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

2. Vote to approve August 23, 2017 Meeting Minutes

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

4. New Business

**Action Item 1: SoCalGas Educational Opportunity for Local STEM Schools**

The Public Affairs Manager of SoCalGas, Mike Harriel, contacted the NCWP Education Committee because resources had been identified by SoCalGas to invest in the local Westchester/Playa schools. A modest amount is available this year, with a larger amount to be allocated next year. Initial discussions resulted in targeting STEM-focused middle and high schools in Westchester/Playa for this first year. To that end, Mr. Harriel and the principals of the following schools have been invited to join the NCWP Education Committee in discussing potential next steps in this exciting school/community endeavor:

- New Middle School Pathway – Principal Kyle Hunsberger
- Westchester Enriched Sciences Magnets High School – Principal Dr. Janet Mack
- Wright STEAM Magnet Middle School – Principal Christina Wantz (a representative will be available as Principal Wantz had a prior commitment)

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

**Action Item 2: LAUSD Facilities Forum for Westchester/Playa**

At the August 23, 2017 meeting the NCWP Education Committee unanimously voted to host an LAUSD Facilities Forum for the Westchester/Playa Community. Since then a Motion was submitted to the NCWP Board at its September Board meeting; the Board voted to approve the Forum. The Education Committee needs to develop letters of invitation to panelists. A draft letter to LAUSD Board Member Nick Melvoin is attached for discussion purposes. Additional next steps will be discussed (e.g., location, Forum co-hosts).

- Committee Discussion on Action Item 2
- Potential Plans of Action
- Motion and Vote to support/modify/deny Action Item 2
Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa Education Committee

Special Meeting Agenda – September 27, 2017

Action Item 3: Discussion of Community Inquiries – UPDATE

At the August NCWP Education Committee meeting, several school representatives and community members expressed significant traffic safety concerns around: 1) Loyola Village Elementary School; 2) Cowan Elementary, Kentwood Preschool, and WISH Middle School; and 3) New Middle School Pathway. They asked if it’s possible to have Councilmember Bonin and LAUSD initiate mitigating measures to reduce speeding and failures-to-stop at the intersections. They reported that the frequency of morning and afternoon violations on a daily basis may lead to a major accident involving school children. Potential solutions include police citations, speed bumps, crossing guards, new striping, and additional signage that school children are present. The NCWP Education Committee has made inquiries to Councilmember Bonin’s office and LAUSD Local District West on this school-related traffic safety issue.

- 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

a. LMU: Government and Community Relations
b. Otis College of Art and Design
c. LAX Coastal Chamber of Commerce – Education Committee
d. Local Schools and Groups

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

Next meeting – October 25, 2017 at 6:30pm in the Westchester Municipal Building Community Room. Meetings for the remainder of 2017 are: November 15th and December 20th.

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

*The public is requested to fill out a SPEAKER CARD to address the Board on any item of the agenda prior to the Board taking action on an item. Comments from the public on Agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the Agenda that is within the Board’s subject matter jurisdiction will be heard during the Public Comment period. Public comment is limited to 2 minutes per speaker, unless waived by the presiding officer of the Board.

As a covered entity under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Los Angeles does not discriminate on the basis of disability and upon request, will provide reasonable accommodation to ensure equal access to its programs, services and activities. Sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices, or other auxiliary aids and/or services may be provided upon request. To ensure availability of services, please make your request at least 3 business days (72 hours) prior to the meeting you wish to attend by contacting the Neighborhood Council Project Coordinator (213) 978-1551.

In compliance with Government Code section 54957.5, non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority or all of the Board in advance of a meeting may be viewed at our website by clicking on the following link: www.ncwpdr.org or at the scheduled meeting. In addition, if you would like a copy of any record related to an item on the agenda, please contact the NCWP Education Committee Chairperson, Dr. Michele Cooley Strickland at mcoolstrick@gmail.com.

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.
Hon. Nick Melvoin  
Board of Education, District 4  
Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD)  
333 South Beaudry Avenue, 24th Floor  
Los Angeles, CA 90017

RE: LAUSD Facilities Forum for the Westchester/Playa Community - Invitation

Dear Board Member Melvoin,

The Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa (NCWP) would like to officially – albeit belatedly -- welcome you to the position as LAUSD School Board District 4 Representative. We have been pleased that you are extraordinarily familiar with and supportive of our community and its needs with a mission that puts kids first. To that end, in the coming months we are planning to host a LAUSD Facilities Forum for Westchester/Playa, ideally including neighboring Westside communities. This is in response to longstanding interest in both maintaining/improving the interior and exterior conditions of our local school facilities as well as understanding space allocation issues related to Proposition 39.

As you are well known to welcome direct communication from your communities about ways to provide students and families with high-quality school options and to support teachers and administrators, we hope you will embrace this invitation and make yourself available for yet another community Forum hosted by the NCWP. We anticipate that – although much different in focus -- this one will be as successful as the prior two in which you generously participated.

To also serve on the panel, we potentially plan to invite: Allison Holdorff Polhill, LAUSD District 4 Senior Advisor and Director of Community Engagement; Cheryl Hildreth, LAUSD Local District West Superintendent; Mark Hovatter, LAUSD Chief Facilities Executive; and RaDaniel McCoy, LAUSD Local District West Administrator of Operations. We welcome your input on the Forum invitees and its format.

Depending on your availability and feedback, we will extend invitations to the other potential panelists. The free event will have a moderated Q&A format held for 90 minutes in an auditorium easily accessible to the Westchester/Playa community (e.g., Wright STEAM Middle School, Westchester Enriched Sciences Magnets High School) on a weekday evening.

We look forward to hearing from you. Please email (mcooley@mednet.ucla.edu) or call Dr. Michele Cooley-Strickland (310-780-4738) to confirm your willingness to participate. Additionally, please provide dates and times you would be available for this highly anticipated community meeting.

Appreciatively,

Cyndi Hench  
President  
Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa

---

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.