

DRAFT MINUTES

Submitted by Geoff Maleman

Tuesday, August 4, 2009 - 6:30 p.m.

Westchester Council Community Room

7166 Manchester Avenue, Westchester, CA 90045

Present: Stephen Bentley, Sibyl Buchanan, David Coffin, Steve Donell, Tom Flintoft, Clarence Griffin, Cyndi Hench, Terry Issac, Patricia Lyon, Geoff Maleman, Terry Marcellus, Nora MacLellan, Paul Radke, John Ramey, John Ruhlen, Denny Schneider, Frances Stronks, Mary Taylor, Jack Topal, David Voss, John David Webster

Excused: Craig Eggers, David Gray, Booker Pearson, Ron Rader

Absent: Doug Ehlers, Nancy Niles

1. Call to Order **President Hench called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.**
2. Pledge of Allegiance by **Denny Schneider**
3. Approval of Minutes of previous Board meetings **M/S MacLellan/Ruhlen to approve. Motion passes unanimously.**
4. Public Comment - non-agenda items (limited to 2 minutes per speaker)
 - a. **Edgar Saenz** spoke regarding his candidacy for the 53rd Assembly District
5. Announcements from Governmental Representative (limit to 3 minutes please):
 - a. **Jim Kennedy**, Field Deputy/Councilman Bill Rosendahl, spoke regarding Councilmember Rosendahl's surgery and his recovery; the availability of Community Beautification Grants (deadline 10/20/09); Otis College's land acquisition; and Westchester Golf Course. Clarence Griffin added that the grand opening of the Hannon Library at LMU will be held 8/30/09 and the public is invited.
 - b. **Jennifer Zivkovic**, Field Representative - 53rd Assemblymember Ted Lieu, spoke regarding the state budget; the Assemblyman's Town Hall meeting re: Boating on 8/13/09; and a global warming brochure on strategies to reduce your carbon footprint.
 - c. **Deanna Stevenson**, DONE Project Coordinator, spoke (*following Item 9b.*) regarding the Citywide Congress of Neighborhoods on 10/10/09, and announced that DONE has changed its name to EmpowerLA.
6. Presentations: (limited to 5 minutes unless prior approval for additional time given)
 - a. Presentation by City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation "Alternative Technologies for Processing Post Source Separated Municipal Solid Waste" (aka black bin waste) by **Monica Morant**, encouraged people to sign up get updates on the city's plans to deal with the shortage of landfill space, trash to energy technologies and sites in each watershed area where such operations could be placed.
 - b. Presentation regarding the proposed Metro Crenshaw Transit Corridor by **Robert Diaz** and **Dave Monks** said Metro is working on DEIR/DEIS statements and hearings on the project are expected to begin in September. The proposed route will run through a portion of Westchester and there is also a Metro Rail maintenance facility proposed for the Osage area of Westchester. http://metro.net/projects_studies/crenshaw/default.htm
7. Motions/Actions Items:
 - a. Public comment on agenda items limited to 2 minutes
 - b. **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 Treasurer's report (Donell/Budget and Finance) **M/S Donell/Voss to approve. Motion passes unanimously.**

- ii. Motion to approve reimbursement of Board member expenditures to Pat Lyon for an amount not to exceed \$140 for food at the NCWP Board meeting (Donell/Budget and Finance) **M/S Donell/Voss to approve. Motion passes unanimously.**
- iii. Motion: To (1) oppose approval of a CUP to permit the addition of 2,089 SF to an existing 3,381 SF restaurant (The Coffee Company 8751 La Tijera Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90045) with existing beer and wine service for the on-site sale and dispensing of beer and wine, with 166 indoor seats, 8 patio seats and 26 sidewalk seats with hours of 7am to 10pm daily; and (2) oppose approval of a variance pursuant to Section 12.27 of the LAMC to permit offsite parking by lease in lieu of the covenant otherwise required by section 12.26-E,5 of the LAMC. (Donell/PLUC)
 - 1. **Pat Lyon** recused herself from this item and left the room prior to public comment and discussion.
 - 2. **Karen Dial**, President of HB Drollinger Co., spoke against the motion and in support of The Coffee Co. Indicated that the property owner will be upgrading his property with ADA-compliant restrooms, emergency exits and is working with HBD Co. to find additional parking for the restaurant use.
 - 3. **Don Duckworth**, Executive Director of the Westchester BID, announced that the BID has voted to oppose the motion and support The Coffee Co. The BID is currently working with local businesses to find solutions to the parking issues at the location.
 - 4. **Moheb Rahman** of the Westchester Parking Association Board, spoke in opposition to the motion and said the board has voted 5-1 to support The Coffee Co.
 - 5. **Alan Aratow**, Westchester property owner, spoke in support of the motion. He indicated that the property owner has been cited and is now seeking a CUP after illegally expanding the restaurant twice (1999 and 2005) without providing the appropriate parking and other code requirements. The property owner has skirted the law and is operating at 200% of its approved capacity. NCWP should support those who abide by the law.
 - 6. **Gus Kazemi**, owner of The Coffee Co. spoke in opposition to the motion. Indicated that he has complied with everything the city is requesting in terms of handicapped bathrooms, signage and emergency access.

M/S Donell/MacLellan to approve motion as proposed.

Members of the board discussed the motion.

Motion passes 17-1 (ayes: Stephen Bentley, Sibyl Buchanan, Steve Donell, Tom Flintoft, Clarence Griffin, Cyndi Hench, Terry Issac, Geoff Maleman, Terry Marcellus, Nora MacLellan, Paul Radke, John Ramey, Denny Schneider, Frances Stronks, Mary Taylor, Jack Topal, David Voss. **nays:** Ruhlen **abstentions:** David Coffin, John-David Webster)

- iv. Motion: To oppose the inclusion of a sign district within 500 feet of an ecological reserve or state park. (Donell/PLUC)
 - 1. Marcia Hanscom of the Ballona Institute, spoke in favor of incorporating the following language into the motion “no commercial billboard or sign districts shall be allowed within 500 feet of a coastal lagoon or environmental area owned by the State Lands Commission.”

M/S Donell/Voss to approve motion as amended to incorporate the language proposed by Ms. Hanscom. Motion passes unanimously.

8. Committee Reports:
 - a. Highlighted Committee Report
 - i. Outreach – **Sibyl Buchanan**
 - 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 - JD Webster
 - 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 - John Ruhlen
 - iv. Policies and Procedures Handbook - Clarence Griffin
 - v. Homelessness and Vehicular Living - Booker 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. Alliance - Cyndi Hench
 - iv. Mayor's Budget Day - Denny Schneider
 - v. City Attorney Legal Liaison - David Voss
 - vi. LADWP MOU - John-David Webster
 - vii. Westside Regional Alliance of NCs - Cyndi Hench/Jack Topal/JD Webster
 - viii. 5 NC Working Group on Development and Transportation - Nora MacLellan
9. President's Discussion Items or Comments
 - a. Committee assignments – PLUC Ad Hoc for Culver Blvd CDO
 - b. Current board vacancies and naming of new appointments
 - i. Resignation of **Jim Ferro** from RD6
 - ii. Residential Districts #1, #6, #13, and Education
 1. President Hench nominated **Andy Kamm**, instructor at Westchester High School, to fill the vacant Education Seat. **Confirmed by the Board unanimously.**
10. Other Items:
 - a. Ethics and Conflict of Interest On-line Training: www.lacityneighborhoods.com
11. Announcements:
 - a. Next NCWP Board meeting: September 1, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.
 - b. Other announcements
12. Adjournment **President Hench adjourned the meeting at 9:03 p.m.**

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