



NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL OF WESTCHESTER/PLAYA

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DREAMING OF CULVER BOULEVARD

By Cheryl Burnett

Maps, photos, and pictures from around the world set the stage for the Community Design Overlay (CDO) community workshop on Saturday, October 24. A group of residents and property owners sat down together with overview maps of Playa del Rey and set out to create the Culver Boulevard of the future.

The Planning and Land Use Committee of the Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa (NCWP), which contains 10 committee members and two co-chairs, established the CDO committee to look at Playa del Rey's main thoroughfare, Culver Boulevard, from Nicholson to Pacific. The committee is charged with gathering the community's priorities on the "look and feel" of Culver Boulevard, including the street's sight plan, color scheme, signage, sidewalks, awnings, landscaping, beautification possibilities and other similar elements. We will be repeating the CDO workshop in January as well as having a workshop specifically for traffic/parking. Then there will be a final community meeting to present the final report.

While the committee's mandate is to deal with aesthetic and design issues, the NCWP realized that these issues cannot be discussed outside of larger concerns that affect Playa del Rey, specifically parking and traffic. As a result, the CDO committee will conduct a community workshop specifically to brainstorm long-range solutions to those challenges.

The Committee will host three public meetings in Playa del Rey to solicit the widest possible public opinion and comment on the future of the downtown area. The data gathered from these meetings and on-line will be compiled, presented in a report to the NCWP and then brought to the City of Los Angeles.

For those who were unable to attend the meeting, you can provide your feedback online by completing the questionnaire at <http://www.ncwpdr.org>.

The CDO committee looks forward to hearing your viewpoints and collectively working together to plan the future of Playa del Rey!

LMU LOOKS FOR MEANINGFUL WAYS TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY

By Clarence Griffin

LMU takes pride in being a member of the Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa, and we are constantly looking for meaningful ways to serve our community. In these tight economic times, we all appreciate creative and enriching activities that are affordable. The university wants you to be aware of several regularly-scheduled campus events that are free and open to the public.

• Every other Wednesday, through December 9, at 7 p.m., LMU will host a free movie night at the William H. Hannon Library. Please join us for our first film series in the new library. This series features films about books, the fantastic stories that they tell and the people who love them. Each film will be introduced by a library staff member. Refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Rhonda Rosen at 310-338-4584 or by E-mail at rosen@lmu.edu. Please note that space is limited; please call and RSVP in advance.

• Each month LMU hosts a Jewish Studies Sunday book discussion. The next discussion will take place November 15 on the book *The Man in the White Shark Skin Suit*. For more information, visit <http://libguides.lmu.edu/jewishbooks>

• LMU students volunteer over 170,000 hours per year on service projects locally and abroad. To post jobs and/or volunteer opportunities for students, visit www.lmu.edu/cds or contact cgriffin@lmu.edu.

Visit LMU and take advantage of all the wonderful opportunities to learn, enjoy films and books, hear presentations from renowned scholars and see performances by gifted visual and musical artists.

We look forward to seeing more of you on campus in the months to come. For more information regarding upcoming university and events please visit www.lmu.edu/Calendar. To be notified of upcoming university events directly please sign up for the e-newsletter at www.lmu.edu/community.



DATE PICKED FOR 2010 NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL ELECTION

Neighborhood Councils are designed to give all individuals: residents, business owners, property owners, renters, youth, non-profit providers and others a more-effective way to improve the quality of life in their neighborhoods. Through Neighborhood Councils, all stakeholders will have a better way to understand the issues that divide them, and find common solutions through the bonds of friendship and community.

The Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa (NCWP) is governed by a board of directors elected by our community that meets monthly. NCWP's goal is to increase public participation in government and advocate at City Hall and elsewhere for our community. Our Neighborhood Council has the ability to build our community

and nourish the democratic spirit of individuals through shared values such as compassion, tolerance and equality.

The board includes 31 members, and all 31 seats will be up for election in the next election on Sunday, April 11, 2010.

While Neighborhood Councils have long had the responsibility of running the elections themselves, the 2010 election will be run by the Los Angeles City Clerk's Office, which has yet to finalize a polling location(s).

So, mark your calendars now for April 11, and cast your vote.

COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

Airport Relations: 4th Thursday at 6 p.m.
LAX Soundproofing Office, 8939 S. Sepulveda Blvd.

Board Meeting: 1st Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
Westchester Community Room, 7166 Manchester Blvd.

Budget & Finance: As Needed at 5:30 p.m.
Westchester Community Room, 7166 Manchester Blvd.

Bylaws: As Needed
Visit www.ncwpdr.org for location

Education: 4th Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
Westchester Community Room, 7166 Manchester Blvd.

Elections: As Needed
Westchester Community Room, 7166 Manchester Blvd.

Governmental Affairs/City Services: 3rd Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
8740 La Tijera Blvd.

Homelessness: As Needed
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Outreach: As Needed
Playa Vista Library, 6400 Playa Vista Dr.

Planning and Land Use: 2nd Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.
Playa Vista Library, 6400 Playa Vista Dr.

Public Safety: 4th Monday at 6:30 p.m.
8740 La Tijera Blvd.

Lincoln Streetscape: As Needed
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Sepulveda Streetscape: 2nd Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.
Westchester Community Room, 7166 Manchester Blvd.