

NCWP Board Meeting
APPROVED MINUTES
Submitted by Geoff Maleman

Tuesday, March 2, 2021 – 6:30 p.m.
Via Zoom

Present: , Scott Carni, Michele Cooley-Strickland, Tom Flintoft, Paula Gerez, George Herrera, Andrew Kamm, Jennifer Kingshott, John Logsdon, Geoff Maleman, David Mannix, Dennis Miller, Fred Puza, Julie Ross, Glenda Silva, Zach Siglow, Garrett Smith, Cord Thomas, Heather Tuttle, David Voss, Naomi Waka, Andrew Watkins, Sylvia Wilson

Absent:

Excused: Gregg Aniolek, Ted Grose, Brian Lockwood,

1. **Call to Order – President Gerez called the meeting to order at 6:34 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 January 2021 MER
 3. Motion to approve budget reallocation of \$1,500 from Outreach to Elections for NCWP's FY2020-2021.
 4. Motion to approve expenditure not to exceed \$3,850 for NCWP election promotional materials such yard signs, banners, flyers, and bus benches.
 5. ~~Motion to formally oppose the Airfield and Terminal Modernization Project as proposed by LAWA in the Draft Environmental Report (DEIR) released on October 29, 2020. If through the course of the EIR approval process, additional mitigation/community benefits become part of a binding agreement to the EIR via a non-CEQA LADOT analysis or other governmental initiatives, the Airport Relations Committee and NCWP board may reconsider this project.~~
 6. Motion to approve grant request of \$1,000 from LAX Coastal Education Foundation for Student Art Show "Reflections of Covid".
 7. Motion to approve the letter to Councilmember Mike Bonin requesting support in allocating more park space in the Westchester-Playa community.
 8. Motion to support The Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) motion in support of Senate Bill 15 (Portantino) and Senate Constitutional Amendment 2 (Allen and Wiener) as examples of positive legislation that forward the goal of achieving more affordable housing consistent with these principles. The Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) recognizes the need for positive solutions to the state's affordable housing crisis, specifically as it relates to workforce and low-to-moderate income housing. Solutions should involve legislation that 1) focuses on increasing the production and supply of truly affordable housing; 2) does not compromise public safety or the environment; and 3) respects principles of democracy, local land use control and self-determination of local governments to expand housing opportunities unique to their jurisdictions.

Items struck out initially appeared on the Consent Calendar, but were called special and moved to the Discussion Calendar

M/S Cooley-Strickland/Kingshott to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion passes unanimously. Puza and Silva abstaining.

5. **Presentations**

- a. City of Los Angeles challenges, laws and regulations surrounding the unsheltered presentation by **Claudia Martin**, Neighborhood Prosecutor for the Pacific Division (310) 202-3824 or Claudia.Martin@lacity.org

6. Discussion Calendar and related Public Comment

- a. Discussion and possible motion that the Neighborhood Council of Westchester /Playa approve letter to Councilman Mike Bonin requesting the City, County, and Dept. of Rec and Parks investigate the feasibility of creating a specific and defined area (Safe Camping Zone) within Westchester Park for our unsheltered neighbors and vehicular dwellers to reside with centralized services to include suspending enforcement of LAMC 63.44 in the designated area and to include enforcement of LAMC 63.44 in the park outside the designated areas

Stephanie Popescu spoke in favor of the motion

M/S Cooley-Strickland/Kingshott to approve the motion. Motion passes 17-1. (AYES: Carni, Cooley-Strickland, Flintoft, Herrera, Kamm, Kingshott, Logsdon, Maleman, Mannix, Miller, Ross, Siglow, Smith, Tuttle, Voss, Waka, Wilson. NAYS: Watkins). Puza, Silva and Thomas abstaining.

- b. Motion to formally oppose the Airfield and Terminal Modernization Project as proposed by LAWA in the Draft Environmental Report (DEIR) released on October 29, 2020. If through the course of the EIR approval process, additional mitigation/community benefits become part of a binding agreement to the EIR via a non-CEQA LADOT analysis or other governmental initiatives, the Airport Relations Committee and NCWP board may reconsider this project.

(called Special by Voss)

Flintoft and Maleman announced that they had a conflict of interest with this item, They recused themselves, did not participate in the vote or discussion and logged off the Zoom meeting.

Elizabeth Kane spoke in favor of the motion.

Denny Schneider spoke in favor of the motion.

M/S Ross/Thomas to approve the motion. Motion passes 13-3. (AYES: Carni, Cooley-Strickland, Herrera, Kamm, Kingshott, Logsdon, Mannix, Miller, Ross, Siglow, Smith, Tuttle, Wilson. NAYS: Voss, Waka, Watkins). Puza, Silva and Thomas abstaining.

7. Announcements from Board Members and Committee Reports

Tuttle (Education) spoke re: WESM Academic Decathlon team, which finished fourth in the county, and visited the committee.

Thomas (Outreach) spoke re: elections promotion, new NCWP website

Puza (LMU) spoke re: master plan, neighborhood disturbances are down year over year, virtual commencement again in 2021, construction updates, campus will slowly be reopening with the hope of being fully open in the fall.

Waka (Community Services) said the committee will meet on the second Thursday of the month going forward.

Waka (Election) announced the following important dates for the upcoming Neighborhood Council election: **Candidate Filing Period:** closes March 23, 2021; **Vote-By-Mail Application**

Period: April 9, 2021 to June 1, 2021 Mailed ballots must be postmarked by Election Day and received by the City Clerk's Election Division within three (3) business days thereafter; **Election Day:** June 8, 2021 (Ballot Drop Off Day) and added that all ballots will be cast by mail only and stakeholders will have to request ballots in order to vote.

8. **Announcements from Government Representatives**

- a. Councilman Mike Bonin's Office: **Hannah Levien** hannah.levien@lacity.org, spoke re: street-sweeping routes are being reduced to every other week, LAPD has begun a street racing task force to address local street racing and intersection takeovers, LAFD/LADOT looking at safety improvements on Bluff Creek Drive to increase safety and reduce speeds, city's support of "hero" pay and the senior meal delivery program for the next six months.
- b. LAX Liaison for Councilman Mike Bonin: **Geoff Thompson** geoff.thompson@lacity.org spoke re: the ATMP project.
- c. Mayor Eric Garcetti's Office: **Brad Fingard** brad.fingard@lacity.org spoke re: COVID update and vaccination eligibility, SB91 and renter's relief, the Mayor's Office's new e-newsletter.
- d. Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate: **Mario Hernandez** Mario.Hernandez@LACity.org spoke re: new civility rules for NC members, NC data liaison, board member funding training expirations.
- e. Supervisor Holly Mitchell's Office: **Lilly Sofiani** lsofiani@bos.lacounty.gov introduced herself as the area representative that covers the Westchester area and spoke re: homeless encampments, Project Room Key, resources for tenants related to the eviction moratorium which was extended until June, COVID vaccinations.

9. **Public Comment** (*non-agenda items*)

Elizabeth Kane spoke re: NCWP election and her desire to be appointed to a vacant seat on the board

10. **Adjourn – President Gerez adjourned the meeting at 9:26 p.m.**

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 – 6:30 p.m.