

NCWP Board Meeting
APPROVED MINUTES
Submitted by Cheryl Burnett

Tuesday, November 5, 2013 - 6:30 p.m.
Westchester Council Community Room
7166 Manchester Avenue, Westchester, CA 90045

Present: Cheryl Burnett, Scott Carni, John Casey, Craig Eggers, Gregory Heffernan, Cyndi Hench, Andrew Kamm, Pat Lyon, Matthew Parrish, Booker Pearson, Denny Schneider, Jack Topal, John David Webster, Lance Williams

Absent: Alex Eychis, Ted Kroeber, John Loizeaux, Alan Quon,

Excused: Sibyl Buchanan, Tom Flintoft, Geoff Maleman, Mark Redick, Nora MacLellan, David Voss, Kathryn Evans, Paul Radke, Sheryl Thomas-Perkins

1. **Call to Order – President Hench called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.**
2. **Salute the Flag** Cyndi Hench led the flag salute
3. **Introductions**
4. **Announcements from Governmental Representatives:**
 - a. **Mike Harriel**, Southern California Gas Co., introduced himself as the new representative for the westside and their local facility. Announced holiday block party on December 14 from 10am–2pm.
 - b. **Nate Kaplan**, Councilman Mike Bonin's Office, spoke about:
 - i. Security at Howard Hughes Center and the possibility of allowing the hiring of off-duty uniformed officers.
 - ii. Potential removal of 52 bottlebrush trees on Manchester, with replacement of 2-3 to 1 removed. The project, with a goal of a uniform tree canopy, will come before the NC.
 - iii. Mike Shull is the new general manager of the city's Recreation and Parks department.
 - iv. Denny Schneider asked about the mural ordinance. It passed, but negotiations continue around the opt-in system.
 - v. The city is waiting for CalTrans to give authorization to bid Sepulveda tree/sidewalks project.
 - c. **Jessica Duboff**: LAX Advisor, Councilman Mike Bonin's office, provided an update on the LAX shooting incident. Following the tragedy, the Councilman introduced motions to review gaps in first response and to improve coordination of passenger communications.
5. **Public Comment - non-agenda items**
 - a. **Katja McKiernan**: attended meeting for her AP government class. Asked about response time on emails coming in to Councilman Bonin's office. Nate Kaplan advised that they are working on kinks in the system.
 - b. **Greg Aniolek**: expressed concerns about potential attacks on LAX and how residents can be more aware; believes that moving runway further north exacerbates the area's risk. Discussed properties for sale in lower Playa del Rey, including parcels surrounding the Shack (\$16.9 million) and the Legado dunes property (\$100 million).
 - c. **Richard Austin**: expressed concerns about code compliance, specifically the nighttime off-loading of products at retail stores. Officer Garcia said he would talk to the store's general manager. Nate Kaplan also suggested calling 311.
 - d. **Trevor Sandler**: does not want DONE responsible for Neighborhood Council elections. Believes that the proposed increase in training would also scare off potential candidates.

6. Presentations

- a. **LAPD Senior Lead Officers Ruben Garcia and John Chris Richardson** spoke about crime in Westchester/Playa. Year-to-date, there are 183 fewer victims of crime than last year in this area, and we have the lowest crime rate in the 26 square mile Pacific Division. They also warned the community about “knock-knock” burglaries and cautioned against answering in-person solicitations. Call 911 for emergencies; 1-800-ASK-LAPD for non-emergencies. Officer Richardson can be reached at 35362@lapd.lacity.org or 310-622-3976; Officer Garcia can be reach at 310-622-3978.

The remaining items on the agenda were not reviewed because a quorum of members was not achieved.

7. Announcements/Committee Reports

- a. John David Webster announced a special Thanksgiving celebration at LDS Church hosted by local clergy. More information will be available shortly at Westchesterplayadleyreyclergy.com
- b. Cyndi Hench requested that all Board members complete the Neighborhood Council Plan survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/8motions>
- c. Pat Lyon (PLUC Chair) announced that the committee’s next meeting would be on Tuesday, November 19th. Neither the 74th/La Tijera project, nor the Legado project will be on the agenda.
- d. Scott Carni announced a special parks meeting on Thursday, November 7 at 7pm to discuss \$1 million of Quimby funds that will be allocated locally. They are looking for suggestions for our eight area parks.

8. Adjournment – President Hench adjourned the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 3, 2013 - 6:30 p.m.