

**NCWP Special Board Meeting
MINUTES**

Submitted by Geoff Maleman

**Monday, February 6, 2023 – 6:30 p.m.
Via Zoom**

Present: Gregg Aniolek, Michele Cooley-Strickland, Thomas Flintoft, Paula Gerez, Al Hernandez, George Herrera, Jack Hughes, Debra Huston, Jennifer Kingshott, Matt Lipschutz, Brian Lockwood, John Logsdon, Geoff Maleman, Chip Mallek, Greg Melton, Fred Puza, Alexandra Reynolds, Julie Ross, Garrett Smith, Theresa Torrance, Sylvia Wilson

Absent: Dennis Miller, Alan Quon, Denny Schneider,

Excused:

1. **Call to Order SPECIAL Meeting – President Gerez called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.**
2. **Salute the Flag – President Gerez led the flag salute and offered a moment of silence for the victims of the earthquake in Turkey and Syria**
3. **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 January 10, 2023 Special Board meeting
 2. Motion to approve Moore Business Results Invoice Number #2023 0201 in the amount of \$932.75 for website and NCWP communications.
 3. Motion to host a booth at the expo component of the Rock Roll & Run for Education on March 4, 2023 from 7:00AM — 11:00AM and approve expenditure of \$1,000 from our Outreach Budget.
 4. Motion to Approve support for Council File 23-4118-S1 to implement and enforce LAMC 41.18 which includes several sites within our Neighborhood Council of Westchester / Playa and submission of a Community Impact Statement.
 5. Motion to approve a letter in support of an engineering inspection of the Ballona Creek Bridge for future restoration.
 6. Approved a letter in support of a Litter Campaign with the support of the LA County Supervisor.
 7. Motion to accept the resignation of Carey Begbie Westerfield, Community Organization Director from the Neighborhood Council of Westchester / Playa and the Community Services Committee.
 8. Motion to accept the resignation of Jana Koppula, Residential 4 Director from the Neighborhood Council of Westchester / Playa and the Education Committee.
 9. Motion to accept the resignation of Cord Thomas, Residential 9 Director from the Neighborhood Council of Westchester / Playa, Treasurer and the Budget and Finance Committee and remove Cord Thomas as Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) Representative for the Neighborhood Council of Westchester / Playa.
 10. Motion to accept the resignation of Naomi Waka, Senior Citizens Director from the Neighborhood Council of Westchester / Playa and the Government Affairs Committee.
 11. Motion to accept the resignation of Heather Tuttle, Youth Organization Director from the Neighborhood Council of Westchester / Playa and the Education Committee Chair.
 12. Motion to appoint Theresa Torrance as Treasurer and Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee.
 13. Motion to appoint Chip Malek to the Ad Hoc Community Plan Update Committee.
 14. Motion to appoint Community Member John Ruhlen to the Ad Hoc Community Plan Update Committee.
 15. Motion to appoint Debra Huston to the Senior Citizens Director Seat, the Community Services Committee and Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC), 2nd seat.
 - i. As an attorney of over 35 years (now semi-retired), she has experience and

familiarity with issues such as homelessness, public safety, crime, and legislative law. She has spent the last year and a half as a volunteer using her skills, background and knowledge in working to make Westchester Park safe for community members. She has worked successfully to prevent the constitution of a “cabin community” shelter, 24-hour safe parking for RVs, and the extension of the nighttime-only safe program, all in Westchester Park. She has great compassion for people who are homeless, and is proud to say she has spent years of her legal career helping people who are homeless. Yet as a mother of two and a grandmother of two residents of Westchester, she is invested in public safety, thriving businesses, and preserving our residential areas in our NCWP communities.

16. Motion to appoint Jack Hughes to the Religious Director Seat and the Outreach Committee.
 - i. Jack has been a resident of Westchester most of his life, and attended Visitation School and St. Bernard High School. He has many life-long friends in Westchester and Playa Del Rey. We are faced with many important issues in Westchester, Playa Del Rey and Playa Vista, and he looks forward to representing our community members as the Religious Director and as a member of the NCWP.

Items struck out were removed from the agenda by President Gerez. Highlighted items were called Special and discussed as part of the Discussion Calendar.

M/S Torrance/Kingshott to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion passes unanimously.

5. Announcements from Governmental Representative (limit to 3 minutes please)

Newly appointed board members **Huston** and **Hughes** were promoted to panelists and introduced themselves.

Board member **Puza** arrived in the Zoom

Sean Silva of L.A. City Councilmember Traci Parks Office introduced himself and shared his email address sean.silva@lacity.org. (213) 887-5581... Lulu’s Place project will be on the agenda at the City’s Trade and Tourism Committee on Feb. 7 ... Councilmember Park supports the project. He identified several items introduced by Councilmember Park, including a motion to implement and enforce LAMC 41.18 at several locations in Westchester/Playa, discussion of the LAWA quarterly report, motion to ask LAHSA to shift its key performance indicators to be more accountable, motion for additional programming at Westchester Senior Center, and motion to look at alternatives for Scattergood’s hydrogen conversion project. He also discussed renter protections that are in force today and those that will change in the future as well as an update on the safety and security at Westchester Park, including the parking lot. He also discussed efforts to address the homeless issue throughout the city.

Glenda Silva of LAWA presented the following report:

1. The Los Angeles Bureau of Street Services will implement overnight lane restrictions at the Sepulveda Boulevard tunnel near Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) during a systems upgrade. Motorists should plan ahead for possible delays and take alternate routes to reach LAX during the lane restrictions.

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Monday, Feb. 6 – Sunday, Feb. 26 (could be completed as early as Feb. 20)

TIME:

11 p.m. – 5 a.m. (the following morning)

IMPACTS:

Two of the three lanes in each direction on Sepulveda Boulevard will be closed, with one lane remaining open on each side. Between Feb. 6 and approximately Feb. 13, the middle and right lanes will be closed, along with the transition ramp from the Upper/Departures Level at

LAX to southbound Sepulveda Boulevard. Vehicles leaving the Upper Level will be detoured to Century Boulevard. During the second phase of the work, starting approximately Feb. 13, the left and middle lanes of Sepulveda Boulevard will be closed.

2. Last week LAWA celebrated the grand opening of AllSaints within the West Gates. LAX is the first airport location in the country for the AllSaints apparel brand, which is a big hit internationally and a perfect retail addition to our program.
3. LAWA also celebrated another construction milestone with the topping out of Terminal 6. The top steel beam was lifted into place on the northwest corner of the terminal, which will house new hold rooms for gates 61, 63A, and 63B. It also will tie in with the terminal to provide access for guests to transit through the 5.5 core to the People Mover train.
4. High school students and college undergraduates with an interest in flight-simulator training are encouraged to apply to attend the spring session of the Flight Path Flyers at the Flight Path Museum. The classes, which take place on Saturday mornings from March 18 to May 13, allow youth to explore the first steps toward a potential aviation career. Supported by American Legion Post 283, the Westchester Woman's Club and other organizations, the Flight Path purchased new computer systems specifically designed for flight training and held the first series of classes last fall. The classes will be taught by Karen Goodman, who flies Boeing 747 aircraft with Atlas Air. Simulated aircraft piloting experience and related instruction are included in the program. Classes do not include flying lessons. However, several previous graduates have gone on to complete flight instruction, make their solo flights and earn their pilots license. Applications for the Flight Path Flyers program are available through Feb. 22 at flightpathlax.com/training. There is a course fee of \$120. A limited number of scholarships are available for students with financial hardship.
5. LAWA welcomes Mr. Matthew Johnson back to the Board of Airport Commissioners. In January, the Los Angeles City Council adopted the appointment of Mr. Johnson to the Board for the term ending June 30, 2025. He will fill the vacancy created by former Commissioner Sean Burton, who left the Board in December 2022, and returns to our Board having previously served as a Commissioner for LAWA. Commissioner Johnson, an entertainment lawyer, currently serves as a Board Member of the International Rescue Committee, LA 2028 Olympic Games and the NYU School of Law. He also is a member of the Advisory Board of the Policing Project at NYU and previously served as President of the Los Angeles Police Commission and Chief of the COVID-19 Philanthropic & Private Sector Community Emergency Response for the City of LA. We are excited and grateful to welcome Commissioner Johnson back to the LAWA family.
6. The HireLAX, program is now seeking participants for the next cohort in March. The orientation will be held on March 11th at Southwest College. For more information, please email HireLAX@lawa.org.
7. The First Flight Child Care Center is currently accepting children from age 6 months through five years. Located at 9320 Lincoln Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90045, they are open Monday through Friday, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Learn more and set up a tour, please go to www.lapetite.com and search for the First Flight Development Center.

Board member **Hernandez** arrived in the Zoom

Mario Hernandez of DONE spoke re: the return of in-person meetings for Neighborhood Councils, and the upcoming NC election on March 26.

6. Discussion Calendar and Related Public Comment

1. Motion to Approve support for Council File 23-4118-S1 to implement and enforce LAMC 41.18 which includes several sites within our Neighborhood Council of Westchester / Playa and submission of a Community Impact Statement. **(Called Special by Mallek)**

Mallek asked a question about a possible conflict of interest on this item

Mario Hernandez suggested he contact the City Attorney's Office for a ruling and that the NCWP Board table the item until that Office responds

M/S Reynolds/Torrance to approve the motion. Motion passes unanimously. Puza abstaining.

7. Announcement from Board Members and Committee Reports

Puza (LMU) reported that LMU is excited about the performance of the school's men's basketball team and identified upcoming home games, announced Spring Break will be from Feb 22-March 3, talked about Black History Month celebrations, Rock Roll and Run and the Neighborhood Advisory Committee, which will meet virtually on February 22.

Wilson (Community Services) spoke re: LA County Supervisor Holly Mitchell's efforts re: homelessness, upcoming Senior Center activities and an upcoming report from Westchester Playa Villages.

Logsdon (Public Safety) spoke re: upcoming CERT meetings that will be held in May

Cooley-Strickland (Education) spoke re: Rock Roll n Run as an outreach opportunity for the NCWP and those running for a seat on the NCWP board

8. Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda

There was no public comment for items not on the agenda

9. Adjourn – President Gerez adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m. in honor of the victims in Turkey and Syria

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 – 6:30 p.m.