**Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa**

Agenda

**Committee:** Community Services

**Chairperson:** Sylvia Wilson

**Meeting Date:** August 11, 2022 6:30 pm

**Meeting Place:** Online

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**Call to Order:  6:33pm**

Committee Attendees:  Sylvia Wilson, Theresa Torrance, Alex Reynolds, Carey Begbie Westerfield

Introductions

**Discussion/Action (Motion):**

Item 1:

Presentation and Discussion with John Sharpe, of Sharpe + Associates, Inc. on the Westchester Arts & Music (WAM) Block Party History and Upcoming WAM Event:  started 6 years ago and have raised $40K for Emerson Community Garden, this year is designated a separate 501c3, this year the event benefits YMCA for teen mental wellness, potentially will move to another location in upcoming years, 2021 attendees numbered 5,000+, Dorothy Stone discussed community building

Public Comment:   none

Committee Discussion:  Theresa asked about date booths (9/24, 43 orgs or artisans signed up), Carey thanked John and the WAM organization on being so successful in community building, Alex suggested a band and asked about food trucks, Sylvia asked about bands this year

Item 2:

Discussion with Michael Calzada, Board President of Emerson Avenue Community Garden Club, Inc. on the Emerson Community Garden:  located on LAUSD property at Oroville Wright Middle School, 39 members have plots that they pay for (300 sq feet), 44K sq feet, 4 master gardeners as part of the club, only open after school until sunset, ⅓ space is community space with fruit trees, live oaks, pine trees, instructional area, offered meditation, yoga, learning opportunities, movie nights, pancake breakfasts, etc., beneficiaries of the Westchester Rotary Club and have paved pathways now, donate food to the Otis or LAX food pantries

Public Comment:  none

Committee Discussion: Carey mentioned appreciation for the community service and building aspects of the garden, Sylvia mentioned other possible orgs that could benefit from food donations, asked more about the student involvement with WISH, asked about gardening classes for adults (classes will happen Oct-Nov), website: eacgc.org

Item 3:

Discussion and Possible Motion to Recommend a Neighborhood Purposes Grant to Emerson Community Garden Club of up to $1000.00

*Carey made motion*

*Theresa seconded*

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Public Comment: none

Committee Discussion:  none

Item 4:

Approval of Minutes from the June 9, 2022 Meeting

*Theresa made motion*

*Alex seconded*

**Public Comment:**

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:  none

*Theresa maked a motion to adjourn*

*Alex seconded*

*Meeting adjourns 7:26* Adjourn-Next Meeting- September 8, 2022 at 6:30 pm.

**Meeting Files:**

https://ncwpdr.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/June-9-2022-Community-Services Minutes.docx

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