

NCWP Board Meeting
DRAFT MINUTES
Submitted by Geoff Maleman

Tuesday, May 5, 2015 – 6:30 p.m.
Westchester Council Community Room
7166 Manchester Avenue, Westchester, CA 90045

Present: Gregg Aniolek, Scott Carni, Michele Cooley Strickland, Rose Coté, Alex Eychis, Tom Flintoft, Erin Hanson, Cyndi Hench, Andrew Kamm, Patricia Morrison Lyon, Geoff Maleman, David Oliver, Alan Quon, Mark Redick, John Ruhlen, Fred Smith, Garrett Smith, John David Webster, Grace Yao*

Absent: Lance Williams,

Excused: Nora MacLellan, Nick Middlesworth, Tim O’Connell, Matthew Parrish, Denny Schneider, Jack Topal, David Voss,

1. **Call to Order – President Hench called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.**

2. **Pledge of Allegiance led by President Hench**

3. **Introductions**

4. **Approval of Minutes of previous Board meeting**

M/S Redick/F. Smith. Motion passes by acclamation.

5. **Announcements from Governmental Representatives**

Fred Sutton of Councilman Mike Bonin’s Office spoke re: city budget hearings, jaywalking stings, homelessness issue and three motions introduced by Councilman Bonin to address homelessness.

6. **General Announcements by Board Members**

1. Other announcements

1. **Yao** announced that LMU graduation will take place on May 9, and the community should be aware of additional traffic. Otis commencement will be May 10. Wednesday at 6:30 pm, LMU will hold its quarterly Neighborhood Advisory Committee.

2. **Carni** announced that the electrical contract for the park has been ordered – safety lighting, 36 video cameras and the marquee. Should be installed within three weeks

3. **Ruhlen** announced that from 10:30am to noon on May 16 the Senior Committee will hold a “Sandwich Generation” event to share information about how to deal with seniors and take advantage of the resources that are available.

4. **Cooley-Strickland** announced that the Outreach/Education Committees had a successful outreach event at the Race for Success last month

5. **Hench** announced details about upcoming CERT training: The next seven-week session will begin on Thursday, May 7, and will run for six weeks from 7 to 9:30 p.m. on Thursdays at Fire Station No. 5, 8900 S. Emerson Avenue, in Westchester. The lessons from this class are priceless – designed to equip citizens with basic training to effectively serve as first-responders to disaster or

emergency situations. Taught by highly-experienced Los Angeles City firefighters, CERT training includes training in earthquake preparedness, light firefighting, triage, first aid, light search and rescue, disaster psychology and team organization. Please register at www.cert-la.com "Find a CERT class."

Hench adjourned the Regular NCWP meeting at 6:47 p.m.

7. **SPECIAL MEETING Call to Order – President Hench called the meeting to order at 6:47 p.m.**
 8. **Recognition of Westchester Enriched Sciences Magnet Aspen Team for Winning the 2015 Aspen Challenge – Los Angeles – Fred Sutton** of Councilman Mike Bonin's Office presented City Council certificates to all the members of the WESM Aspen Team.
 9. **Adjourn – President Hench adjourned the meeting at 6:51 p.m.**
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Hench recalled the Regular NCWP meeting to order at 6:51 p.m.

10. **Public Comment** - non-agenda items

Florence Ochi of the Ladera Heights Civic Association spoke re: a question about the NCWP boundaries

11. **Motions/Actions Items and Related Public Comment**

1. **Consent Calendar:**

1. Motion to approve letter to Councilman Mike Bonin to support moratorium on Small Lot Subdivision ("SLSD") on non-commercial streets for a period of two years. (PLUC)
2. Motion to support approval of proposed Starbucks at Lincoln and 84th subject to the following conditions: (1) That Starbucks provide notice to the neighbors regarding the project and invite them to the Neighborhood Council meeting on which the project is agendaized; (2) That Starbucks support BID formation; (3) That they accept responsibility for trash; (4) That there be no amplified music outside the premises; (5) That employee parking be on property; and (6) Operating hours of 6 a.m. - 11 p.m. (PLUC)
3. Motion to appoint Mark Redick to serve as NCWP - Department of Public Works Liaison
4. Motion to approve Procedures Stipulation Worksheet
5. Motion to appoint Garrett Smith as chairperson of Outreach committee
6. Motion to receive and file Treasurer's Report

M/S Hanson/F. Smith to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion passes unanimously.

2. **Discussion Calendar**

1. Motion to support approval of the proposed project as presented (La Tijera and Sepulveda Eastway), subject to the following conditions: (1) Installation of an 8 foot high fence on the side of the project facing the residential neighbors subject to approval by planning; (2) They will work with the Department of Transportation to create a loading space along Sepulveda Eastway; and (3) They will create specific guest parking spaces by including surface spaces in a landscaped and screened area, as well as utilizing allocated bicycle spaces for guest parking. The total number of guest parking spaces will be 26, 5 surface and 21 in the

parking structure. (PLUC) **Called special due to public comments regarding this issue.**

Steve Wood spoke against the CIM project and indicated that the project is too tall and will create parking and traffic issues. He added concerns about water usage.

Susan Wood spoke against the CIM project and questioned whether a LAWA noise survey should be done, could closing the alley by the church be addressed and have traffic impacts/mitigation measures (speed humps, cul-de-sac, one-way streets, etc.) on Kittyhawk been reviewed.

Dino Marsocki spoke against the CIM project and raised concerns about noise reflection off the proposed building into the neighborhood.

James Bevarδος spoke against the CIM project and asked for an accurate noise study from the airport, an analysis of the high tension lines, what about the existing school and has it found a new home, and will there be enough room for trash trucks to service the building.

Duncan McGill spoke against the CIM project and raised concerns about height, noise and traffic.

Mike Noori spoke against the CIM project and raised concerns about height, noise and parking. Shared a petition of neighbors who are opposed to the project.

CIM, the developer, presented its project to the board.

M/S Hanson/Oliver to approve the motion. Motion passes 7-4 (Hanson, Kamm, F. Smith, G. Smith) 2 abstentions (Aniolek, Maleman)

2. Funding Requests:

1. Motion to approve expenditure up to \$4,000 for First Aid/Disaster Kits for outreach events
2. Motion to approve expenditure up to \$2,500 for flashlights for outreach events
3. Motion to approve expenditure up to \$250 for NCWP note pads for outreach events
4. Motion to approve expenditure up to \$500 for NCWP Banners for outreach events
5. Motion to approve grant request for \$5,000 for graffiti abatement - Pacific Graffiti Solutions
6. Motion to approve grant request for \$5,000 for Senior Center Makeover project - Westchester Rotary

Due to conflict of interest, Coté, Maleman, recused themselves and left the room during the discussion and vote. M/S Redick/Oliver to approve the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

7. Motion to approve \$1,500 for Star of the Neighborhood entry in the Westchester July 4 Parade

Due to conflict of interest, Flintoft, Maleman recused themselves and left the room during the discussion and vote. M/S G. Smith/Hanson to approve the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

8. Motion to approve expenditure up to \$1,000 for power washing of Municipal Building sidewalks
9. Motion to approve expenditure up to \$1,000 for the NC Congress of Neighborhoods
10. Motion to approve revised budget for fiscal year 2014-2015.

M/S Maleman/Redick to approve the following funding requests: 1-5 and 8-10. Motion passes unanimously.

3. Create Ad Hoc committee for Strategic Plan and related materials

1. Motion to create ad hoc committee to complete Strategic Plan and related materials for fiscal 2015-2106

M/S Redick/Hanson to approve the motion. Motion passes unanimously

2. Motion to appoint the following committee members: Webster, Redick, Hench, Hanson, Maleman

M/S Redick/Hanson to approve the motion. Motion passes unanimously

12. Committee Reports

Government Affairs – 6pm, May 18 LADWP will present regarding infrastructure issues in the our community

Public Safety Committee: (Aniolek) information sheets regarding public safety have been created and shared with them

13. Announcements

14. **Adjourn at 8:22 p.m –At Maleman’s request, President Hench adjourned the meeting in honor of David Voss’ wife, Allison, who passed away earlier today.**

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 2, 2015 – 6:30 p.m.