, 2007

Present: Mike Arias, William Ballerini, Stephen Bentley, Sibyl Buchanan, Judith Ciancimino, David Coffin, Robert Dalton, Pam DeArmas, Steve Donell, Don Doyle, Doug Ehlers, Lisa Farland, Tom Flintoft, David Gray, Terry Issac, Lynn Kataoka, Patricia Lyon, Geoff Maleman, Terry Marcellus, Richard Nelsen, Nancy Niles, John Ramey, John Ruhlen, Kathy Bartlow-Santos, Denny Schneider, Frances Stronks, Mary Taylor, Cozette Vergari, David Voss and John David Webster.

Excused: James Ferro.

Item A: The meeting was called to order at 6:35PM by Mike Arias, President of the Board. The Roll was called. Self introductions were made.

Item B: John Ramey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item C: Election of Board Officers - Lisette Covarrubias – DONE – Lindsey Smiley assisted her with the presentation. We can precede with Board elections in two ways; show of hands or written ballot.

Don Doyle made a Motion to vote by written ballot. David Voss seconded the Motion. By a vote of 25 yea and 4 nay the Motion passed.

1. President

i. Nominations and second

Geoff Maleman nominated David Voss as President of the Board; Patricia Morrison Lyon seconded the Motion.

Cozette Vergari nominated Mike Arias as President of the Board, David Coffin seconded the Motion.

Both nominations were accepted by the nominees.

ii. Comments by nominator and second

iii. Comments by others

iv. Nominee comments

v. Vote and tally

A written vote was made. Mike Arias received 16 votes. David Voss received 12 votes. Mike Arias was elected President.

2. Vice-President – Mike Arias nominated Frances Stronks as Vice-President of the Board, John-David Webster seconded the nomination. Frances accepted the nomination. The vote was unanimous, Frances Stronks was elected.

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3. Treasurer – Kathy Santos nominated Steve Donell as Treasurer of the Board. David Grey seconded the Motion. The vote was unanimous, Steve Donell was elected.
4. Recording Secretary – David Grey nominated Judith Ciancimino as Recording Secretary of the Board. Sibyl Buchanan seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.
5. Corresponding Secretary – John Ramey nominated David Coffin as Corresponding Secretary of the Board. Mike Arias seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

D. Approval of Minutes of December 5, 2006 Board meeting – Nancy Niles made a Motion to approve the Minutes of the December 5, 2006 Board Meeting. John-David Webster seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

Item E: Public Comment - non-agenda items (limited to 2 minutes per speaker)

- John Falvey – PdR resident – regarding overnight parking of vehicles over a certain height i.e. motor homes. There have been 3 motor homes residing on the streets of Play del Rey for anywhere from 6 to 24 months. They move their vehicles from the street to the parking lot, just ahead of being ticketed for illegal parking. They know how to work the system. He asked us for better signage to keep these people from “squatting.”

- Nan Schneider – Westchester Resident – Westchester Neighbors Association has started a Scholarship in Howard Drollinger’s name, all donations are accepted and those of \$500 or over will have their name inscribed on a plaque.

Item F: Representative Reports:

1. Lisette Covarrubias, DONE Project Coordinator –
 - New Board Orientation - scheduled for 1.17 from 6PM to 9PM at the IMAN Center a flyer was distributed.
 - Empowerment Academy – The first quarter 2007 schedule was distributed.
 - Budget Regional Meeting – scheduled for 1.27 at City Hall
 - Congress of Neighborhoods – scheduled for 4.21 Focus Group, further information will be emailed
 - 9/11 Commission & BONC www.ncrla.org
 - Keep America Beautiful – scheduled for 1.13, 10AM at City Hall, Judith Ciancimino will represent the NC.
2. Issac Lieberman, Field Deputy/Councilman Bill Rosendahl
 - An anti-gridlock plan was released last month; it calls for \$11Million to be spent to improve traffic and build mass transit.
 - NC Review Commission – scheduled to meet on 1.11.

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- The (formerly offensive) billboard on Sepulveda needs a new advertiser, the Chamber of Commerce's time has run out. For information re leasing it, call 888.485.7446.
- Hollywood CPR is a nonprofit training facility in Westchester focusing on underserved youth 18 – 25 where academically challenged youth can be trained to working backstage in Hollywood is holding an open house on 1.23 at 4PM. They are located at 9700 South Sepulveda. For further details call 310.258.0123 or go to their website at www.HollywoodCPR.org.

3. John Brady, Area Field Representative/Mayor's Office – was not available
4. Reza Akef, Field Representative/Congresswoman Jane Harman – was not available
5. Edgar Saenz – Westchester Field Deputy/Congresswoman Maxine Waters
 - Is in her 9th term in office. She is Chair of Housing and Community Development Committee and Chief Deputy Whip. Her office is open to all – 310.642.4610.

Item G: Motions/Actions Items: (Public comment on agendized 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.*)

1. Motion to approve reimbursement of Board member expenditures - no requests made

No other items requested

Discussion Calendar - *No items requested*

Item H: Committee Reports:

Standing Committees (with 2006 Board Chairs)

1. Airport Relations - David Voss – no report was given
2. Budget & Finance - Steve Donell (Approval of Treasurer's Report) – Steve Donell – a report was given.

John-David Webster made a Motion to file the Treasurer's Report for Audit. Cozette seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

3. Communications - David Coffin – no report was given.
4. Education - Terry Marcellus – re the incident of vandalism at Orville Wright Middle School with a large piece of Construction equipment which destroyed much of the playing field;

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pictures can be seen on the O.W Middle School's website. Terry will give a more in-depth statement at the next meeting.

5. Elections - Cozette Vergari – no report was given.
6. Governmental Affairs/City Services - Robert Dalton – no report was given.
7. Membership/Marketing - Sibyl Buchanan – no report was given.
8. Planning & Land Use - James Ferro – no report was given.

Ad Hoc Committees (with 2006 Board Chairs)

1. Bylaws - David Voss – no report was given.
2. Lincoln Streetscape - Chair to be appointed
3. Neighborhood Watch - Pat Lyon – no report was given.
4. Sepulveda Streetscape - Sheila Mickelson – no report was given.

City/Neighborhood Council Committees

1. LANC Congress - Robert Acherman; Nancy Niles (alt.) - no report was given.
2. City Planning Task Force - David Gray; James Ferro (alt.) - no report was given.
3. NC Alliance - Robert Acherman/Sheila Mickelson - no report was given.
4. Mayor's Budget Day - Denny Schneider - no report was given.
5. City Attorney Legal Liaison - David Voss - no report was given.
6. LADWP Fall Budget Workshop - JD Webster - no report was given.

Item I. Discussion Items:

1. Conflict of Interest On-line Training: www.lacityneighborhoods.com and www.done.ethicstraining@lacity.org.
2. Appointment to vacant seat #30 – tabled to the next meeting.

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Robert Acherman – suggested that we solicit input on this appointment from the Service Clubs and Fraternal Organizations in the W/PdR area.

3. Appointment of Committee Chairs – the President asked for volunteers to Chair Committees in 2007 and asked everyone to be on at least 2 committees.
4. Committee Member appointments – no appointments were made.
5. Open discussion of other items of interest/concern for 2007 – Please email suggestions to the President before the next meeting.

J. Announcements:

1. BONC meetings are now held on the 1st Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. and every 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:00 PM. Details will be emailed monthly to Board Members.
2. The next NCWPDR Board meeting: February 6, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.
- 1.23 - A Panel discussion re the appointment of the new Director of DONE – Robert Dalton was asked to sit on the Panel and welcomes input.

1.10 at 7PM – LAX Noise Community Roundtable - CalTrans is going to remove the “LAX next 5 exits” signs from the 405 Freeway and replace them with “LAX next 2 exits.”

K. Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned: 9:10 PM

Next Meeting: February 6 – 6:30PM

Location: Community Room

Submitted by: Judith Ciancimino