

NCWP Board Special Meeting
APPROVED MINUTES
Submitted by Mark Redick

Tuesday, March 6, 2018 – 6:30 p.m.
Westchester Council Community Room
7166 Manchester Avenue, Westchester, CA 90045

Present: Gregg Aniolek, Scott Carni, Michele Cooley-Strickland, Tom Flintoft, Michael Frisch, Chris Gemgnani, Paula Gerez, Ted Grose, Don Hellwig, Andrew Kamm, Patricia Morrison Lyon, David Mannix, David Oliver, Alan Quon, Mark Redick, Fred Smith, Garrett Smith, Jack Topal, Gordon Welty, Grace Yao, Janine Ying

Absent: David Voss, John David Webster, Heather Tuttle

Excused: Tilmann Gruber, Cyndi Hench, Geoff Maleman,

1. **Call to Order – Vice President Redick called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance led by Vice President Redick**
3. **Introductions**
4. **Approval of Minutes of Previous Board Meeting**

M/S Cooley-Strickland/Gemgnani to approve the Minutes. Motion passes unanimously.

5. **Announcements from Governmental Representatives**

Chuy Orozco of Councilman Mike Bonin's Office spoke re: Left Turn arrows at 76th/77th streets, the L.A. Police Commission seeking input from the community regarding the replacement of Chief Beck, safety improvements on Bluff Creek Drive (Playa Vista), "No Trespassing" signage on the Lincoln Blvd side of Cabora Road, an All Way sign placed at 85th & Fordham. Chuy also mentioned that the Arch Bishop will be visiting the Visitation Church (Playa del Rey) along with Councilmember Bonin celebrating the church's 75th anniversary. The building of homeless shelters was mentioned, and input from the community was encouraged as to the type of shelters the area would want. The Safe Parking Program, and overnight program for the homeless-patterned after San Diego and Santa Barbara-was discussed. This program was brought to Los Angeles by the late Councilman Bill Rosendahl. There are efforts continuing underway for improvements in the RecycLA program as well.

Brent Roberts of MTA mentioned that a station on Crenshaw Line would be closed Friday March 9 and re-opening Monday March in order to lay down tracks at Florence and Hindry.

SLO Luis Pinella stopped by to say Hello to the Council. He works east of Sepulveda Boulevard. It was also noted that SLO Ramirez works the Playa Vista area.

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

Lucy Han spoke re: the need to maintain the current beach curfew hours of 12:00am to 5:00am.

Bill Cooper spoke re: the continuing problem of homelessness in the area.

Jo Posey spoke re: the need to follow up with the repair and resurfacing of the alleyway between Reading and Ramsgate Avenues in Westchester.

7. Presentations

- a. **Shahrzad Amiri** with the Metro Congestion Reduction Department discussed the 105 ExpressLanes Project (Metro). Also present was Ida Stufani and Stephanie Blanco, Assistant Project Manager. Ms. Amiri presented the background of the Express Lanes, current rules and the Strategic Plan moving forward.

8. Motions/Actions Items and Related Public Comment

1. Consent Calendar:

- a. Approval of Minutes of previous Board meeting
- b. Receive and file the Treasurer's Report
- c. Motion to support a Conditional Use Permit to allow the sale and dispensing of a full line of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption in conjunction with the operation of an existing restaurant with outdoor dining [Tocaya Organica] located at 12150 Millenium Drive, Unit 101 with 4,663 square-feet, 115 seats and hours of operation from 11:00 am – 10:00 pm, daily.

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

2. Discussion Calendar

- a. Motion to support proposed project for 8521 S Sepulveda Blvd with conditions: 1) Lease language shall specify tenant move-in / move-out restricted to non-peak traffic hours; 2) Garage exit "No Left Turn / Right Turn Only" signage specified at the maximum dimensions allowable per ordinance; 3) Heavy duty delineators installed on Manchester Avenue to block illegal left turns out of property's garage; 4) Continued effort to accommodate guest parking; 5) Further efforts with CD11 to provide curbside loading zone designations; 6) Developer commitment to remove 5 Ficus trees and repair sidewalks on Manchester Avenue, adjacent to property's garage entrance; 7) Developer to provide application facilitation and financing of preferential parking in R1 area immediately behind property based on 2 cars per household for 3 years, if requested by R1 neighbors. ***Flintoft expressed a Conflict of Interest and left the room during the presentation.***

Public Comment on this item:

- Benjamin Steel** spoke in favor of the project.
- Roda Owen** said she felt that the project as proposed was too large.
- Kimberly Fox** spoke against the project as proposed.
- Shana Aelony** expressed various concerns regarding the project.
- Barbara Smiley** expressed opposition to the project.
- Dino Marsocci** stated that he was concerned about both height and sound issues relating to this project.

Board Discussion:

PLUC Chair Lyon answered Board Member questions regarding the project.

The following Board Members offered comments, thoughts and questions to the presenters:

Aniolek, (Fred) Smith, Mannix, Cooley-Strickland, Carni, Ying, (Garrett) Smith, Topal, Carlson, Welty.

The presenters of the project assured the Board of the viability of the proposed development prior to the vote and answered various questions posed by Board Members.

M/S Carlson/ F. Smith to approve the motion. Motion passes on a vote of 13 yes, 0 noes, 3 abstain.

9. Committee Reports

Education-Sign Up sheet for the Rock 'N' Roll event being passed around.
Seniors-Health Fair on June 2nd, 2018
Public Safety-Meeting of Medical Operations, Battalion 4 Fire Department on March 27, 2018.
Government Affairs-Meeting March 19, 2018 at 6:30pm.
Budget & Finance-Meeting March 19, 2018 at 5:00pm.
Airport Relations-Meeting March 15, 2018.

10. Announcements

Janine Ying-There was an intrusion on LAX property by a mentally disturbed man on February 14, 2018. As a result, 99 trees will be removed adjacent to the area where he made his way onto the property. On another note, two (2) contracts have been awarded for the People Mover project. The ceremony for this project will be held in October. Construction starts in 2019, with completion expected in 2023.

11. Adjourn – Vice President Redick adjourned the meeting at 9:17 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 3, 2018 – 6:30 p.m.