

NCWP Board Special Meeting
APPROVED MINUTES
Submitted by Geoff Maleman

Tuesday, August 1, 2017 – 6:30 p.m.
Westchester Council Community Room
7166 Manchester Avenue, Westchester, CA 90045

Present: Gregg Aniolek, Paula Carlson, Michele Cooley-Strickland, Peter Dray, Tom Flintoft, Michael Frisch, Chris Gemgnani, Ted Grose, Cyndi Hench, Andrew Kamm, Patricia Morrison Lyon, Geoff Maleman, David Mannix, Alan Quon, Mark Redick, Fred Smith, Garrett Smith, Jack Topal, Grace Yao, Janine Ying

Absent: Heather Tuttle, John David Webster, Gordon Welty,

Excused: Scott Carni, Don Hellwig, David Oliver, David Voss,

1. **Call to Order –President Hench called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance led by President Hench**
3. **Introductions**
4. **Announcements from Governmental Representatives**

Anna Kozma of Councilman Mike Bonin's Office spoke re: traffic lanes being restored on Vista del Mar and related revisions to traffic, Planning 101 Training will be held August 16 at 6 pm, tree giveaways will be held August 12 at the Playa Vista Farmers Market and Westchester Farmers markets on August 20 (Triangle) and August 23 (Westchester Parkway)

Brett Roberts, Metro, spoke re: nighttime 405 freeway closures necessary as part of the Crenshaw/LAX Metro line construction over the next three weeks (more info at www.metro.net/crenshaw)

Daniel Tamm, Mayor Garcetti's Office, spoke re: outreach to the homeless in Manchester Square, Day of Compassion, Planning 101, the Housing Impact Trust Fund, Westchester Pet Adoption event

5. **Announcements from Board Members**

Ying announced that LAX released two RFPs for CONRAC and the Peoplemover construction – effort will result in hundreds of construction jobs

Aniolek announced that he is seeking a new location for the next CERT training program

Yao announced that vehicles will no longer be permitted to park on Cabora Road, though the path will continue to be available for people to walk

Lyon announced the Homeless Committee will offer job information to the homeless in Manchester Square but that health and mental health services will be addressed first, third Tuesdays from 11am – 2pm city is bringing out teams to contact the homeless in an effort to help the homeless obtain services to get off the streets and NCWP Homeless Committee is helping, volunteers are welcome

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

Crystal Scott spoke re: new alleyway connecting Manchester and Inception between Ramsgate and Reading, potholes and crumbling pavement have made the area undriveable

Robert Gibson spoke re: recent changes to the parking restrictions on the 7000 and 7100 blocks of Manchester Avenue

Edith Eliassen spoke re: Labor Day event at Westchester Park ... requested crowd control, port-a-potties, police and security for the event, suggested DUI checkpoint for the area

7. Presentations

1. Star of the Neighborhood Award - Denny Schneider
2. Update re construction and traffic impacts from LADWP Scattergood-Olympic Cable A Transmission Line on Lincoln Boulevard (LADWP – **Art Johnson, Dawn Cotterell** and others)
3. Residential Food Waste In-Sink Disposal Pilot Program to be conducted in a portion of North Kentwood (L.A. Bureau of Sanitation **James Roska** and **Darshna Patel**)

Trevor Candler spoke re: waste disposals being removed in commercial and residential applications because the material being pushed downstream results in clogged pipes

8. Motions/Actions Items and Related Public Comment

1. Consent Calendar:

1. Approval of Minutes of previous Board meeting
2. Receive and file the Treasurer's Report
3. Motion to approve proposed NCWP budget for fiscal year 2017-2018
4. Motion to approve letter re NCWP position to oppose the Home Sharing ordinance in Los Angeles. (PLUC)
5. Motion to approve letter to LA City Planning requesting that the City's General Plan review remain open and transparent. (PLUC)
6. Motion to support the position of Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) to recommend to Assemblymember Autumn Burke to oppose SB 649, which removes from cities the discretionary regulation of "small cell" cell phone towers in the public right-of-way and on city property. Exceptions for historic zones and Coastal Zone are included, but scenic highways and R zones are not included. Local control should be maintained. Cities have capability to properly analyze applications within existing laws and balance protection of neighborhoods with the need for increased wireless capacity." (WRAC)
7. Motion to recommend and fully endorse Southern California Gas Company's continued safe and efficient operation of its Playa del Rey storage location. (GA)
8. Motion to approve letter to Councilman Bonin and LADOT re Playa del Rey "Road Diet" pilot program (AdHoc)

M/S Cooley-Strickland/Redick to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion passes unanimously.

2. Discussion Calendar

1. Motion to approve letter re NCWP position to oppose the Home Sharing ordinance in Los Angeles. (PLUC) as amended (**Item called special by Aniolek Flintoft announced a conflict of interest and left the room during discussion and vote**)

M/S Cooley-Strickland/Redick to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion passes unanimously.

2. Motion to support the position of Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) to recommend to Assemblymember Autumn Burke to oppose SB 649, which removes from cities the discretionary regulation of "small cell" cell phone towers in the public right-of-way and on city property. Exceptions for historic zones and Coastal Zone are included, but scenic highways and R zones are not included.

Local control should be maintained. Cities have capability to properly analyze applications within existing laws and balance protection of neighborhoods with the need for increased wireless capacity.” (WRAC) **(Item called special by Flintoft) Flintoft announced a conflict of interest and left the room during discussion and vote**

M/S Cooley-Strickland/Lyon to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion passes unanimously.

3. Motion to approve a letter requesting community outreach by the end of the year by Southern California Gas Company regarding its efforts to assure the safe and efficient operation of its Playa del Rey storage location. (GA) **(Item called special by submission of public comment cards)**

Rob Vaghini spoke against the motion, urged postponement until the city’s investigation of the safety of the site is complete

Marcia Hanscom spoke against the motion, entered into the record a map showing the distance of Aliso Canyon impacts were a similar event to happen at the Playa del Rey facility, urged postponement until the city’s investigation of the safety of the site is complete

Susan Steinberg-Oren spoke against the motion, urged postponement until the city’s investigation of the safety of the site is complete

Vlade Popescu spoke against the motion, urged postponement until the city’s investigation of the safety of the site is complete

Stephanie Tatro spoke against the motion, urged postponement until the city’s investigation of the safety of the site is complete

Sarah Blue spoke against the motion, urged postponement until the city’s investigation of the safety of the site is complete

Diane Fletcher-Hoppe spoke against the motion, urged postponement until the city’s investigation of the safety of the site is complete

Carl Hoppe spoke against the motion, urged postponement until the city’s investigation of the safety of the site is complete

Mike Harriel of The Gas Co. spoke regarding the safety of the facility and the need for a reliable source of natural gas throughout Los Angeles

Discussion was had by the board members

M/S Redick/Cooley-Strickland to approve the letter as amended. Motion passes 17-2 (Dray and Mannix opposed, Ying abstaining).

4. Motion to approve letter to Councilman Bonin and LADOT re Playa del Rey "Road Diet" pilot program (AdHoc) **(Item called special by submission of public comment cards)**

Colleen Phillips spoke in opposition to the motion, urged postponement until safety data is available

Marcia Hanscom spoke in opposition to the motion, said community supports the road diet, has concerns about the tone of the letter

John Russo spoke in support of the letter, accidents are up and businesses are suffering, wants to have metrics to determine what is a success and what isn’t, wants cut-through traffic to be measured

Veronica Dressel spoke in support of the letter, concerned about increased traffic, commute times

Kevin White spoke in support of the letter, concerned about increased traffic, increased costs, safety of cyclists and pedestrians

James “Dave” Sumption spoke in support of the letter, concerned about the way the new roadway is designed with sharp turns, longer delays, more accidents, redirection of traffic through neighborhood streets

Paul Jenson spoke in support of the letter, opposed to road diet, says no one supports the road diets

Discussion was had by the board members

Hench referred this issue back to committee with direction to continue working with the City Council office, LAPD and LADOT to get the data asked for in the letter and to refine the letter’s tone, check facts and bring it back to the board for approval.

9. **Committee Reports**

10. **Committee Assignments**

11. **Announcements**

12. **Adjourn –President Hench adjourned the meeting at 8:51 p.m.**

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 5, 2017 – 6:30 p.m.