

NCWP Board Meeting
APPROVED MINUTES
Submitted by Nora MacLellan

Tuesday, October 2, 2012 - 6:30 p.m.
Westchester Council Community Room
7166 Manchester Avenue, Westchester, CA 90045

Present: Cheryl Burnett, John Casey, Craig Eggers, Katherine Evans, Alex Eychis, Tom Flintoft, Clarence Griffin, Andrew Kamm, Ted Kroeber, Geoff Maleman, Nora MacLellan, Booker Pearson, Paul Radke, Mark Redick, Denny Schneider, Jack Topal, David Voss, John David Webster, Lance Williams.

Excused: Sibyl Buchanan, Cyndi Hensch, John Loizeaux, Pat Lyon, Terry Marcellus, Sheryl Thomas-Perkins, Joan Trimble

Absent: David Hoisman, Lori Kuhn, Chris Lynch

1. **Call to Order** at 6:30 p.m.
2. **Salute the Flag**
3. **Introductions**
4. **Approval of Minutes of previous Board meeting**

M/S: Schneider/Webster Approved Unanimously

5. **Announcements from Governmental Representative** (limit to 3 minutes please):

Nate Kaplan: CD11, The Councilman is requesting for more from the California Science Center for the Endeavour passing through our community including more trees of a ratio of 3 to 1 replacement for those removed, five days for students from the schools within the Westchester/Playa del Rey to view the Endeavour after it has been delivered to the California Science Center, provide at least 10 scholarships each year for the Westchester/Playa del Rey NC to present for the next five years, five professional development programs for teachers at the Westchester High School and Orville Wright Aviation and Aerospace Magnets. Nate also spoke on the review of the walkability of Nicolson along with an update of the CDO both involving lower Playa del Rey.

6. **Public Comment –**

Matthew Parrish – Helping the community with employment with a resume expert and HR manager. Asking the NC help in having an event. Mr. Parrish was referred to Outreach Committee for further discussion.

7. **Presentations -** JPODS representatives, Nick Garzilla and Tsilah Burman, to present their solution to LAX traffic and congestion. *JPods are ultra-light personal robotic vehicles that move people and cargo suspended from rails without congestion. www.jpods.com*

Questions/Comments from the Board:

Katherine Evans – Is the system Solar powered? Yes

Mark Redick – Questioned whether completion of installation in could be done in 9 months? Yes (outside of EIR process)

Denny Schneider – Questioned the cost of operation – does the passenger pay? Yes either per ride or a pass; Solar panels only good during daylight hours – also use the 'grid'

Lance Williams – How would the stations be set up – for example, where to you get on/off ?– stairs or elevators

JD Webster – Is there an installation of the system anywhere? Yes, in Morgantown, West Virginia which has a PRT System that was installed in 1985; Heathrow; a couple of Germany; Magdar, What are you asking of the NCWP? The presenter referred to the LAX expansion plan and asked that folks make comments in favor of a JPOD or like system included in the LAX plan.

David Voss – Asked if there a functioning JPOD installed? No, however the same 'group' installed Morgantown system in 1985 since that time the system has been updated however, none has been installed.

Jack Topal – Asked if there a prototype? – a scaled model is available however, no prototype.

8. Motions/Actions Items and Related Public Comment

1. Discussion Calendar

1. Motion to oppose the currently proposed LA City Community Care Ordinance unless and until the City can guarantee that there would be no loss of federal housing funds, no evictions of veterans in Mar Vista and Del Rey and no evictions of the six formerly homeless individuals from Westchester Park who currently live in shared housing. (HVL)

Booker Pearson gave overview of the ordinance and the motion. Recommend that we oppose the Ordinance because it is thought that they ordinance has a large loop hole would not prevent multiple living in a home as long as there was a single lease. There is a chance of a loss of \$100 millions of federal homeless funds. The NC is revisiting this issue due to the fact that new facts came forward such as the loss of funds, probable increase in homeless (up to 43,000), cost of lawsuits. Passed unanimously in Committee.

David Voss – the ordinance has been tabled by the City Council, but called for a point of order that the NC has already voted on the issue and therefore this issue can not be revisited by the NCWP.

Geoff Maleman referred the issue to the Government Affairs Committee to determine if there has been a change. Next meeting October 15th.

Public Comment:

Mike Arnold – LA Homeless Services Authority – the ordinance has changed significantly, and would result in the reduction of the number of available reasonably priced housing.

Paul Dumont: Oppose the ordinance and in favor of the motion as presented tonight. The original ordinance has changed from what the NCWP has voted on

Kaitlyn Brugh – lives in a sober living home, spoke for the motion and against the ordinance.

Jesus 'Jesse' Rubacalva: spoke in favor of the motion, against the ordinance, sober living resident.

Alisa Orduna: from the United Way, spoke in favor of the motion, against the ordinance.

Maria Fisk: Granada Hills Homeowners Association, spoke against the motion and for the ordinance.

2. Motion to approve reimbursement of board member expenditures (B&F)

None

9. Treasurer's Report

M/S Eychis/Redick Approved Unanimously

10. Committee Report-

Government Affairs, Congress of Neighborhood Councils overview;

Craig Eggers -Airport Relations Thanks all for participating and remind everyone to get your comments in.

11. Announcements

1. Volunteers are needed for Election Day (October 28) - sign up at www.empowerla.org
2. Election Day is Sunday, October 28, 2012 at 10am - 4pm at the Municipal Bldg Community Room at 7166 Manchester Ave in Westchester.

12. Adjourn - 7:40 p.m.

Next Meeting: on November 6th - 6:30 p.m. New Council will be seated.