

NCWP Board Meeting
APPROVED MINUTES
Submitted by Geoff Maleman

Tuesday, August 5, 2014 – 6:30 p.m.
Westchester Council Community Room
7166 Manchester Avenue, Westchester, CA 90045

Present: Gregg Aniolek, Scott Carni, Michele Cooley Strickland, Alex Eychis, Tom Flintoft, Yvonne Fok-Gundersen, Erin Hanson, Cyndi Hench, Harold Johnson, Andrew Kamm, Pat Lyon, Nora MacLellan, Geoff Maleman, Nick Middlesworth, Tim O'Connell, David Oliver, Matthew Parrish, Alan Quon, John Ruhlen, Denny Schneider, Fred Smith, Garrett Smith, Jack Topal, David Voss, Grace Yao

Absent:

Excused: John Loizeaux, John David Webster, Lance Williams, Mark Redick

1. **Call to Order – President Hench called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance led by President Hench**
3. **Introductions**
4. **Recognition of 2014 Star of the Neighborhood winner - Margie Hanson**
5. **Approval of Minutes of previous Board meeting**

M/S Eychis/Ruhlen to approve the Minutes of July, 2014. Motion passes unanimously.

6. **Announcements from Governmental Representatives**

Melissa Ramoso of Sen. Ted Lieu's office spoke re: budget update, Senator's support for K-12 education, earthquake preparedness, arts program; SB 1272 campaign finance bill signed and would allow public to regulate campaign contributions, Senator is supporting the following bills in the coming session: SB828, SB980, SB511, SB1388; NCWP rep invited to join ABC representatives and City of LA to discuss ABC issues at a meeting on August 14 from 2-4 p.m.

Fred Sutton of Councilman Mike Bonin's office spoke re: SM Big Blue Bus route reconfiguration (including possible elimination of the No. 3 down Manchester and Sepulveda); Westchester Streetscape initiative will go before Public Works later this August; September 20 beach clean-up with Santa Monica Bay Restoration/L.A. Waterkeeper for Dockweiler Beach; September 6 clean-up set for Jungle, Jet to Jetty set for September 6;

7. **Public Comment - non-agenda items**

No comment cards were submitted

8. **Presentations**

1. **Nathan Freeman** of FMG regarding proposed CUB to modify conditions of previous CUB of Piknic Playa Vista Restaurant.
2. **Patrick Tomcheck**, LAWA Transportation Engineer, to discuss restriping of La Tijera Blvd to allow for dual left turn lane at La Tijera and Sepulveda.

9. **Motions/Actions Items and Related Public Comment**

1. **Consent Calendar:**

Three items called special and moved to Discussion

2. **Discussion Calendar**

1. Motion to that the PLUC recommend to the Board of Directors conditional support for the Piknic subject to 5 items: (1.) Notice to be given of our board meeting to residents within 500 feet. (2.) No change in hours. (3.) No change in the indoor currently approved seating of 48 and allow the addition of 64 outdoor seats. (4.) That the entire matter be subject to plan approval. (5.) No amplified music to be part of the conditional use.

M/S Carni/G. Smith to postpone discussion of the motion until the September NCWP board meeting so proper notification can be given to adjacent neighbors and additional information can be gathered. Motion passes unanimously.

Trevor Candler spoke re: purpose of the Neighborhood Council in this matter

2. Motion to support application of Playa Runway, LP, for up to 15 liquor licenses for retail stores and restaurants located in proposed mixed-use project at Jefferson and Millennium. <http://therunwayplayavista.com> (Phase II of Playa Vista) (PLUC) **Called special by Carni**

M/S Lyon/Eychis to approve the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

3. Motion to support the application of LaRocca's Pizzeria restaurant near Sepulveda and La Tijera to sell beer and wine. <http://laroccospizzeria.com> (PLUC) **Called special by Carni**

M/S Lyon/Eychis to approve the motion. Motion passes 23-1 (Fok-Gundersen opposed) Motion passes unanimously.

4. Motion to support Howard Hughes Center Promenade's appeal of the revocation of sign permits by the Department of Building and Safety. (Signage was previously approved by DBS and is approved for most current and former tenants) (PLUC) **Called special by O'Connell, Carni, Aniolek**

M/S Eychis/Ruhlen 23-1 (O'Connell opposed) to approve the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

5. Motion to support approve letter to LADWP and the City to urge them to maintain the FiT energy buy-back prices at a level sufficient to encourage participation in the program, and also, to expand the program from its current 150 megawatts to 1,200 megawatts. (Gov't Affairs) **Flintoft, O'Connell, Middlesworth and Johnson recused themselves from this item and left the room during the voting and discussion.**

M/S MacLellan/Maleman to approve the motion. Motion failed unanimously.

6. Motion to support signage proposed program at Playa del Oro West. (The proposed signage program is the same as that approved and existing at the adjacent Playa del Oro) (PLUC) **Flintoft, Lyon recused themselves from this item and left the room during the voting and discussion.**

M/S Schneider/G. Smith to approve the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

10. Motion to approve Treasurer's Report and recurring monthly expenditures

M/S Hanson/Eychis to receive and file the Treasurer's Report for July 2014. Motion passes unanimously.

M/S Maleman/Cooley-Strickland to approve the monthly expenses for Hometown News advertising for the 2014-2015 fiscal year in an amount not to exceed \$875 per month. Motion passes unanimously (Ruhlen ineligible).

M/S Maleman/F. Smith to approve the monthly expenses for Mail Chimp for the 2014-2015 fiscal year in an amount not to exceed \$50 per month. Motion passes unanimously (Ruhlen ineligible).

11. Committee Reports

Yao (Outreach) announced committee will meet at 9 am on the fourth Friday of each month in the Community Room going forward; creation of a NCWP Facebook page; exploration of a bus bench advertising program

Cooley-Strickland (Education) announced committee is meeting again; developed new mission and new committee objectives to enhance education in local schools; exploration of the creation of a NC Education Summit; interaction with representatives of local schools

Oliver (Public Safety) announced committee will meet soon with LAPD SLOs for a crime update

Hanson (Budget & Finance) announced committee is looking to change committee meeting date to more effectively interact with the board meeting schedule

Lyon (PLUC) announced committee will be busy next month

Ruhlen will begin a new committee focused on seniors

12. Board Member Committee Assignments

Hench assigned board members to various committees per the committee roster circulated before the meeting.

13. Announcements

Yao announced LMU will hold an 11:30-1:30 pm Community event September 6

Fok-Gundersen announced her Neighborhood Watch will meet August 14

Carni announced that park facilities have been busy, tennis court improvements are nearly done, fencing around Senior Center will come down this week, group rented the park August 30 for a movie in the park event

14. Adjourn – President Hench adjourned the meeting at 8:54 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 2, 2014 – 6:30 p.m.