

The Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa del Rey Board of Directors' Meeting – May 1, 2007

Present: Mike Arias, William Ballerini, Stephen Bentley, Sibyl Buchanan, Judith Ciancimino, David Coffin, , Pam DeArmas, Steve Donell, Doug Ehlers, James Ferro, Tom Flintoft, David Gray Clarence Griffin, Geoff Maleman, Terry Marcellus, Richard Nelson, John Ramey, Kathy Bartlow-Santos, Denny Schneider, Frances Stronks, Mary Taylor, Cozette Vergari and David Voss.

Excused: Robert Dalton, J Don Doyle, Terry Issac, Lynn Kataoka, Nancy Niles, John Ruhlen and JD Webster.

Item A: The meeting was called to order at 6:39 PM by Mike Arias, President of the Board. The Roll was called. Self introductions were made.

Item B: Terry Marcellus led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item C: Approval of Minutes of April 3, 2007 Board Meeting – Kathy Santos made a Motion to approved the Minutes of the April 3, 2007 Board Meeting as amended. Doug Ehlers seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

Item D: Appointment of additional Committee members – Marc Huffman, Kathy Kanter, Kelley Skumautz and Kent Strumple were added to the Lincoln Streetscape Committee and Bill Ballerini was added to the Membership/Marketing Committee.

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

- Linette Camp – El Segundo – re planting trees on Imperial Highway median asked that Councilman Rosendahl support the effort to obtain funding for irrigation in the median on Imperial Highway. Adopt a Median need two letters of support from Rosendahl and the NC for funding for irrigation needed to support the planting that will mitigate air pollution.

- Kerrie Pratt – Manchester Square resident – LAWA is not doing any upkeep for the residents please help us. City services and public safety issues. Dr_Pratt_83@yahoo.com

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

1. Lisette Covarrubias, DONE Project Coordinator – not available.
2. Isaac Lieberman, Field Deputy/Councilman Bill Rosendahl – jury duty.
3. Chad Molnar, LAX - Community Liaison – not available.
4. John Brady, Area Field Representative/Mayor's Office – not available.
5. Sam Liu, Field Representative - Assemblymember Ted Lieu – not available.
6. Rebecca Bernal, Field Representative - Assemblymember Curren Price – 51

Sheroes event all have been notified 5 from Playa Vista, 7 from Westchester and 2 from LMU.

6.9 - Public Safety Summit

Assemblymember Price introduced AB 1300 – Family Connection and Young Offender Rehabilitation Act of 2007, calling for the “notification of progress” for parents of juveniles in detention centers

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7. Edgar Saenz, Field Representative – Congresswoman Maxine Waters – not available.

Item G: Motions/Actions Items: (Public comment on agenda 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) no requests were submitted.

Discussion Calendar:

Public Comment – Jeanne Breunig – The Farmer's Market has been in operation for 14 years, it generates money for community concerns i.e. Fire Station, etc. In 2001 the Westchester Parking Association complained that their parking lots were being used by customers of Farmers Markets, leaving no space for the customers of the office buildings who pay for the use of the parking lot. In December 2006, an Order to Cease and Desist the unauthorized use of parking lot was issued. The Farmer's Market and the Dept. of Recreation and Parks entered into a 1-year agreement with 2 1-year extensions. The hours of operation will be 8:30AM to 1PM beginning in June 2007. The cost is \$60 per picnic area per week + \$500/year deposit.

1. Motion for the NCWPDR to support the relocation on the Westchester Certified Farmers Market from 87th Street to Picnic areas 4 and 5 of Westchester Park on Lincoln Boulevard. Terry Marcellus made the Motion as stated. Francis Stronks seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

2. Motion to approve the NCWPDR 2007-2008 Fiscal Year Budget (Donell) – narrative being written – plus line items. DONE will implement City-wide set of guidelines for Budget & Finance and Steve is part of committee to create this program. Geoff Maleman made the Motion as stated. Tom Flintoft seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

Item H: Committee Reports:

Standing Committees

1. Airport Relations - David Voss – Had a very productive meeting.
2. Budget & Finance - Steve Donell (**Approval of Treasurer's Report**) – no report because it is first of month no records are available yet.
3. Bylaws - David Voss – 5.17 @9:15AM next meeting
4. Communications - David Coffin – nothing to report.
5. Education - Terry Marcellus – accreditation committee visited WHS in April – discipline needs improvement.

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6. Elections - Cozette Vergari – one meeting has been held this year; it identified approximately six issues for bylaws committee. Election procedures have to be aligned with bylaws. One issue is boundaries i.e. Manchester Square. According to DONE, our boundaries overlap w/Del Rey NC.

7. Governmental Affairs/City Services - John-David Webster – not available.

8. Membership/Marketing - Sibyl Buchanan – conducted outreach at the Concert for the Canyon on 4.29 and received a Certificate of Appreciation for the NC's assistance with the project. The NC staffed a booth at the WPEF event in Westchester Park. We will have a booth at Chamberfest on 5.24 from 5PM to 8PM.

Articles for the newsletter are still being collected. The deadline is May 1; it should be available in June.

9. Planning & Land Use - James Ferro – informational meeting only, a quorum was not present. The new library at LMU is open to the public. The Committee discussed the failure of the early warning notice system re LA City PLUC and Zoning re issues in our area.

10. Public Safety - Doug Ehlers – Mission statement read. Report given. LMU is going to mitigate the recycling plant per neighbor's complaints. Report distributed. CERT – needs support from the public as there is currently no funding for the CERT program in the new City budget. Mike Arias will write letter in support of CERT.

Ad Hoc Committees

1. Lincoln Streetscape - Stephen Bentley – meeting last month. Report given. The next meeting has been set for 5.16 @ 7:30AM.

2. Sepulveda Streetscape - John Ruhlen – not available

City/Neighborhood Council Committees

1. LANC Congress - Robert Dalton/Judith Ciancimino (alt.) – no report

2. City Planning Task Force - David Gray; James Ferro (alt.) no report

3. NC Alliance - _____/_____

4. Mayor's Budget - Denny Schneider/Bill Ballerini (alt.) 2nd half of cycle City Council.

5. City Attorney Legal Liaison - David Voss – no report

6. LADWP MOU - John-David Webster – no report

7. NC 912 Commission - Robert Dalton – no report.

Item I: President's Discussion Items or Comments – Executive Committee Meets 3rd Monday of month.

1. Status of funding for Westchester Babe Ruth/Meeting with DONE – City can move money to Rosendahl and he can pay for the items for the little league field.

2. Posting and use of standard agenda for all committees & meeting summaries

3. Retreat/training - Stronks to Chair – date: June 9, 2007 -- 9:00am to noon @ LMU Macintosh Room 3rd floor University Hall.

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4. Establishment of Policies and Procedures Handbook - Arias/Ciencimino -
5. Community event - Ciencimino to Co-Chair - Tentative date: September 15, 2007 @ Westchester Park
6. Committees to define scope of work/goals
7. Quarterly meetings to include local political officials – every third meeting invite elected official to come to meeting to address us for 15 minutes.

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: June 5, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.
3. Other announcements

Item J: Adjournment