

NCWP Board Meeting
APPROVED MINUTES
Submitted by Geoff Maleman

Tuesday, May 6, 2014 – 6:30 p.m.
Westchester Council Community Room
7166 Manchester Avenue, Westchester, CA 90045

Present: Sibyl Buchanan, Cheryl Burnett, Scott Carni, Craig Eggers, Alex Eychis, Tom Flintoft, Cyndi Hench, Ted Kroeber, John Loizeaux, Pat Lyon, Nora MacLellan, Geoff Maleman, Nicholas Middlesworth, Alan Quon, Mark Redick, Sheryl Thomas-Perkins, Jack Topal, David Voss, John David Webster, Lance Williams, Grace Yao

Absent: Booker Pearson,

Excused: John Casey, Kathryn Evans, Andrew Kamm, Matthew Parrish, Denny Schneider

1. **Call to Order – President Hench called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance led by President Hench**
3. **Introductions**
4. **Approval of Minutes of previous Board meeting**
 1. **Approved by acclamation** with revisions by **Carni** indicating that he spoke at the April meeting regarding the addition of a NCWP Communications Officer, the composition of the Election Committee, status of NCWP standing rules and various other issues internal to the operation of the NCWP
5. **Announcements from Governmental Representatives**
 1. **Melissa Ramoso** of Sen. Ted Lieu's office spoke re: SB1388 Human Trafficking bill, SB1432 Arts Funding bill, SB1155 Construction on Seismic Fissures
 2. **Matt Stauffer** of Assemblyman Steven Bradford's office spoke re: seeking nominees for Veteran of the Year
 3. **Nate Kaplan** of Councilman Mike Bonin's office spoke re: the homeless issue, status of the Manchester Avenue bike path/median project and the Sepulveda Boulevard sidewalk project, revised design guidelines for small lot sub-divisions, City of L.A. sign ordinance
6. **Public Comment**
 1. **Paul Kouri** spoke re: his candidacy for State Assembly and in support of Prop 41
7. **Presentations**
 1. **John Ruhlen/Jack Davis/Don Duckworth** of Westchester Streetscape Improvement Association, provided an update on streetscape improvements in the area
 2. **Lisa Trifiletti**, LAWA, provided an update on the LAX Northside Development Plan Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and announced the EIR public meeting, which will be held at 5:30 p.m. on June 11 at St. Bernard High School in Playa del Rey
8. **Motions/Actions Items and Related Public Comment**
 1. **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. Motion to support application of AT&T for construction of cell tower at 7600 South Sepulveda Boulevard, with the condition that they evaluate the landscaping to determine if improvements such as additional trees can be made.

M/S Eychis/Redick to approve the item on the Consent Calendar. Motion passes unanimously. Flintoft abstained and left the dais during the vote.

2. Discussion Calendar

- 1.** Motion to support application of Chick-fil-A for construction of restaurant at Sepulveda Boulevard and Manchester, as well as the request for a zone change to allow for the drive-through, subject to the conditions as included in related correspondence amended to indicate that Chick-fil-A, voluntarily, selected the organizations it chose to sponsor as part of its philanthropic efforts. ***Item moved to Discussion Calendar, called special by Hench***

Tommy Roys spoke in opposition to the project, expressed concern about the restaurant's location at this busy intersection, emergency vehicle access, deliveries and trash pick-up

Vince Bertolini spoke in opposition to the project, expressed concern about the size of the project, ingress and egress, on-site parking, cueing and turnaround space

Dawn Decker spoke in opposition to the project, expressed concern about parking, traffic at the intersection, need to bring in higher quality jobs than the minimum wage ones created by this restaurant, quality of the food, trash, political stance of Chick-fil-A ownership

Jeremiah Cillpam, owner of the Chick-fil-A franchise, spoke in favor of the project, expressed his desire to work with the community

Nick Palacios of One Table spoke in support of the project, said restaurant has been supportive of bringing the community together and supporting all opinions

Chelsea McInturft of Level Ground spoke in support of the project, said the restaurant has been supportive of gay and LGBT organizations in other communities

Amanda Halligan of Chick-fil-A spoke in support of the project, said Chick-fil-A has helped her complete her education and has a positive impact on the community

Samantha Curley of Level Grounds spoke in support of the project, said the company has partnered with local community organizations and helped communities come together

Paty Corea spoke in support of the project said Chick-fil-A hired her and helped her family succeed in life and go to college

Liz Odabashian of Westchester Family YMCA spoke in support of the project, said Chick-fil-A has committed to support the YMCA and is a community supporter

Albert Tsao spoke in support of the project said Chick-fil-A Hollywood has been an asset in that community and Jeremiah Cillpam is committed to helping local workers by giving people a chance to get a job and succeed

Don Duckworth of Westchester Town Center BID spoke in support of the project, said Westchester Town Center board of directors supports the project and Chick-fil-A has been responsive to community requests and concerns

John Ruhlen, Westchester Streetscape Improvement Association spoke in support of the project, said Chick-fil-A will contribute to the improvement of Sepulveda Boulevard trees, sidewalks and street furniture

PLUC Chair Lyon gave a report about the committee's support for the project

Board members discussed the issue

M/S Redick/Eychis to approve. Motion passes 19-1 (Middleworth dissenting)

2. Motion to support the proposed development of 12 single-family residences at Manchester and Emerson by Dreyfus Construction with conditions as presented.

Tommy Roys spoke in opposition to the project, expressed concern about water, common area maintenance, density, light and shadow issues, garage size, guest parking, lack of community benefits

Vince Bertolini spoke in opposition to the project, expressed concern about overall project square-footage, trash pick-up, height, density, lack of guest parking and common area

Lori Erlendsson spoke in opposition to the project, expressed concern about whether the project qualifies under the small lot subdivision ordinance, size of setbacks, traffic on Emerson

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Board members discussed the issue

M/S Redick/Eychis to approve. Motion passes 15-4 (Carni, Kroeber, Lyon, Quon dissenting)

3. Motion to approve expenditure of up to \$2,500 for graffiti abatement in NCWP area.
4. Motion to approve expenditure of up to \$1,500 for Silver Seminar Series, a joint program of Airport Marina Counseling Center and Westchester Playa Village Network.
5. Motion to approve expenditure of up to \$1,000 for LAPD Pacific Area Winter Wonderland.
6. Motion to approve expenditure of up to \$1,000 for the NC Congress of Neighborhoods.
7. Motion to approve expenditure of up to \$650 for tote bags for outreach events.
8. Motion to approve revised budget.

M/S Redick/Loizeauz to approve Items 3-8. Motion passes unanimously.

9. Treasurer's Report

M/S Eychis/Redick to receive and file the Treasurer's Report. Approved by acclamation.

10. Committee Reports

1. **Chair Lyon** reported that PLUC will meet on May 20 to discuss new CVS store proposed at Centinela and La Tijera
2. **Chair Buchanan** reported that Outreach Committee published a four-page election section in the May issue of the Hometown News
3. **Chair Eggers** reported that Airport Relations Committee will meet next week and would like to present a comment letter regarding the Northside project to be approved by the Neighborhood Council's board at the June meeting. **Voss** questioned whether Airport Relations should consider the Northside project instead of PLUC.
4. **Chair Redick** reported that the Elections Committee will hold a Candidate Forum at 6:30 p.m. on May 15 in the Community Room of the Municipal Building at 7166 Manchester Ave. in Westchester to hear from the candidates who will appear on the May 18 NCWP ballot and sought Election Day volunteers
5. **President Hench** provided a local crime update

11. New Board Member Appointment

Kathryn Schwertfeger spoke re: election flyers and spoke against "board entrenchment" She urged the board not to support an appointment so soon before an election

President Hench nominated Gregg Aniolek to fill the vacant Residential District 2 seat.

Board members discussed the issue

M/S Carni/Burnett to postpone discussion of this item until the July meeting. Motion fails 7-12 (Buchanan, Eychis, Flintoft, Loizeaux, Lyon, Maleman, Middleworth, Quon, Redick, Topal, Voss, Yao dissenting)

M/S Eychis/MacLellan to approve the nomination. Motion passes unanimously (Burnett abstaining)

12. Announcements

13. Adjourn

President Hench adjourned the meeting at 9:02 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 3, 2014 – 6:30 p.m.