

APPROVED MINUTES

Submitted by Ashley Diestel

Tuesday, August 2, 2011 - 6:30 p.m.

Westchester Council Community Room

7166 Manchester Avenue, Westchester, CA 90045

Present: Sibyl Buchanan, Cheryl Burnett, John Casey, Ashley Diestel, Craig Eggers, Alex Eychis, Tom Flintoft, Clarence Griffin, Cyndi Hench, Nora MacLellan, Geoff Maleman, Alan Quon, Paul Radke, Tony Schaffer, Denny Schneider, Sheryl Thomas-Perkins, Joan Trimble, David Voss, John David Webster.

Excused: Lori Kuhn, Patricia Lyon, Jack Topal, Lance Williams

Absent: Ted Kroeber, John Loizeaux, Chris Lynch, Booker Pearson.

1. Call to Order **President Cyndi Hench called the meeting to order at 6:42 p.m.**
2. Salute the Flag – 6:45, John Casey
3. Star of the Neighborhood Awards:
 1. Shawn Crum, Lourdes Russell, Jeff Geremia, Lisa Schwab, Carol Tanner, David Whale, Joanne Poyourow, Linda Berri, Joan Conca, Antoinette Pleshe, and Steve Rhodes
 2. Steve Rhodes was honored as the 2011 Star of the Neighborhood
4. Approval of Minutes of previous Board meeting. Motion passed unanimously. – 7:02 MacLellan/Griffin
5. Treasurers Report. Webster/Quon. Motion passes.
6. Announcements from Governmental Representative:
 1. **Chad Molnar, Councilman Bills Rosendahl's Office-** area code change in LAX noise hotline, 424-646-6473. Trade, Commerce and Tourism committee chair is now Councilman Rosendahl until the position is filled in place of Janice Hahn. Congress is disagree on FAA, FAA doesn't currently have the authority to act, which does not impact Air traffic controllers, the department is not in place to control how money is spent
6. Public Comment (Items not on agenda)
 - a. Don Duckworth, Westchester Town Center BID- concerned with marijuana dispensary next to dance center. PLUC will follow-up
 - b. Marie Kellier, Caricabela Festival- Cultural grant to have festival on 7000 block of Manchester. October 7-16th including opening gala, business workshops and a festival. Looking for sponsorship for this celebration, sponsorship of a float reflecting the councils mission is suggested.
 - c. Judith Weissman- unkept grass and weeds in District 1, weeds belong to adjacent to businesses in the area, e.g. Playa Cantina. Stray cats are around the Playa del Rey area, need to be trapped and sterilized back into the wild.
 - d. Gary Schivley- concerns on Belford and Manchester parking lot up for sale.
 - e. Paul Morgan- concurs with Gary Schivley
 - f. Steve Rittenhouse- concurs with the gentleman before. Would like to be notified of anything moving forward.
 - g. Mel Niedemeyer- Has not heard from Lee Homes on whether or not the building is going forward or not.
7. **Presentation - Jennifer Brent - Found Animals Foundation** a Los Angeles based privately funded nonprofit whose mission is to reduce shelter euthanasia. www.foundanimals.org
 - a. Between 3-4 million animals are euthanasia each year in the United States. Fixnation is in Burbank and focuses on cats. Spay-4-LA 90001, 90091 is where they are located and they will spay your animals. Michelson prize and grants to find non-surgical sterilant for cats and dogs. Biannual animal adoption events, which have been very successful.
 - b. Adoption sites are available in Downey and in Lakewood Mall to allow people to adopt animals while they shop. Calendar of men who love cats, sold on Amazon.

- c. Ways to help: get animals spayed & neutered, license your animal, adopt your next pet.

8. Motions/Actions Items and related Public Comment

- i. **Consent Calendar:** *(The following items will be treated as one item and enacted with one vote unless a Board member or a stakeholder requests that an item be placed on the Discussion Calendar.)*

- 1. Letter to LAWA to support local control of Ontario Airport (Airport Relations)
 - a. Webster/Casey made motion to approve, all in favor, one abstention (Sheryl Thomas-Perkins) motion passes

- ii. **Discussion Calendar**

- 1. Item moved to discussion calendar Letter to LAPD to document understanding of LAWA Police Response Protocol for Incidents on LAWA Property and Adjacent Areas
 - a. Schneider made motion to table this until further word comes from Blue Ribbon Committee with the release of their report.

9. Posting Locations

- a. The Westchester YMCA will post the agendas and updates.

10. Announcements

- a. **Open Board seats** - Residential Districts 4, 10, 13 and At Large Affirmation Director
- b. Brief interviews on all Board members will be published in the next Hometown News
- c. Movie night was on July 16th, close to 200 people and the restaurants in the area were busy. August 26th, 7:30 pm is the next movie night in the Del Rey Lagoon.
- d. Westchester Park would like to have the Neighborhood Council host a meeting in the old gym at the park as a Thank you for the donation of funds for the park.
- e. Next NCWP Board meeting: September 6, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

11. Adjournment President Hench adjourned the meeting at 7:46 pm.

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