

The Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa del Rey Board of Directors' Meeting – October 2, 2007

Present: Mike Arias, William Ballerini, Stephen Bentley, Sibyl Buchanan, Judith Ciancimino, David Coffin, Robert Dalton, Pam DeArmas, Tom Flintoft, David Gray, Clarence Griffin, Terri Issac, Cyndi Hench, Geoff Maleman, Terry Marcellus, Nancy Niles, John Ramey, Kathy Bartlow-Santos, Denny Schneider, Frances Stronks, Mary Taylor, Cozette Vergari, David Voss and John David Webster.

Excused: Steve Donell, Doug Ehlers and Patricia Lyon.

Absent: Don Doyle, James Ferro, Richard W. Nelsen and John Ruhlen.

Item A: The meeting was called to order at 6:45 PM by Mike Arias, President of the Board. The Roll was called. Self introductions were made.

Item B: Mary Taylor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item C: Approval of Minutes of September 4, 2007 Board meeting. Kathy Bartlow made a Motion to approve the Minutes of the September 4, Board Meeting. Terri Issac seconded the Motion. Cyndi Hench asked that it be noted in the Minutes that DONE Representative, Lisette Covarrubias, was going to research the necessity of a having a quorum at standing/ad hoc committee meetings, and give an answer at the October meeting. The Motion that the Minutes be approved as corrected passed unanimously.

Item D: Public Comment - non-agenda items (limited to 2 minutes per speaker)
- Nan Schneider – Westchester Resident – ARSAC is honoring Roy Hefner, a long time Westchester resident and community activist, on 11.18 from 3-5PM location TBD (a flyer was distributed). ARSAC is creating a memory book for Roy and asked the community for pictures and memorabilia.

Item E: Representative Reports (limit to 3 minutes please):

1. Lisette Covarrubias, DONE Project Coordinator –
- 10.27 Mayor's Budget Day 10.13 Saturday – urged everyone attend. The parking will be free until 12:30.
- DONE General Manager - Carol Baker Tharp is on medical leave for four months while battling cancer. Her second in command is in charge.
- Re quorum for ad hoc committee, there is no need to post the agenda in advance and no quorum is needed. A quorum is needed for standing committees and the agenda must be posted 72 hours in advance of the meeting in order to take a vote on any action items.
2. Isaac Lieberman, Field Deputy/Councilman Bill Rosendahl – not available, no report given.
3. Chad Molnar, LAX - Community Liaison –

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- NASA will begin a study of the North airfield thanks to Denny Schneider and David Voss who help to make this happen. The first test run is scheduled for Jan/Feb 2008. The study should be completed in March, 2008.

- He met with LAWA to set a date for Northside planning meetings. No details are set yet.
- An LAX Stakeholder Community Meeting is being planned for late October – date TBA.

4. Stephen Cheung, Area Field Representative/Mayor's Office –

10.9 – 6P to 9P - Mayor's housing policy informational meeting; the public invited to participate
Stoner Recreational Center

- 10.13 – Mayor's budget

- 10.23 – 6P to 8P – Street Services Informational Meeting, Bureau GM, Bill Robinson, will speak. Stoner Recreational Center (a flyer was distributed).

5. Stephanie Molen, Field Representative - Assemblymember Ted Lieu –

- The Assemblymember has 13 bills on Governor's desk awaiting passage.

- 10.18 – 6P to 8:30P - Global Warming Town Hall meeting in Torrance Cultural Arts Center (a flyer was distributed).

6. Rebecca Bernal, Field Representative - Assemblymember Curren Price – not available, no report given.

7. Edgar Saenz, Field Representative/Congresswoman Maxine Waters – a bill was passed through the House re Sepulveda streetscape \$250,000 for next fiscal year.

8. Jessica Duboff, Field Representative/Congresswoman Jane Harman –

- 10.06 11:30A to 1:30P – Town Hall on various topics at St. Bede's Church in Mar Vista (a flyer was distributed).

- 10.11 – 1P to 2:30P – Stop Senior Fraud presentation – Fellicia Mahood Senior Center, Santa Monica (a flyer was distributed).

Item F: Presentation - Woodside Natural Gas – Laura Dahl for Steve Larson – (Geoff Maleman recused himself from this presentation) a presentation was made and a booklet was distributed. Laura said that representatives of Woodside would come to meet with homeowner/civic groups.

Public Comment:

- Steven Jirucha – Playa del Rey Resident – the ocean location looks good but what about the impacts of construction on roads in PdR that are already too torn up? A 28" pipeline carrying natural gas only 3 feet from surface, it seems like a good target for terrorists. I live within a mile of that pipe and would probably be killed – put the pipe deeper in the ground.

- Karen Kanter – Playa del Rey Resident - This could be a fabulous project but we are already beat up in this community with projects that don't benefit us only place hardships on us. We can't take it any more.

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- Thea Geller – Playa del Rey Resident – submitted for the record “The community of Playa del Rey is under siege by developers, City Planning, DOT, CalTrans and just in opposing further pollution, right of way, infiltration by outside, non-essential interests. We look to Neighborhood Council of Westch-Playa del Rey to uphold and defend our rights, not sell us out or compromise them. Shame on you for entertaining this project.”

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 (Donell)
2. Matters transferred from the Discussion Calendar – Items DC2 & 3 moved to Consent.

Discussion Calendar: (*These items will be discussed and acted upon separately unless a Board member or a stakeholder requests that an item be transferred to the Consent Calendar.*)

1. Motion to approve proposed Bylaw changes or portions thereof (Voss) –

- Voting – Residential District separation delineation – item failed unanimously at committee.

- A term limit of 8 years on board has been prescribed by DONE.

- Article III - Boundaries – The area in question, which is bordered by the 405 Freeway, Jefferson and Centinela belongs to the del Rey Neighborhood Council. David Voss made a Motion that the boundaries described in Article III be accepted. Bill Ballerini seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

- VII B – District Representatives – “District residencydetermined by street address with boundaries running down the center of the roadway...” David Voss made a Motion to accept this Bylaw change. Bill Ballerini seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment:

- Robert Acherman – Westchester Resident – submitted 5 pages of testimony opposing the Bylaw changes.

- VII B1 a – “In advance of every other election beginning in 2008...ad hoc committee to review and adjust the district boundaries...to reflect changes in population...” shift suggestions would need full Board approval. David Voss made a Motion to accept this Bylaw change. Bill Ballerini seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

- VII B.3 – Description of non-residential seats - David Voss made a Motion to accept the descriptions as suggested by the Bylaw Committee. Bill Ballerini seconded the Motion.

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David Coffin made a Friendly Amendment that the Education Seat be described as a Kindergarten 12 grade educator at one of the schools located within NCWPDR boundaries and remove the reference to LMU. The FA was accepted by Maker and Second.

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- Article VII D1 – Election held on two days in October in even-numbered calendar years – David Voss made a Motion to accept the Bylaw Change. Bill Ballerini seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

- Article VII D9 – “A Director may serve no more than eight consecutive years in any one seat or office.....must be off the Board for one election cycle before regaining eligibility to serve.”

David Voss made a Motion to accept the Bylaw change. Bill Ballerini seconded the Motion.

Cozette Vergari made a Friendly Amendment to change “no more than 8” to “not longer than 8.” The FA was accepted by the Maker and Second. The Motion passed unanimously.

- Article VIII A2 - President Elect – David Voss made a Motion to Elect a President Elect at the time of the Election of the President. Bill Ballerini seconded the Motion. Sibyl Buchanan, Judith Ciancimino, Pam DeArmas, Tom Flintoft, Geoff Maleman, Terry Marcellus, John Ramey, Kathy Santos, Denny Schneider, Mary Taylor and David Voss voted Yea. William Ballerini, Stephen Bentley, David Coffin, Robert Dalton, David Gray, Clarence Griffin, Cyndi Hench, Terry Issac, Nancy Niles, Frances Stronks and John-David Webster voted Nay. By a vote of 11 to 11, the Motion failed.

- Article VIII A 1, 3, 4, & 5 – The wording was change to clean up the language; there were no substantive changes. David Voss made a Motion to accept the Bylaw changes. Bill Ballerini seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

Article VIII B3 – It was recommended that “Seat 27- Recognized Community Organization Volunteers” be eliminated. This would reduce the number of Board Seats to 30. Geoff Maleman currently holds this seat and he will remain on the Board until the end of his term. David Voss made the Motion as stated. Bill Ballerini seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

2. Motion that the NCWPDR send a letter to the Department of Transportation and/or any other applicable governmental agency requesting the creation of an optional straight/right turn lane from the middle lane of Westbound 76th Street onto Northbound Sepulveda Boulevard (Ramey) – moved to Consent Calendar.

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3. Motion to approve the Government Affairs/City Services mission/vision statement (Ramey)
– moved to Consent Calendar.

Item H: Committee Reports:

Standing Committees

1. Airport Relations - David Voss – report given re LAX Northside and a design of the use of the land by students from UCLA. David Voss and Denny Schneider have been represented the NC as a united front at all local meetings re moving the north runway 360 Ft.
2. Budget & Finance - Steve Donell Approval of Treasurer's Report – a report through August 31, 2007 was distributed. No report for September was yet available. No vote was taken.
3. Bylaws - David Voss – see above.
4. Communications - David Coffin – nothing new to report.
5. Education - Terry Marcellus - a report was given.
6. Elections - Cozette Vergari - covered in bylaw amendments.
7. Governmental Affairs/City Services - John Ramey a report was given.
8. Membership/Marketing - Sibyl Buchanan – meeting minutes distributed. The Newsletter will be delivered after holidays. The main focus will be airport issues. Volunteers are needed for "Del Rey Days" in Del Rey 10.21, the Playa Vista Fall Festival 10.6 from 1P to 4P and the Elks Oktoberfest on 10.13. A suggestion was made that we join the LAX Westside Chamber of Commerce for the networking opportunities. If we join it may cost \$290/year. The benefit is that we could have a table at the network mixers. We probably can't be a member of another non-profit but we might be able to pay to have a table without actually joining. This option will be investigated
9. Planning & Land Use - James Ferro – not available, no report was given.
10. Public Safety - Doug Ehlers – Minutes of the meeting were distributed.

Ad Hoc Committees

1. Lincoln Streetscape - Stephen Bentley – a report was given.
2. Sepulveda Streetscape - John Ruhlen – not available, no report was given.
3. Community Design Overlay - _____ no chair yet.

City/Neighborhood Council Committees

1. LANC Congress - Robert Dalton/Judith Ciancimino (alt.)
2. City Planning Task Force - David Gray; James Ferro (alt.) nothing
3. NC Alliance - Cyndi Hench – 11.17 next meeting
4. Mayor's Budget Day - Denny Schneider/Bill Ballerini (alt.)
5. City Attorney Legal Liaison - David Voss nothing to report
6. LADWP MOU - John-David Webster joined with 59 other NC's to oppose the proposed rate hike.
7. NC 912 Commission - Robert Dalton – was not available. Comments on their report from NC's are still being accepted. Mike asked David Voss to read the report and make comments for NCWPDR. David asked that everyone who has a comments to email them to him and he will compile them into a position paper.

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Item I: President's Discussion Items or Comments

1. Policies and Procedures Handbook status and input
2. Community event – Mary, Mike and Clarence are working on an event at LMU all neighborhood groups will be invited. Maybe a taste of Westchester, battle of the neighborhood bands, etc. a tentative date of March 8, 2008 was picked.
3. Remaining committee missions/scope of work – 1 committee statement is still outstanding.
4. Agenda posting locations – Some suggestions for locations were the Library at Playa Vista, a location in east Westchester and church bulletins. These locations are being investigated.
5. Communications in violation of the Brown Act – we were reminded that we cannot have ongoing position conversations via email nor discuss issues that are coming before the Board.
6. Personal information contained on official Board roster -
7. Volunteers at NCWPDR information tables

Item J: Other Items:

1. Conflict of Interest On-line Training: www.lacityneighborhoods.com and www.done.ethicstraining@lacity.org
2. Neighborhood Empowerment Academy workshops: www.lacityneighborhoods.com/empowerment_academy.htm

Item K: Announcements:

1. BONC meetings now held on the 1st Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. and every 3rd Thursday at 6:00 p.m. of the month
2. Next NCWPDR Board meeting: November 6, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.
3. Please attend NCRC Workshops if possible
4. Other announcements

Item L: Adjournment – Mike Arias, President of the Board, adjourned the meeting at 9:15 PM

Submitted by: Judith Ciancimino

Next Meeting: November 6, 2007 – Westchester Community Room