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4. New Business - Action Items:

a. A brief discussion was held regarding the November 4, 2014 NCWP Board Meeting that highlighted two local schools. Presentations were made to the Board from Principal Debra Bryant of Westchester Enriched Sciences Magnet High School and Principal Christina Wanz of Wright STEAM Magnet Middle School. It was concluded that this was a worthwhile endeavor to facilitate renewed community-school relationships through the NCWP. There will be plans for more presentations of this nature to the Board, as well as to organize local school tours for the NCWP Board and Education Committee members.

b. The NCWP Education Committee webpage (www.ncwpdr.org/education) was reviewed and discussed. It has been updated by Michele Cooley-Strickland, who will continue to update it monthly with particular attention to education-based events that may be of interest to local stakeholders. The question of how to make the webpage easier to access was unanswered. However, guests at the meeting (Matt Tecle – Otis; Sujata Bhatt – Incubator School) offered to assist improving the graphics. The Committee is committed to using the webpage as a resource to the community.

c. The NCWP Education Committee and LMU Family of Schools Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) generated at the September NCWP meetings and edited at the October meeting were discussed and voted on.
   i. The goal is to “demystify” the local school options for Westchester/Playa del Rey/Playa Vista residents; engage stakeholders in the local schools (e.g., local realtors in promoting the benefits of local schools, providing opportunities for stakeholders to explore how they may contribute to the local schools); and provide accurate information that may assist parents in enrolling/retaining their children in our local schools.
   ii. Following a discussion:
      1) By unanimous vote, the Committee voted to accept the FAQ.
      2) It was also decided by vote that, once it is in its final form, the FAQ would be posted/circulated as widely as possible, including potentially:
         i. NCWP Education Committee webpage
         ii. LMU Family of Schools website (if possible).
         iii. Send/email to local real estate organizations notifying them of this new resource.
         iv. Send/email to local community organizations as a resource.

d. Education Committee member attendance at relevant local education meetings was identified as important and at least one member would:
   i. Plan to attend other local Neighborhood Council Education Committee meetings, such as Del Rey and Venice.
      1) December 3, 2014 at 7pm (Del Rey Square): Del Rey Neighborhood Council Education Committee Meeting (Co-chairs: Wes Farrow, and
Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa Education Committee

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http://www.delreync.org/education#sthash.aSGqA7zu.dpuf

2) December 9 at 6:15pm (Venice High School): Venice Neighborhood Council (VNC) Education Committee.
http://www.venicenc.org/committees/education-committee/

ii. Consider attending other relevant local education meetings which are posted on the NCWP Education Committee webpage and may be listed in the HomeTown News as part of NCWP Outreach. We are constantly seeking other local education events to share with the public, including:

1) December 5, 2014; January 14, 2015, February 11, March 6, April 17, May 8 (LAX Coastal Chamber of Commerce): LAX Coastal Chamber’s Education Committee monthly meetings

2) February 11, 2015 (Covenant Presbyterian Preschool Campus): LAX Coastal Chamber's School Expo showcasing the local elementary, middle, and high schools.

3) April 25, 2015: Race for Success
http://raceforsuccess5k.wordpress.com/

e. Discussions regarding expanding Education Committee Outreach to Local School Communities were held, including the plan to continue communicating with local principals and perhaps expand to Parent-Teacher Organizations regarding the re-vitalization of the NCWP Education Committee and encourage attendance at our meetings. It was concluded that the Committee should schedule tours at several local schools in the month of January.

f. Other suggestions for enhancing community connections were discussed. John David Webster stated that reading the Agendas for the LAUSD Boards and watching their televised meetings is very informative. Janet Landon stated that the LA School Report is available online.

5. Next meeting – There is NO meeting in December. The next two NCWP Education Committee meetings are: Wednesday, January 21, 2015 and Wednesday, February 18, 2015 (6:30pm, Westchester Municipal Building Community Room).

6. The meeting was Adjourned at 8:00pm.

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