

NCWP Board of Directors Meeting

DRAFT MINUTES

Submitted by Mark Redick

Tuesday September 5, 2017 – 6:30 p.m.
Westchester Council Community Room
7166 W. Manchester Avenue, Westchester, CA 90045

Present: Gregg Aniolek, Paula Gerez, Scott Carni, Michele Cooley Strickland, Tom Flintoft, Chris Gemgnani, Ted Grose, Don Hellwig, Cyndi Hench, Andrew Kamm, David Mannix, David Oliver, Alan Quon, Mark Redick, Fred Smith, Jack Topal, Heather Tuttle, David Voss, Gordon Welty, Janine Ying.

Absent: Peter Dray, Michael Frisch, John David Webster.

Excused: Pat Lyon, Geoff Maleman, Garrett Smith, Grace Yao.

1. **Call to Order –President Hench called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance led by President Hench**
3. **Introductions**
4. **Announcements from Governmental Representatives**

Anna Kozma of Councilman Mike Bonin’s Office spoke re: a 200 tree giveaway at the next Westchester Farmer’s Market. Other items reported on included Councilman Bonin’s 10 point “Back to Basics” plan. Additionally she noted that today the Councilman sent a letter in response to the NCWP’s letter of August 15, 2017 regarding the Road Safety Projects currently taking place in Playa del Rey.

Vanessa Serrano of DONE reminded the Board and members of the public that the Congress of Neighborhood Councils will take place at City Hall on Saturday, September 9, 2017. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. and the Congress will wrap up by 4:30 p.m. Pre-Registration is advised. As noted in the EmpowerLA monthly newsletter, Neighborhood Council election years are being changed to odd-numbered years as a result of City Council action. For example, elections that were to be held in 2018 and 2020 will now be held in 2019 and 2021, respectively. Ms. Serrano closed by saying that DONE is working very hard to highlight the diversity of all 97 certified Neighborhood Councils that now exist in Los Angeles.

Jeff Thompson, LAX Liaison announced that there will be a public workshop regarding the LAMP project held on September 19, 2017 at the Flight path Museum. This workshop will be concerned with the Review of Environmental Assessment for this project.

5. **Public Comment** –non-agenda items

John Ruhlen reported that six (6) homes in Westchester had been torn down for new development. The result of these projects was that the sidewalks were left a mess, in horrible condition. Mr. Ruhlen suggested that conditions be imposed on developers to fix or replace the sidewalks damaged by their projects as a condition of obtaining a permit.

6. **Presentations**-LAWA CEO Deborah Flint discussed operations and modernization at LAX. With a two (2) year anniversary on the job, Ms. Flint has twenty (20) years of experience in the air travel industry. She also mentioned that she fully understands that airports have an impact on neighboring communities. It is her goal for LAX to be a “first class neighbor”. The mission at LAX, she continued, is to serve both the world and the community. Ms. Flint went on to note that the Tom Bradley Terminal is one of the most acclaimed in the world. She also stated how many travelers feel about LAX, based on the comments placed in social media. LAX is in transformation, she noted and the feedback received is genuinely appreciated. As the head of a public service agency, she also greatly appreciates the work of Neighborhood Council members.

Another issue addressed was that of the homeless population in Manchester Square. Ms. Flint reported the following related to this matter:

- LAX is working to connect services to the homeless population in Manchester Square;
- PATH met with fifty (50) people over a two (2) week span, and two (2) of the homeless have now been placed in permanent housing;
- Over thirty-five (35) tons of trash and other debris has been removed from the area;
- Efforts in Manchester Square are ongoing.

Regarding traffic going into LAX, Ms. Flint expects the train to connect to the People Mover and CONRAC by 2023.

Regarding the LAMP project, she is looking for “a cutting edge Innovative Public-Private partnership” where developers will have “skin in the game”. She is looking for the development team to “own the outcome” of their projects. Additionally, during the project’s life span, LAX will hold contractors accountable for maintaining traffic flow.

Turning to the matter of jet noise, Ms. Flint said that she understands this issue, and LAX is currently performing an analysis of it. She said that LAX wants to take the “Good Neighbor Approach” and have aircraft come into the airport over the ocean between the hours of 12:00 a.m. and 6:30 a.m. instead of a westerly arrival. She also acknowledged that weather can dictate changes to this approach, however. Additionally, LAX is working with the FAA on the matter.

In closing, Ms. Flint is looking to make LAX a “Gold Standard” airport, noting that expectations from the traveling public regarding airports have changed.

There were several questions and comments from Board Members for Ms. Flint.

Topal-Asked a question regarding noise from revving engines prior to take off.

Mannix-Issued praise for the teams at LAX and noted that they work well with the NCWP Airport Relations Committee. He also asked if there was a fine imposed for excessive noise and offered Long Beach airport as an example.

Cooley Strickland-questions about the start of the Northside Development.

Quon-Various questions including Terminals 9 and 0, whether the airport is still using data from the 1993 noise study and what about the “X” at LAX. Also asked about an update on the LAX theme building.

Aniolek-Urged LAX to take its time in regard to the LAMP development and asked about the airport’s role in the current “Road Diet” in Playa del Rey.

Smith-Asked about feedback being received relating to the Delta terminal 3 relocation. He also mentioned that as a business traveler, he found his experience with the new terminal “seamless”.

7. Motions/Actions Items and Related Public Comment

1. Consent Calendar:

1. Approval of Minutes of previous Board Meeting
2. Receive and file the Treasurer’s Report
3. Motion to approve Education committee event to host LAUSD Facilities Forum for the Westchester-Playa Community in the Fall of 2017, subject to budget approval of up to \$500 related to Outreach.

M/S Cooley-Strickland/Redick to approve the Consent Calendar Items 1-3. Motion passes unanimously. (Item 4 called special by submission of public comment card).

2. Discussion Calendar:

1. Motion to approve letter to Councilman Bonin to update NCWP request related to Playa del Rey Safe Streets pilot and related task force.

M/S Voss/Redick for discussion

Wendy Zacuto spoke against the letter and urged the Neighborhood Council to help reduce the contentiousness of this issue.

Dave Sumption spoke in support of the letter and expressed frustration that the Road Diet plan was poorly planned.

Gretchen Nordham expressed support for the Task Force and said she supports the Road Diet and bike lanes.

Lisa Schwab, owner of Cantalini's Restaurant in Playa del Rey said that she felt that she was left out of the process when determining the Safer Streets plan. She questioned why a task force wasn't created before the implementation of traffic calming measures in Playa del Rey. She noted that her business has suffered massive financial decline as a result of the Road Diet.

In recognition of the letter received today (September 5, 2017) from Councilman Bonin, David Voss, maker of the original motion suggested a modification to the letter.

Discussion was had by board members.

The question was called and a vote taken by board members.

Motion passed 13-3-2 (with Cooley-Strickland, Mannix and Welty opposing and Ying, Carni abstaining).

2. Motion to support the request directed to Councilman Bonin and Los Angeles Bureau of Street Services to move forward with the reconstruction and resurfacing of the alley between Ramsgate Avenue (West), Reading Avenue (East), Reading Avenue (North and Morley Street (South) as quickly as possible.

M/S Redick, Grose for discussion

Rachel Crain expressed support for the effort to reconstruct and resurface the aforementioned alley. She noted the terrible condition that currently exists there.

After a brief description by board member Redick, the question was called.

Motion Passed Unanimously.

8. Committee Reports

- Gregg Aniolek, Public Safety will be meeting later in the month of September.
- Jack Topal, Seniors Committee will be meeting at 1:00pm on the last Thursday of the month at Sunrise, located on Jefferson Boulevard (Playa Vista)
- Dave Mannix reported that the Airport Relations Committee will be meeting on September 21, 2017 and will be discussing airport noise issues.

9. Announcements from Board Members

President Hench announced the change of terms for current Board Members, noting that the next NCWP elections will be held in 2019.

10. Create Ad-Hoc Committee for Bylaws

President Hench announced the formation of the Ad-Hoc Bylaws Committee. It will be composed of President Hench, Geoff Maleman, Michele Cooley-Strickland and Gordon Welty.

11. Committee Assignments

There were no announcements of Committee Assignments

12. Adjournment