

NCWP Board Meeting
DRAFT MINUTES
Submitted by Geoff Maleman

Tuesday, March 3, 2020 – 6:30 p.m.
Westchester Council Community Room
7166 Manchester Avenue, Westchester, CA 90045

Present: Gregg Aniolek, Scott Carni, Michele Cooley-Strickland, Sue Fisher, Paula Gerez, Ted Grose, George Herrera, Jennifer Kingshott, John Logsdon, Geoff Maleman, David Mannix, Dennis Miller, Fred Puza, Matt Rheault, Julie Ross, Glenda Silva, Zach Siglow, Garrett Smith, Cord Thomas, Jack Topal, Heather Tuttle, Naomi Waka, Andrew Watkins, Sylvia Wilson

Absent: Andrew Kamm, David Voss,

Excused: Tom Flintoft,

1. **Call to Order – President Gerez called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.**
2. **Salute the Flag – President Gerez led the flag salute**
3. **Board Member Introductions**
4. **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.)*
 - a. Approval of Minutes of previous Board meeting.
 - b. Receive and file the Treasurer's Report and MER.
 - c. Motion to approve Paula Gerez and Geoff Maleman as authorized to submit Community Impact Statements for providing input to City Committees, Commissions, Boards and City Council on topics of impact and interest to NCWP.
 - d. Motion to approve NCWP participation in UnLitterLA event within the Westchester/Playa footprint.
 - e. Motion to approve NCWP host a community meeting and expenditure of up to \$500 for event items, such as promotional materials and bottled water with a panel discussion by decision / policy makers concerning our city and county homelessness issue.
 - f. Motion to approve Neighborhood Purposes Grant request from UnLitterLA for \$1,500.
 - g. Motion to approve budget for fiscal 2020-2021.
 - h. Motion to approve the expenditure not to exceed \$200 to update the perpetual trophy for Star of the Neighborhood.
 - i. Motion to approve the expenditure of \$1,500 for Star of the Neighborhood entry at the Annual Fourth of July Parade in Westchester.
 - j. Motion to approve the expenditure of \$4,500 for NCWP branded promotional items, NCWP banners, and NCWP advertising materials.
 - k. Motion to accept the resignation of Garrett Smith from the position of Outreach Chair, he will continue on as a committee member.
 - l. Motion to appoint Cord Thomas as the Outreach Chair.

M/S Maleman/Tuttle to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion passes unanimously. Silva abstaining.

----- **Rheault** arrived at the NCWP meeting

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

Matt Teclé of L.A. City Councilman Mike Bonin's Office spoke re: Community Connections event; Community Canvas postponed until Saturday, April 18; Westchester-area power outage; Basic Car report studying LAPD's resource allocation; and coronavirus precautions in City of L.A., March 21 Community Plan Update meeting.

Geoff Thompson, LAX Liaison to Councilman Mike Bonin's Office, spoke re: a motion to increase Flyaway services.

Casey Kokenda of Assembly member Sydney Kamlager's Office spoke re: AB1950 to reduce probation to no more than two years, AB2000 to increase Baldwin Hills Watershed area, AB2059 to make beagle testing illegal, AB1973 to affordability of abortions. She added that the Assembly member will hold a "Lattes and Legislation" discussion event in April as well as a senior event on May 14.

Saroya Sandiford of LA Metro spoke re: construction activities in the area associated with the construction of the new Crenshaw/LAX Metro line, including a full closure of Manchester Ave at Aviation in early spring for three consecutive weekends from 7pm Friday to 5am on Monday. Metro will hold a Construction Update meeting from 6-7:30pm on March 25 at Baldwin Hills Crenshaw Plaza.

6. Announcements from Board Members

Silva announced modernization updates, coronavirus screening/precautionary efforts happening at LAX

Tuttle announced NCWP's participation in the Rock, Roll and Run event at LMU on March 14 and asked board members to volunteer at the event.

Smith thanked those who helped put on the NCWP Community Connections event on March 1, which attracted 300+ people.

Kingshott announced that the Playa Vista Community Art sale will be held May 2.

Puza announced that the university served as a voting site; increased coronavirus screening/precautionary efforts; Leband Art Galley show "Caravan" is currently on exhibit; and the LMU Master Plan revision will be brought to the NCWP PLUC meeting in April.

7. Presentations

- a. Friends of the Jungle would like to "Adopt A Median," presented by **Lucy Han**
- b. Data projects being instituted by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, presented by **Gibson Nyambura**, Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate

8. Discussion Calendar and Related Public Comment

----- **Wilson** arrived at the NCWP meeting

- a. Motion to approve Neighborhood Purposes Grant request from Culver-Palms Meals on Wheels for \$4,500. **(Called special by Aniolek and Carni)**

Pam Frieden of Culver-Palms Meals spoke re: the organization and how NCWP can be certain grant monies are spent only within the NCWP footprint

M/S Smith/Grose to approve the motion. Motion passes unanimously. Aniolek abstaining.

9. **Public Comment** - non-agenda items *(limited to 2 minutes per speaker unless otherwise declared by the President or presiding director. Public comment on agendized items will be called as each agenda item is brought forward.)*

Dave Moorman spoke re: UnlitterLA and showed the board a promotional video about the effort

Matthew Parrish spoke re: his desire to be appointed to a NCWP board seat

10. Committee Reports

Ross (PLUC) spoke re: March meeting agenda: will include Playa Vista office façade improvement project and 7012 Vista del Mar four-story home; April meeting agenda: Friends of Ballona Land Trust and Friends of Ballona Wetlands will present regarding wetlands restoration and the committee will consider LMU's application for the university's Master Plan amendment in and a proposed office-to-hotel conversion project at a building at Century and La Tijera.

Waka (Budget and Finance) spoke re: March 8 Neighborhood Council funding training workshop.

Tuttle (Education) announced Westchester Enriched Science Magnet awards and CIF championships

Logsdon (Public Safety) announced that the committee will meet March 12 and discuss coronavirus

Gerez announced that an ad hoc committee will soon begin reviewing potential by-laws revisions.

11. Adjourn – President Gerez adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 – 6:30 p.m.