

NCWP Board Meeting
APPROVED MINUTES
Submitted by Geoff Maleman

Tuesday, July 9, 2013 - 6:30 p.m.
Westchester Council Community Room
7166 Manchester Avenue, Westchester, CA 90045

Present: Cheryl Burnett, John Casey, Craig Eggers, Kathryn Evans, Alex Eychis, Clarence Griffin, Gregory Heffernan, Andrew Kamm, Ted Kroeber, Pat Lyon, Geoff Maleman, Matthew Parrish, Booker Pearson, Alan Quon, Paul Radke, Mark Redick, Denny Schneider, Sheryl Thomas-Perkins, Jack Topal, Lance Williams

Absent: Lori Kuhn

Excused: Scott Carni, Tom Flintoft, Cyndi Hench, John Loizeaux, Nora MacLellan, David Voss, John David Webster, Sibyl Buchanan

1. **Call to Order – Vice President Redick called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.**
2. **Salute the Flag – Vice President Redick** led the flag salute
3. **Introductions**
4. **Approval of Minutes of previous Board meetings – Approved by acclamation with corrections**
5. **Announcements from Governmental Representatives:**
 - a. **Bronwen Trice**, Senior Community Relations Officer for L.A. County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro), spoke re: getting the Green Line into the airport. A more complete update will be made at the end of the summer.
6. **Public Comment - non-agenda items**
 - a. **David Warren** spoke re: cancellation of last month's PLUC meeting that had Marcia Hanscom on the agenda and wanted to know why that meeting was cancelled
 - b. **Jon Nahhas** spoke against having something on the NCWP website promoting a development project (Annenberg). He said it is not ethical to have member of NCWP go to another NC and speak in favor of a project NCWP has not taken a position on.
 - c. **Donna Murray** spoke re: Annenberg MOU. She is a Board Member of Ballona Land Trust, and said the presentation to some NCWP members last year downplayed the involvement of the project's companion animal component. She said a transparent public process is vital and necessary to evaluate the environmental impacts of the project.
 - d. **Jonathan Coffin** spoke re: Dept. of Fish and Game hearing. He said NCWP member Nora MacLellan spoke regarding bird protection during that meeting. Those birds existing, live and hunt on Area C, he said. That's what that area should be for, not for buildings. If you put any kind of structures there, you are taking away valuable foraging land, he said. He was surprised a NCWP board member spoke and took a position on the Annenberg project without hearing from the other side about what is actually happening there.
 - e. **Marcia Hanscom** spoke representing Ballona Institute and the Sierra Club. She expressed concerns about Neighborhood Council members who have been contracted by bodies who have come to the Neighborhood Council seeking approvals from NCWP. Those members should not be serving on the NCWP. Ballona Institute has asked to present to PLUC, and that meeting was cancelled. She wants to find out why.
7. **Motions/Actions Items and Related Public Comment**

- a. **Consent Calendar:** *(The following items will be treated as one item and enacted with one vote unless a Board member or a stakeholder requests that an item be placed on the Discussion Calendar.)*

- b. **Discussion Calendar:**
 - i. Motion to approve letter of appreciation to the LA County Board of Supervisors for their efforts to insure that LAWA is in compliance with regionalism as outlined in the 2006 Stipulated Settlement Agreement (ARC) **(Called Special by Burnett) M/S Schneider/Parrish to approve the letter as revised. Motion Passed 16-1 (Thomas-Perkins voted “no”) and Burnett and Maleman abstained**

 - ii. Motion to approve letter of appreciation to Mayor Eric Garcetti for his support of the NCWP position in favor of the LAWA Specific Amendment Draft EIR Alternatives 2 and 9 (ARC) **(Called Special by Maleman) M/S Schneider/Parrish to approve the letter as revised. Motion Passed 15-1 (Thomas-Perkins, Griffin and Maleman abstained)**

8. **Treasurer's Report, including board member reimbursements (if any)**

With the start of the fiscal year, there was no Treasurer's Report.

9. **Committee Reports**

Pat Lyon (PLUC Committee) at the committee's July 16 meeting, the Legado project in Playa del Rey will be on the agenda. In addition, at Sepulveda and Manchester (former Grinder site) is currently in escrow and a Chick-fil-A restaurant is hoping to locate there. That project will likely be heard in August or September. Annenberg Foundation project will likely not come to PLUC as it is not in the NCWP footprint.

Cheryl Burnett (Community Services) announced the mission of this new committee and plans to highlight the needs of local organizations seeking funds and volunteers on the NCWP website.

Craig Eggers (Airport Relations) joint Government Affairs/Airport Relations on July 15 (6:30 p.m. at 8505 Saran Drive in Playa del Rey) will include a discussion of parking concerns in the area west of Sepulveda Westway near the Kohl's block and the airport's proposed Intermodal Transportation facility.

10. **Announcements**

Booker Pearson announced that there have been numerous complaints about the homeless behind the Ralphs on Sepulveda Boulevard setting fires and breaking into back yards of the residents along Villanova Avenue. Pearson announced that a new BID would help solve the problem, but the ditch is private property, owned by Decron Properties. He said the property owner has been unwilling to participate in the BID creation and help fund an organization like PATH to intercede in the issue. PATH has lost funding from Councilman Rosendahl's office and now gets only what NCWP provides for covering the Westchester/Playa del Rey area.

Denny Schneider announced that the swearing in celebration for Councilman Mike Bonin on Saturday, July 13 at the Google headquarters in Venice.

11. **Adjournment – Vice President Redick adjourned the meeting at 7:17 p.m.**

Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 6, 2013 - 6:30 p.m.