

NCWP Board Meeting
DRAFT MINUTES
Submitted by Geoff Maleman

Tuesday, October 1, 2019 – 6:30 p.m.
Westchester Council Community Room
7166 Manchester Avenue, Westchester, CA 90045

Present: Gregg Aniolek, Scott Carni, Michele Cooley-Strickland, Tom Flintoft, Kimberly Fox, Paula Gerez, Ted Grose, Geoff Maleman, David Mannix, Dennis Miller, Fred Puza, Matt Rheault, Julie Ross, Glenda Silva, Zach Siglow, Garrett Smith, Cord Thomas, Jack Topal, Heather Tuttle, David Voss, Naomi Waka, Andrew Watkins, Gordon Welty, Sylvia Wilson

Absent: Jennifer Kingshott,

Excused: Sue Fisher, Andrew Kamm, John Logsdon,

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.)*
 1. Approval of Minutes of previous Board meeting
 2. Receive and file the Treasurer's Report and MER
 3. Motion to approve letter supporting WSIA's final phase of Sepulveda Boulevard landscaping improvements including removal of all ficus and bottle brush trees on the east side between 78th and 79th Streets.
 4. Motion to approve expenditure of \$1,080 for monthly power washing of sidewalks in and around the Westchester Municipal Building. (B&F)
 5. Motion to sponsor a table for LAUSD school choice and Neighborhood Council Outreach at the LAX Coastal Education Foundation School Expo on Oct. 24 for the amount up to \$124. (Ed Comm)
 6. Motion to support the Neighborhood Council Campus Buddy Bench program for local schools. (Ed Comm)

M/S Maleman/Cooley-Strickland to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion passes unanimously. Silva abstaining. (Siglow has not completed their required training and did not vote on this item since it included a financial issue.)

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

SLO Castaneda of LAPD provided a brief area crime update (The area is up in violent crime, but down overall) and an October 2 Uber protest that will impact Century Boulevard between Sepulevda and Aviation as well as LAX.

Kortley Norris of Westchester Recreation Center said the center staff was more vigilent about enforcing permits, and there was an uneventful Labor Day Weekend. The city is also seeking new members for the Westchester Park Advisory Committee. Applications are due November 30 and more information is available on the website at: <https://www.laparks.org/reccenter/westchester> She added that the park's annual Halloween event, the Monster Bash, is set for October 31; the park is now offering new model car and chess classes; and a variety of fall programs, including flag football and girls volleyball. More info available at: <https://www.laparks.org/reccenter/westchester>

Matt Teclé of L.A. City Councilman Mike Bonin's Office spoke re: LAPD Basic Car Assessments, Playa del Rey Dunes and enforcement of sleeping on the beach.

Kasey Kokenda of Assemblymember Sydney Kamlager's Office spoke re: legislation update, including AB242/243, which would implement mandatory bias training for judges and nurses, and an Insurance Town Hall meeting regarding the availability and affordability of rental and homeowners insurance held in conjunction with Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara that will be held from 6:30-8pm on a October 10 at the IMAN Cultural Center, 3376 Motor Ave., in Los Angeles.

Debra Hong of LADWP spoke re: an update of upgrade at Scattergood Power Generation Plant.

6. Reports from Congress of Neighborhood Councils

7. Announcements from Board Members

Silva announced modernization updates, a special Clean Air Day lighting of the pylons, and the new Airport Police Facility groundbreaking ceremony on October 7.

Puza announced an update on the university's proposed Master Plan amendment progress and shared postcards that provide additional information. He added that the LMU President's convocation will be held on October 22.

Heather announced that there will be a School Expo from 4:30-6:30pm on October 24 at YMCA Annex. The event will include free pizza and free childcare. The committee will attend that event in lieu of the October Education Committee meeting.

Cooley-Strickland provided an update on UCLA's Volunteer Day at Cowan Elementary School and Westchester Enriched Sciences Magnet.

Gerez reminded board members that they can sign in to the website to subscribe to various committee agendas and other info and solicited information for the monthly newsletter in the Hometown News.

8. Presentations

1. **Kevin James**, President Public Works Commission, will share what the public works department does for the residents of the City of Los Angeles

Jack Davis of Westchester Streetscape Improvement Association spoke in favor of WSIA's continued beautification efforts on Sepulveda Boulevard.

Don Duckworth of Westchester Streetscape Improvement Association spoke in favor of the tree removal permit request from WSIA to facilitate continued beautification efforts on that street.

John Ruhlen of Westchester Streetscape Improvement Association spoke in favor of the tree removal permit request from WSIA to facilitate continued beautification efforts on that street. He added that there has been a delay in sidewalk construction due to a replacement of a city contractor.

Diane Sher spoke against the removal of trees on Sepulveda Boulevard and said she is opposed to Westchester Streetscape Improvement Association projects.

2. Playa del Rey Stairs Art Project, **David Russell**, OTIS College
3. LAX Northside Open Space Community Outreach Recap – Presentation by **Lisa Trifiletti**, representing Los Angeles World Airports

4. LAX-it Lot – Presentation on LAX-it” – a new centralized pick-up lot dedicated for use by ride app and taxi companies servicing passengers leaving the airport – **Angela Jamison**, Los Angeles World Airports

9. Discussion Calendar and Related Public Comment

- a. Motion to approve Community Impact Statement re Playa del Rey Dunes (PLUC)

M/S Maleman/Cooley-Strickland to approve the Motion and send a copy of the CIS to the City Council Office and the California Coastal Commission. Motion passes unanimously. (Siglow has not completed their required training and did not vote on this item since it included a financial issue.)

- b. Motion to approve expenditure not to exceed \$1,000 for L.A. City Approved Temporary services for in-meeting note-taking services for the NC fiscal year 2019-2020 and approve revision to NCWP 2019-2020 budget to reclassify \$1,000 from NPG to Operations/Temporary Staff. (PLUC) **Called Special by Maleman**

M/S Waka/Grose to approve the Motion taking the funds form Outreach Budget rather than the NPG fund. Motion fails 6-12, with 5 abstentions (AYES: Carni, Fox, Miller, Ross, Topal, Waka; NAYS: Aniolek, Cooley-Strickland, Flintoft, Grose, Maleman, Mannix, Puza, Rheault, Tuttle, Voss, Welty, Wilson; ABSTENTIONS: Silva, Siglow, Smith, Thomas, Watkins)

10. **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.)*

Karen McDonough of Medmen Westchester spoke re: Medmen’s support of the community

11. Committee Reports

Waka (Community Services) spoke re: Westchester Safe Parking Program and the revised mission statement for the committee

12. **Adjourn – President Gerez adjourned the meeting at 10:03 p.m.**

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 5, 2019 – 6:30 p.m.