**Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa Community Services Committee**

 **Draft Minutes Submitted by Sylvia Wilson**

 **January 13, 2022- 6:30 PM**

 **Meeting held on Zoom online**

**Present:** Sylvia Wilson, Chair, Theresa Torrance, Alexandra Reynolds, Carey Begbie Westerfield

Guests: Abby Austin, Lizka Mendoza, Dr. Danelle Fisher, Lonnie Resser.

**Call to Order:** Chair called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM

**Introductions**

**Discussion/Action (Motion):**

**1.Approval of December 8, 2021 Minutes**

* Motion to approve minutes made by Theresa Torrance, second Carey Begbie Westerfield.

**2. Discussion with Lizka Mendoza, Facilities Director of Westchester Park, City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation & Parks on the Westchester Park Reopening and a Facilities Update**

* Public Comment: Karen Gusdorf, Kathy Saenz, Cord Thomas, Heather Tuttle
* Committee Discussion:. Alex Reynolds requested information about the Park’s next steps are to reopening and about parking lot issues.

Theresa Torrance asked about volunteer opportunities through the Senior Grab and Go program, consideration of astroturf for the field and about a new irrigation system to upgrade from the current system.

Sylvia Wilson requested information about a Youth/Teen Coordinator for the Park and about upcoming opportunities/activities for teens in Westchester Park.

**2. Discussion with Abby Austin, Field Deputy for Councilman Mike Bonin, Encampment to Home Program Update and Other Community Updates**

* Public Comment: Cord Thomas
* Committee Discussion: Carey Begbie Westerfield raised questions about the fencing in the Park.

Alex Reynolds requested further information about the status of the Coral Tree encampment.

Theresa Torrance asked about protocols for vehicles with leakage on Jefferson and requested a Comprehensive cleanup of the area due to the leakage and unsanitary conditions.

Sylvia Wilson asked about the additional tents and RVs in Westchester Park that are present to see if they are connected with PATH and LAHSA to receive services.

**3. Discussion and Possible Motion to Further Recommend Neighborhood Purposes Grant of up to $1000 to Nourish LA**

* Public Comment: None
* Committee Discussion: Theresa Torrance made a motion to further recommend this amount and it was seconded by Carey Begbie Westerfield.

4. **Discussion with Dr. Danelle Fisher, Playa Vista Pediatrics/Providence Saint John’s Health Center**

* Public comment: None
* Committee Discussion: Theresa Torrance requested medical information on the best remedies for COVID illness and asked what medications or remedies actually reduce symptoms versus remedies that do not reduce symptoms.

Carey Begbie Westerfield asked about if or when vaccinated individuals will need a 4th shot or additional booster to prevent serious illness from other potential variant strains of COVID. Carey Begbie Westerfield also inquired about when a vaccine will be available for children under 5 years of age.

Sylvia Wilson requested information about how to protect children from COVID infection or serious illness due to COVID for those who are 0-4 years of age, especially the pre-school children who are in daycare/school and are currently ineligible to receive vaccination.

4. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:

* Public comment: Heather Tuttle

 **Adjourned at 8:45 pm.** **Next meeting February 10, 2022 at 6:30 pm.**