

DRAFT MINUTES

Submitted by Mary Taylor

Tuesday, June 2, 2009 - 6:30 p.m.

Westchester Council Community Room

7166 Manchester Avenue, Westchester, CA 90045

Present: Stephen Bentley, Sibyl Buchanan, David Coffin, Steve Donell, Don Doyle, Craig Eggers, Doug Ehlers, Clarence Griffin, Cyndi Hench, Patricia Lyon, Nora MacLellan, Nancy Niles, Booker Pearson, Paul Radke, John Ramey, John Ruhlen, Denny Schneider, Frances Stronks, Mary Taylor, David Voss, John David Webster

Excused: Tom Flintoft, David Gray, Geoff Maleman, Terry Marcellus

Absent: Jim Ferro, Terry Issac

1. Call to Order **President Hench called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.**
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of Minutes of previous Board meetings

M/S David/Lyon- Approved to approve. Motion passes unanimously.

4. Public Comment - non-agenda items (limited to 2 minutes per speaker)

Rose DeLeonardis- Westchester resident- Presented information on the Program for Ambulance transportation for emergencies.

5. Announcements from Governmental Representative:
 - a. **Lisette Covarrubias**, *absent*
 - b. **Jim Kennedy**, *Field Deputy/Councilman Bill Rosendahl* spoke re: events within the community: the City budget woes, the City's proposed taxi parking ordinance, LMU's upcoming graduation and the DWP's heightened state of water usage.
 - c. **Chad Molnar**, *LAX - Community Liaison* spoke re: Announced that LAWA has officially sent a request to FAA to honor the street light agreement. Tom Bradley draft comments are due June 22nd 5:00.
 - d. **Jennifer Zivkovic**, *Field Representative – Assemblymember Ted Lieu-absent*
 - e. **Jennifer Badger**, *Area Field Representative – Mayor's Office- spoke re: upcoming events and Mayor's Day of Service.*
 - f. **Rebecca Bernal**, *Field Representative - Assemblymember Curren Price- absent*
 - g. **Edgar Saenz**, *Field Representative - Congresswoman Maxine Waters-spoke re: events and reported information from the Town Hall last week- reps from agencies and bureau 15 mil in stimulus \$\$\$, LAWA- move fire station to make way for taxi way.*
 - h. **Alma Marquez**, *- Representative from the Office of Senator Rob Wright-spoke re: Coffee & Conversation*
6. Presentations: (limited to 5 minutes unless prior approval for additional time given)
 - a. Presentation by Chris Alford, VP of Finance of Otis College, regarding Otis College's proposal to acquire an area of the North side land from LAWA that is adjacent to their Westchester main campus so that they can consolidate their other campuses and stay in Westchester. Otis moved here in 1997- grew enrollment from 650-1200- added successful departments. Looking at ways to expand the campus. Last year they entered

into conversations with LAWA about purchasing the land on LaTijera and Loyola St. It will be developed as a low rise development.

- b. Presentation by Pat Brubaker, Westchester Village Network, regarding request for \$5,000 grant from NCWP.- Volunteer-nonprofit- to keep seniors in their home as long as possible. They assist with household chores, shopping, doctor visits, dog walking etc. There are 532 people over the age over 65 in the Westchester/Playa del Rey area. Company has not started serving the community. Requesting funding to complete the website, 501 3c application, voicemail, compose brochures and logo design. Forward funding goal of 200,000- Executive Director and office space.
7. Motions/Actions Items:
- a. Public comment on agenized items
 - b. **Consent Calendar:** *(These items will be enacted with one vote unless a Board member or a stakeholder requests that an item be placed on the Discussion Calendar.)*
 - i. Motion to approve a letter of support from NCWP to the Department of Transportation and/or any other applicable municipal agency in favor of a Blinking Crosswalk for Pedestrian Traffic crossing Jefferson Boulevard from Playa Vista Drive north of Jefferson Boulevard to Playa Vista Drive south of Jefferson Boulevard (Ramey) – Troy Scarlott- President of Homeowner Association Bridgeway Mills in Playa Vista. 6 lanes wide 24 sec. crosswalk. Letter and petition signed by Sunrise and Capt. Percy Jones-Firestation 67.
 - ii. Motion to approve grant request for \$5,000 by Westchester Village Network (Donell) **-MacLellan** - requested to have this item moved to Discussion calendar
 - iii. Motion to accept the following changes in the Government Affairs committee: resignation of John Ramey as chair and committee member; naming of JD Webster as chair; naming of Craig Eggers as committee member.
 - iv. Matters transferred from the Discussion Calendar

M/S Stronks/Niles (Approval of All Items on the Consent Calendar except for item ii-which was moved to discussion) passes unanimously

- c. **Discussion Calendar:***(These items will be discussed and acted upon separately unless a Board member or a stakeholder requests that an item be transferred to the Consent Calendar.)*
 - i. Motion to approve grant request for \$5,000 by Westchester Village Network (Donell) **-MacLellan** - moved to Discussion calendar

M/S Donell/Stronks -Donell spoke in favor of the motion...however company is in its initial stages. **Buchanan-** raised questions about the budget- how much have they received so far? \$561.00. **MacLellan** - would like to see the approval of application of non-profit status, **Stronks** spoke in support, **J.D** –spoke in support. **Taylor** spoke against- due to the lack of approval of nonprofit status and it's a large amount of NCWP budget. **Niles** spoke against due to the lack of nonprofit approval. **Webster-** suggested staggering the payments. **Donell-** suggested going back to committee once the nonprofit status is approved. **Ehlers** spoke in support to give the full funding of the project. **Donell** withdrew the motion.

- ii. Motion to approve Treasurer's report (Donell/Budget and Finance) **M/S Donell/Niles to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion passes unanimously.** Motion to approve Treasurer's report

- iii. Motion to approve reimbursement of Board member expenditures (Donell/Budget and Finance)

M/S Donell/ MacLellan to reimburse Lyon in an amount to exceed \$150 for meals at the Board meetings. Motion passes unanimously.

- iv. Motion to approve the President's appointment of Ron Rader to the open board position for Residential District 3 (**Donell**)

M/S Donell/Ehlers to approve the appointment of Ron Rader to the open board position for RD 3. Motion passes unanimously.

8. Committee Reports:

- a. Highlighted Committee Report
 - i. Outreach-New Website- David Coffin
- b. Standing Committees (written reports)
 - i. Airport Relations - David Voss/David Coffin
 - ii. Budget & Finance - Steve Donell
 - iii. Education - Terry Marcellus
 - iv. Elections - David Coffin
 - v. Governmental Affairs/CityServices - John Ramey
 - vi. Outreach - Sibyl Buchanan
 - vii. Planning & Land Use -Steve Donell
 - viii. Public Safety - Cyndi Hench
- c. Ad Hoc Committees (written reports, as needed)
 - i. Bylaws - Mary Taylor
 - ii. Streetscape - John Ruhlen
 - iii. Community Design Overlay - open
 - iv. Policies and Procedures Handbook - Clarence Griffin
 - v. Homelessness and Vehicular Living - Pearson
- d. City/Neighborhood Council Committees (written reports, as needed)
 - i. LANC Congress - Paul Radke
 - ii. City Planning Task Force -David Gray; James Ferro (alt.)
 - iii. NC Alliance - Cyndi Hench
 - iv. Mayor's Budget Day - Denny Schneider (alt.)
 - v. City Attorney Legal Liaison -David Voss
 - vi. LADWP MOU - John-DavidWebster
 - vii. Westside Regional Alliance of NCs - J.D. Webster/Cyndi Hench/Jack Topal
 - viii. 5 NC Working Group on Development and Transportation - Nora MacLellan

9. President's Discussion Items or Comments

- a. Committee assignments -
- b. Current board vacancies - Don Doyle resigned seat in RD #1

10. Other Items:

- a. Ethics and Conflict of Interest On-line Training: www.lacityneighborhoods.com

11. Announcements:

- a. BONC meetings now held on the 1st Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. and every 3rd Thursday at 6:00 p.m. of the month
- b. Next NCWP Board meeting: July 7, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.
- c. Other announcements

12. Adjournment **President Hench adjourned the meeting at 9:34 p.m.**

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