Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa Education Committee

Meeting Agenda – January 31, 2018
Westchester Municipal Building Community Room, 7166 W. Manchester Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90045

1. 6:30pm Call to Order – Dr. Michele Cooley Strickland, Chair

2. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items (2 minutes maximum) – Complete a Speaker Card*

3. New Business

Action Item 1: Review and Follow-up on November 13th LAUSD, NCWP, & SpeakUp Facilities Forum for the Westside Communities

The jointly-sponsored LAUSD, NCWP, and SpeakUp Facilities Forum for the Westside Community was held on November 13, 2017 at Westchester Enriched Sciences Magnets High School. The Facilities Forum was in response to longstanding interest in both maintaining/improving the interior and exterior conditions of our school facilities on the Westside. Participants in the Facilities Forum included: Nick Melvoin, LAUSD Board Vice President and District 4 Representative; Allison Holdorff Polhill, LAUSD District 4 Senior Advisor and Director of Community Engagement; Mark Hovatter, LAUSD Chief Facilities Executive; Cheryl P. Hildreth, Superintendent, LAUSD Local District West; RaDaniel McCoy, Administrator of Operations, LAUSD Local District West; and Dr. Janet Mack, Principal, Westchester Enriched Sciences Magnets High School. The free event was LiveCast on the Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa Facebook page, had a moderated Q&A format, and generated a significant number of inquiries from parents and teachers. Follow-up of the issues raised will be discussed.

- Committee Discussion on Action Item 1
- Potential Plans of Action
- Motion and Vote to support/modify/deny Action Item 1

Action Item 2: Review and Follow-up on January 22nd LAUSD Local District West and Charter Schools Division Proposition 39 Forum for the Westside Communities

Understanding space allocation issues related to Proposition 39 is a complex issue that affects the Westside community. A separate community forum was sponsored by LAUSD Local District West and the Charter Schools Division on January 22, 2018 at Westchester Enriched Sciences Magnets High School. After a presentation by both Local District West and the Charter Schools Division, parents, teachers, and students raised questions and made comments on the issues of charter school space allocations and campus locations. Follow-up of the issues raised will be discussed.

- Committee Discussion on Action Item 2
- Potential Plans of Action
- Motion and Vote to support/modify/deny Action Item 2

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**Action Item 3: Update on SoCalGas Educational Grants for STEM Initiatives and Other Award Initiatives**

A total of $24,000 in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) grant awards funded by SoCalGas were given to four Westchester/Playa schools: New Middle School Pathway, Westchester Enriched Sciences Magnets High School, Westport Heights Elementary School, and Wright STEAM Magnet Middle School. The Public Affairs Manager of SoCalGas, Mike Harriel, had attended the October, 2017 NCWP Education Committee because resources had been identified by SoCalGas to invest in the local Westchester/Playa schools. The funds were distributed to the schools in December 2017 by the LAX Coastal Education Foundation (see the January 2018 *Hometown News* article: [https://issuu.com/westchesterpdrhometownnews/docs/finalhtnjanuary2018_web](https://issuu.com/westchesterpdrhometownnews/docs/finalhtnjanuary2018_web)). An update on future award initiatives will be discussed.

- Committee Discussion on Action Item 3
- Potential Plans of Action
- Motion and Vote to support/modify/deny Action Item 3

**Action Item 4: Community Outreach and Announcements**

- LMU: Government and Community Relations
- Otis College of Art and Design
- LAX Coastal Chamber of Commerce – Education Committee and Education Foundation
- Local Schools and Groups

**High School Pageant of the Arts Competition** hosted by the Rotary Clubs of Westchester and Playa Venice Sunrise. Ninth through 12th graders in the Westchester/Playa communities are eligible to participate in the visual arts, dance, music, and speech divisions. See [www.PlayaVenice.org](http://www.PlayaVenice.org) or [www.Rotary-Westchester.org](http://www.Rotary-Westchester.org) for more information. The application is free. Local competition is February 3rd.

**Help beautify the Westchester/Playa community through art.** The community is looking for artists to apply to paint murals on utility boxes in Westchester and Playa del Rey! Painting will begin in January/February. Selected artists will receive a fixed stipend for materials to be painted on boxes along major thoroughfares in Westchester and Playa del Rey. Email [westchesterplayaart@gmail.com](mailto:westchesterplayaart@gmail.com) for an application.

**Run for Education** - LAX Coastal Education Foundation and LMU sponsor this 5K/1K Family Run/Walk on March 10 at Loyola Marymount University. This fun 5K walk/run and 1K kids’ run will take place on LMU’s campus. The proceeds from the race will benefit participating schools. The more participants you have sign-up, the more money your schools will raise! Looking for sponsors, vendors, volunteers, runner and walkers. See [https://racewire.com/register.php?id=8891](https://racewire.com/register.php?id=8891)

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NCWP Education Committee Members
Michele Cooley Strickland, M.Ed., Ph.D. – Chair
Grace Yao – Co-Chair Matthew Tede
Andrew Kamm Heather Tuttle
John-David Webster Denny Schneider

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• Committee Discussion on Action Item 4
• Motion and Vote to support/modify/deny Action Item 4

Next meeting – February 21, 2017 at 6:30pm in the Westchester Municipal Building Community Room.

Motion to Adjourn (Target: 8:00pm).

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