Neighborhood Council of Westchester Playa NCWP Planning & Land Use Committee

Minutes for Approval

Committee: Community Plan Update Ad Hoc Special Meeting

Meeting Date: Tuesday, August 15, 2023 6:30 PM Mary Lou Crockett Room, Westchester/Loyola Library

Chair: Julie Ross

Attendance:

Present: Birkett, Conyers, Ross, Mallek, Ruhlen

Absent: Fox, Travis

Call to Order 6:34pm

Committee Introductions

Discussion/Action Items

Chair Ross explained that the purpose of the meeting was to prepare for the large meeting on August 28th. She explained the format she will follow and informed the group that the upcoming meeting will be much more formal and due to the anticipated size of the group and the amount of materials being presented she will hold to a strict timeline. Each Community group will have 15 minutes to present. The Planning Department will have 30 minutes to present and then hold a Q&A.

Cory Birkett presented a map study on the 3 specific zones for the Community Plan Update. Residential, Commercial and Industrial.

Community stakeholders groups A Better Westchester, Preserve Westchester and Community Alliance-Concerned for Westchester/Playa will be presenting at the upcoming meeting.

Committee Member Tracy Thrower Conyers presented on the recent Industrial Map provided to the Advisory Group.

She pointed out the recent maps were not announced to the public, but discovered by committee members. She also commented on the makeup of the Advisory Group, noting that Westchester had no residential stakeholder representation on the Group.

On the Industrial Map specifically, the proposed rezoning is limited to Arizona Circle and districts south of 83rd in east Westchester (WPDR 27-35). She noted that residential housing is allowed in the industrial zones (specifically in the Markets and Hybrid Industrial zones) as well as through adaptive reuse of commercial buildings. She questioned why the city wasn't looking at additional residential units near the Production districts (WPDR 32-35), since the Production districts are employment centers. Convers answered Stakeholders questions.

Meeting Adjourned/Next meeting Monday August 23, 2023. Location TBD.