

Neighborhood Council of Westchester Playa
Tuesday, August 6, 2013, 6:30pm
Westchester Municipal Building Community Room
APPROVED MINUTES

Present: Sibyl Buchanan, Cheryl Burnett, Craig Eggers, Kathryn Evans, Tom Flintoft, Clarence Griffin, Cyndi Hench, Gregory Hefferman, Ted Kroeber, John Loizeaux, Pat Lyon, Nora MacLellan, Matthew Parrish, Booker Pearson, Alan Quon, Paul Radke, Mark Redick, Denny Schneider, Sheryl Thomas-Perkins, Jack Topal, David Voss, John David Webster, Lance Williams

Excused: John Casey, Scott Carni, Alex Eychis,, Geoff Maleman, Andrew Kamm, Lori Kuhn,

1. **Call to Order - President Hench called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.**
2. **Salute the Flag**
3. **Introductions**
4. **Approval of Minutes of previous Board meeting** – Approved by acclamation as revised
5. **Announcements from Governmental Representative**
 1. Nate Kaplan – Councilman Mike Bonin – overview of Councilman Bonin’s progress to date including stopping of meter ticketing for broken meters. Councilman Bonin’s goal is to be putting neighbors first.
 2. Melissa S. Ramoso – Senator Ted Lieu – Senator Lieu now represents all of Westchester. Senator Lieu is now Chair of the Senate Business and Economic Development and Chair of the Joint Committee of the Arts. Senator Lieu was recently on Anderson Cooper’s 360 show, Lieu discussed how he wants approval of an audit of the medi-cal drug program.
 3. Councilman Mike Bonin – Councilman Bonin wants strong, close productive partnership with the Neighborhood Councils. The Councilman started out his first term by working with city services. The Councilman is already working by making motions to make our city smarter i.e. end city policy of ticketing folks at broken parking meters, concerned about public safety and insuring that our 1st responders have the right tools to do their jobs and to stop using old maps, Thomas guides etc. The Councilman would like to see our first responders using ipads/iphones etc. with updated technology. The Councilman discussed his Access 11 plan where he will try to spend as much time in the community either thru tech communication or by physically being out in the community. The Councilman will have Office hours in the community on evenings and weekends. The Councilman noted that he will be hosting Hikes with Mike – the first hike will be in the. The Councilman is looking for ways to have Skype or video conferencing for committee meetings so that folks can testify without having to come to City Hall. Regarding LAWA – the Mayor and the Councilman are both against moving the runway. The Mayor will be announcing the new BOAC commissioners soon. The Councilman would like the City to negotiate a resolution to the lawsuits. The Councilman envisions moving forward with the alt 9 items (ground items) and when they are completed then have the discussion about moving the runway.

4. Matt Stauffer – Assembly Member Stephan Bradford – airport police bill should be up sometime later this month. Congratulations to Mike Bonin
6. **Public Comment** - non-agenda items .
1. Dorothy Stone – represents Emerson Avenue Community Garden. Having a dedication outdoor garden on August 18th, at 12:30 p.m. (Emerson and 80th in Westchester).
 2. Charlotte Lee Gunter – Does not want to see a reduction in the size of the NCWP
 3. Cassandra Murillo – Spoke regarding the Annenberg project in the wetlands. Concerned about the large scale of the project and multi use of a building. Concern of not looking at alternative spaces in neighboring communities. Concerned about bulldozing the property. Need to look at alternatives. Need a broad panel discussion.
 4. Marcia Hanscom – Ballona Institute and Sierra Club – defended her comments last week and spoke of someone’s post on FaceBook. Ms. Hanscom spoke again about her concerns against Tom Flintoft and Geoff Maleman being lobbyists and on the NCWP. Ms. Hanscom also believes that the Annenberg project is under the prevue of the NCWP.
 5. Rock Duran – Resident of the Osage area. Spoke about the Prayer house plans that were presented to the NCWP and that the neighbors were not notified until it came up before the zoning commission. The project was denied by the zoning commission.
 6. Rob Glushon – land use attorney, spoke to the organization of the NCWP is to promote citizen participation. Spoke also about prayer house plans and the applicants application. Mr. Glushon believes that applicants should pay for notification of neighbors.
 7. David Warren – asked why PLUC is not hearing the Annenberg project.
 8. Nora MacLellan – the following quote was stated by Ms. MacLellan and she asked that it be put into the minutes as stated. ‘I understand that last month a member of the public had a concern about me speaking at a recent hearing and intimated that I was speaking on behalf of the Neighborhood Council. I just wanted to let everyone know that I was very clear that I was speaking as an individual and as a local resident who is very excited about the Annenberg Foundation’s plan for a visitor center. None of us are restricted from expressing our personal opinions or even identifying ourselves as Neighborhood Council members as long as we are clear that we are speaking as individuals.’
7. **Presentations** - Graycie Lui, General Manager, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment for the City of Los Angeles - Purpose and Participation in Neighborhood Councils.

Stressed that the NC should be mostly advisory to the city council and work at engaging the community. Examples of good projects . . . Sherman Oaks NC pothole lottery. Operation Neighborhood Blitz dedicate one pothole truck for a day for each neighborhood council. Health Fair on the Eastside, a senior roundtable.

Board Comments:

Voss – Questioned Factual Stakeholder seat status – Ms. Lui stated that Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC) is working to make the definition more specific. Mr. Voss asked for a clarification as to the NCWP being Advisory Bodies to the City of Los

Angeles and that we are not to weigh in on things on anything except on items involving the city. Mr. Voss asked if the NCWP has the power to ask an applicant before the PLUC to pay for notification – Ms. Lui stated that the NCWP does not have that power.

Hench – Asked for a clarification of the Affirmation Seat – Ms. Lui spoke to and clarified what the definition of the factual basis seat if a person does not have to live/work/own property to be on the seat then that seat is factual basis. Ms. Hench asked if individuals employed as lobbyists if they can serve on the board – Ms. Lui stated that they can serve on the board. Only the City Councilmembers can not have a seat on the Neighborhood Councils.

8. **Motions/Actions Items and Related Public Comment**

Consent Calendar:

1. Motion to support the letter to Councilmember Mike Bonin, including the summary of priorities for the “Transit Connections to LAX – Community Priorities”.

M/S Schneider/Parrish Approved Unanimously abstention Flintoft

1. **Discussion Calendar**

1. Motion to support a letter to the Councilman Bonin’s office asking for a meeting between LA DOT, CD 11, LAPD, LAWA PD, and NCWP to determine a permanent solution to the commercial vehicle parking problem identified on Sepulveda Westway.

M/S Webster/Evans Approved Unanimously

9. **Treasurer's Report**

M/S Flintoft/Pearson Approved Unanimously

10. **Committee Reports**

PLUC – Recently heard the Legado project and however the project was taken off the calendar due to the lack of readiness of the developer to respond to neighbors parking/traffic issues. Next meeting on August 20th there will be an informational presentation only on the project located at NW corner of the Sepulveda/Manchester which is the previous site of the Grinder. Chick-fil-A is interested in the site. Also on the August 20th meeting of PLUC there will be an information only meeting regarding LMU and a status update on the off-campus construction.

Government Affairs – had two joint meetings with Airport Relations this past month and will have its next meeting August 19th

Outreach – Stars of the Neighborhood will be recognized next month

11. Create Ad Hoc committee for Elections

Members - Pat Lyon, Cyndi Hench, Booker Pearson, Lance Williams, Matthew Parrish, Mark Redick, Sibyl Buchanan

M/S Voss/Schneider Approved Unanimously

12. Adjourn 8:00 p.m.

SPECIAL MEETING

Meeting Date:

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DRAFT MINUTES

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1. **Call to Order 8:01 p.m.**
2. **Create ad hoc committee to develop Strategic Plan**

Kathryn Evans, Mark Redick, Cheryl Thomas Perkins, JD Webster, Geoff Maleman, Clarence Griffin, Jack Topal, Cyndi Hench

M/S Voss/Redick Approved Unanimously

3. **Motion to approve position of conditional support of "Option B" of the Los Angeles City Mural Ordinance**

Discussion – Option A allows murals to go on any private property including single family residences and apartment buildings, Option B does not allow it. How would it be enforced? The NC would not take responsibility.

M/S Quon/Schneider

Voss – Motion - Move that the Neighborhood Council opposes ending the moratorium but, if ended, supports the City Attorney's Option B of the draft ordinance with conditions and that the NCWP reserves the right to bring to Committee for proper vetting and review if we have additional time to do so.

In regard to Versions A and B of the draft murals ordinance submitted by the Los Angeles City Attorney on 6-17-2013 the Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa (NCWP) takes the following positions:

I. SUPPORT Version B on the Condition that the Seven (7) Revisions Set Forth Below are Incorporated:

1. Murals shall be clearly prohibited in all residential zones on all dwellings, including but not limited to single family homes and apartment buildings.
2. Communities that wish to allow murals in residential zones shall be required to apply for permission to allow murals in such zones, using currently available Planning processes; or via a less time-consuming “streamlined” process to be developed and set forth pursuant to the ordinance.
3. Existing murals shall be clearly grandfathered.
4. “Digitally printed images” shall be prohibited and/or not included within the definition of “Original Art Mural.” If included, the term “digitally printed images” shall be defined with greater clarity; any definition shall specifically exclude images in all residential zones which extend around corners and cover more than one exterior wall (commonly known as “building wraps”).
5. The “Neighborhood Involvement Requirement” (Sec. 22.119 (b)(3)) shall set forth key administrative rules relative to notice and procedures for holding the required community meeting, including without limitation a requirement that the applicant shall confer in advance with the applicable Neighborhood and/or Community Council to arrange an acceptable time, at a regularly scheduled meeting of such Council, for the required community review and comment on the proposed mural, and that the applicant shall be responsible for required mailing and posting of notice on-site at least 45 days prior to the meeting. “Community Councils” shall be expressly added, along with Neighborhood Councils and Business Improvement Districts, as entities entitled to receive notice.
6. The term “commercial message” shall be defined with greater clarity; specifically, the following language shall replace the definition of “Original Art Mural” (Section I): “A one-of-a-kind, hand-painted, hand-tiled [or digitally printed, if this language is retained] image on the exterior wall of a building that does not function as or contain any commercial message and for which nothing of value has been given to the owner or person in control of the building. For definition purposes, a commercial message is any message that advertises a business conducted, services rendered, or products or goods produced for sale or purchase.”

7. Specific enforcement procedures and funding sources for enforcement shall be provided.

M/S Voss/Schneider Roll-Call Vote: Yeas 17, Nays 5

4. Announcements

LMU Neighborhood Advisory Committee meeting August 22, 6:30 location TBD LMU Neighborhood Advisory committee meeting

DONE – Funding training reminder – Empower LA Website. Needs to be done by September 1.

5. **Adjourn – 8:30 p.m.**

Next NCWP Board Meeting: Tuesday, September 3rd, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.