

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL OF WESTCHESTER / PLAYA



Your Neighborhood Council Committees: What They Do & When They Meet

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 meeting times can change, so please check the NCWP website for details and sign up to receive NCWP agendas at www.ncwpdr.org.

AIRPORT RELATIONS

- **Committee Chairperson:** John Loizeaux
- **Meeting date:** 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:30pm, as needed
- **Mission:** Proactively handles all issues relating to LAX and its impact on the communities served by the NCWP.

BUDGET AND FINANCE

- **Committee Chairperson:** Erin Hanson
- **Meeting date:** 3rd Wednesday of the month, as needed
- **Mission:** Chaired by the Treasurer, the Budget and Finance committee oversees the allocation of the NCWP funds and develops and monitors the annual budget of the NCWP.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- **Committee Chairperson:** Garrett Smith
- **Meeting date:** TBD
- **Mission:** The mission of the Community Services Committee (CSC) is to link local volunteers with Neighborhood Council committees, non-profits and schools who need experience, enthusiasm and sweat-equity to support their efforts. Oftentimes, people in our community want to help, but do not know how. The CSC will provide the link to volunteer opportunities in our local area, as well as ensure that region-wide events (e.g. Mayor's Day of Service) have an active presence in Westchester/Playa. The CSC will promote the outreach efforts of the Neighborhood Council, while also supporting the invaluable work of local schools and organizations, which are making a difference in the quality-of-life in our community.

EDUCATION

- **Committee Chairperson:** Dr. Michele Cooley-Strickland
- **Meeting Date:** 4th Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm in the Westchester Municipal Community Room, 7166 W. Manchester Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90045.
- **Mission:** To represent the NCWP stakeholders in helping support and enhance:
 - o elementary, middle, and high schools located in Westchester, Playa del Rey and Playa Vista; and
 - o the relationship with local Westchester/Playa colleges and universities.
- **Goals:** To engage the community in support of advancing the success of the local elementary, middle, and high schools, as well as that of the local colleges and universities. The NCWP Education Committee endeavors to represent the NCWP stakeholders in helping support local schools by:
 - o Enhancing school resources;
 - o Enhancing students' educational experiences;
 - o Enhancing parental involvement; and/or
 - o Enhancing community partnerships.

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

- **Committee Chairperson:** Mark Redick
- **Meeting Date:** 3rd Monday of the month at 6:30 pm
- **Mission:** To serve as a practical and direct resource for stakeholders needing the services of government agencies and city services to resolve quality of life issues.
- **Goals:** To identify issues of concern to the community, and then develop, in a timely manner, information and guidelines that will provide stakeholders with the resources that are needed to be proactive in resolving their concerns. This information will be collected by the committee, then distributed and continually updated in print and via the internet.

OUTREACH

- **Committee Chairperson:** Grace Yao
- **Meeting Date:** As needed
- **Mission:** To actively encourage Stakeholder involvement with the Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa.
- **Goals:**
 - o Identify opportunities/events in the community in which we can register stakeholders.
 - o Produce collateral pieces to help educate our stakeholders on the basics—from what a neighborhood council is to the current issues being addressed by our committees.
 - o Encourage stakeholders to attend board and committee meetings.
 - o Encourage stakeholders' participation by voting in the elections for board members.

PLANNING AND LAND USE

- **Committee Chairperson:** Patricia Lyon
- **Meeting date :** 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm in the Westchester Municipal Community Room, 7166 W. Manchester Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90045.
- **Mission:** The role of the Planning and Land Use Committee is to advise NCWP and stakeholders about relevant planning, infrastructure, land use and/or development projects within and immediately surrounding the NCWP district in order to analyze the impacts (if any) of these projects on the quality of life of residents, stakeholders and businesses in our community.

PLUC holds public meetings to hear presentations from applicants and/or the public and after discussion and analysis, makes recommendations to the full board of NCWP.

- **Goals:** The Goals and objectives of PLUC include the implementation of a transparent process of rendering decisions relative to planning and land use, measuring projects against local, city, state and federal guidelines and to provide a productive forum for all stakeholders to educate themselves about developments and land use issues and to enable them to contribute their comments, support and/or concerns to the process.

PUBLIC SAFETY

- **Committee Chairpersons:** Gregg Aniolek and Dave Oliver
- **Meeting Date:** as needed
- **Mission:** To increase community involvement to reduce opportunities for crime, to help prepare for the uncertainty of natural events and address other public safety issues throughout the community.
- **Goals:**
 - o Address issues regarding Public Safety and Crime Prevention.
 - o Partner with local agencies (e.g., LAPD, LAFD and LA City Services) to stay informed about latest news about crime and conditions in our area.
 - o Promote Neighborhood Watch and Business Watch Programs in order to improve community crime prevention efforts, increase community involvement and grow the general sense of community.
 - o Organize public safety related events for the community.

