

Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa Education Committee



NCWP Education Committee Members

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Meeting Agenda – June 27, 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. Vote to approve April 25, 2018 Meeting Minutes
3. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items (2 minutes maximum) – Complete a Speaker Card*
4. New Business

1 **Action Item 1: Announce Education Winners of the 2017-2018 NCWP Neighborhood Purposes**

Grants and Discuss Plans for 2018-2019 (Westchester/Playa Public Schools were eligible to apply):

- New Middle School Pathway. - \$1,500
- Wright Middle School STEAM Magnet - \$1,500
- Open Charter Magnet (Friends of Open School) - \$1,500
- Westchester Enriched Sciences Magnets (WESM) Aerospace and Aviation Club - \$1,500

- Committee discussion on Action Item 1
- Motion to support/modify/deny Action Item 1

2 **Action Item 2: Explore Ways to Make the NCWP Board Activities More Accessible and Transparent.**

In the interest of making local governance more accessible and transparent to families and other stakeholders in our community, the NCWP Education Committee submitted a motion to:

- 1) Upgrade the NCWP Website and/or hosting platform (and mailchimp system) to make it easier to navigate and populate (as a Board member, Committee Chair, or stakeholder); and
- 2) To develop Webex (or its equivalent) capability for the live real-time broadcasting of the NCWP Board meetings (ideally receiving questions/comments from community) on the NCWP website.

The current NCWP website is difficult to add new information that will keep the stakeholders informed and up to date. It is also challenging for Committee chairs to build out their webpages. Ease of website use will promote this invaluable tool for communicating with our stakeholders in a timely fashion.

Similarly, transparency and accessibility are critical elements in serving our community. For families, easing the barriers to participating in the NCWP would promote their engagement. One means of doing this would be to broadcast the NCWP Board meetings in real-time via an Internet-based broadcasting system.

- Committee discussion on Action Item 2
- 7pm Call-in Discussion with the “My Live District” company (www.MyLiveDistrict.com)
- Motion to support/modify/deny Action Item 2

1 Our NCWP Education Goal: *To engage the Westchester/Playa del Rey/Playa Vista community in support of advancing the success of the local elementary, middle, and high schools, as well as that of the local colleges and universities, manifested by enhancing: i) School resources; ii) students' educational experiences; iii) parental involvement; and/or iv) community partnerships.*

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3 **Action Item 3: Strategic Planning for Local, Affordable Daycare and Preschools for Families with 0-5 year old Children.** Approaching crisis conditions, the housing shortage in Los Angeles also extends to a critical shortage in available local, affordable daycare and preschools for families with 0-5 year old children. As Westchester/Playa – as well as the Westside of Los Angeles – attracts younger families as homeowners and renters, the demand for 0-5 childcare also increases. Recent highly visible daycare and preschool providers have appeared before the NCWP Board highlighting the urgent need for a coordinated effort involving local, city, and state entities to increase the availability of facilities that may support daycare and preschools.

- Committee discussion on Action Item 3
- For example, the LAX Northside Project may be an opportunity to identify market conditions that would support the allocation of space specifically for a local daycare and/or preschool.
- Exploration of multiple Westside Neighborhood Councils working jointly on this issue.
- Motion to support/modify/deny Action Item 3

4 **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
 - LAX Coastal Education
- Local Schools
- Local Groups

5 **Next meeting** – August 22, 2018 at 6:30pm in the Westchester Municipal Building Community Room.
Motion to Adjourn (Target: 8:00pm).

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