

**NCWP Board Meeting**  
**APPROVED MINUTES**  
*Submitted by Geoff Maleman*

**Tuesday, October 7, 2014 – 6:30 p.m.**  
**Westchester Council Community Room**  
**7166 Manchester Avenue, Westchester, CA 90045**

**Present:** Gregg Aniolek, Scott Carni, Michele Cooley Strickland, Alex Eychis, Yvonne Fok-Gundersen, Erin Hanson, Cyndi Hench, Harold Johnson, Andrew Kamm, Pat Lyon, Nora MacLellan, Geoff Maleman, Tim O’Connell, David Oliver, Alan Quon, Denny Schneider, Garrett Smith, Jack Topal, David Voss, John David Webster, Grace Yao

**Absent:** John Loizeaux, Nick Middlesworth, Matthew Parrish, Fred Smith,

**Excused:** Tom Flintoft, Mark Redick, John Ruhlen, Lance Williams,

1. **Call to Order – President Hench called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance led by President Hench**
3. **Introductions**
4. **Approval of Minutes of previous Board meeting**

**M/S Schneider/MacLellan to approve the Minutes of September, 2014. Motion passes unanimously.**

5. **Announcements from Governmental Representatives**

**Daniel Tamm** of Mayor Eric Garcetti’s office spoke re: credit rating of the City of Los Angeles, L.A. Financial Planning Day on October 25, proposal to raise the minimum wage

**John Yoo** of Sen. Ted Lieu’s office spoke re: Senator Lieu’s bills – SB1388 (child sex trafficking), SB315 (contractor licensing), and AB1839 (income tax for qualified motion pictures) signed by the governor ... office is in the process of closing because Sen. Lieu is leaving office

**Matt Stauffer** of Assemblyman Steven Bradford office spoke re: office is in the process of closing because Assemblyman Bradford is leaving office, governor signed 10 of Assemblyman Bradford’s bills

**Fred Sutton** of Councilman Mike Bonin’s office spoke re: October 25 La Tijera Community Clean-Up Day, proposal to raise the minimum wage, sidewalks on west side of Sepulveda being repaired and should be done before Thanksgiving

6. **General Announcements**

**Johnson** announced that the Chicago Department of Aviation Awarded its 2014 Airports Going Green Award to the LAX Dunes Endangered El Segundo Blue Butterfly Recovery and Habitat Restoration Program

**Schneider** announced upcoming city budget meetings

7. **Public Comment - non-agenda items**

**Charlotte Lee Gunter** spoke re: Kentwood Players’ current show “Orphans”

**Jim Kennedy** spoke re: Prop P (upcoming measure regarding open space acquisition, park improvements, open space and clean water) information meeting on October 22 at the Westchester Senior Center

## 8. Presentations

1. **Kinya Claiborne**, Metro - Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project, Metro Station naming briefing ([http://www.metro.net/projects/crenshaw\\_corridor/](http://www.metro.net/projects/crenshaw_corridor/))
2. Update by **Omar Pulido, John Grendel** and **LAX Construction team** re LAX renovations, transportation
3. **LAX Police Department Sgt. Anthony Boisselle** to discuss LAX Police Department Senior Lead Program
4. **Jan Green Rebstock** and **Abid Chowdhry**, City of Los Angeles, Bureau of Engineering, re the Venice Dual Force Main project. <http://eng.lacity.org/projects/vpp>

**Carol Kapp** spoke re: Venice Dual Force Main and suggested that the route be changed to run along the beach so that it reduces impacts to residential neighborhoods and expressed concerns about potential damages due to the project's construction

5. **LA County Public Health, LA Animal Control, Neighborhood Prosecutor/LA City Attorney** - rodent problems and how residents can address the issue. For more information or to report a vector control problem, call (626) 430-5450 – Pacific Station has a smart phone app to contact LAPD/City Attorney's Office, etc. and it can be downloaded here: [LAPDPacificApp.com](http://LAPDPacificApp.com) – Westchester's local prosecutor Claudia Martin can be reached at: [Claudia.martin@lacity.org](mailto:Claudia.martin@lacity.org), (310) 202-3824
6. **LA Animal Control** (Officer Dinh with LA Animal Services) re: coyotes in neighborhood – for more information or to report a coyote sighting, contact: [Hoang.Dinh@lacity.org](mailto:Hoang.Dinh@lacity.org)

**Lynn Edelman** spoke re: off-leash dogs interacting with coyotes

**Marcia Hanscom** spoke re: coyotes and said they play a vital role in the local ecology, coyote takes care of smaller predators so birds can thrive, encouraged people to learn more about coyotes

**Robert "Roy" van de Hoek** spoke how about as coyotes mature and establish a male/female dominant pair that breed, the pups get pushed out of the area of the dominant pair, which encompasses the Ballona wetlands area

**Jonathan Coffin** spoke re: resident coyotes in Ballona, dangers of taking off-leash dogs in to the wetlands, transients who disrupt the coyotes' territory

**John Joseph Hewett** spoke re: coyotes – has watched coyotes for 10 years and has never seen a negative interaction, these animals are not a problem, the real problem is the homeless encampments in the wetlands, gate should be reestablished at the end of Cabora Drive (since the gate was removed, crime and dumping have increased)

**Lisa Fimiani** spoke re: Dr. Strauss, a coyote expert from LMU and Center for Urban Resilience, who said killing/trapping coyotes does not work because it attracts new coyotes and encourages larger litters, best advice is not to leave food out for cats and walk dogs on leash – community-specific strategies for dealing with coyotes and more information can be found at [projectcoyote.org](http://projectcoyote.org)

7. **NCWP Public Safety Committee (Gregg Aniolek)** - September National Preparedness Month - Local Hazards

## **9. Motions/Actions Items and Related Public Comment**

### **1. Consent Calendar:**

1. Approval of Treasurer's Report
2. Motion to support of application by Kanpai Sushi for a conditional use permit allowing the sale of beer and wine for on-site consumption and to permit hours of operation past 11:00 p.m.

**M/S Cooley-Strickland/Lyon to approve the items on the Consent Calendar. Motion passes unanimously.**

### **2. Discussion Calendar**

1. Motion to support with conditions the project of Otis College of Art and Design for the construction of approximately 98,527 sf of new educational and dormitory space (a 5 story academic and residential building and a 1 story 5,000 sf workshop building) on its Goldsmith campus located at 9045 Lincoln Boulevard. **Called Special by Carni and moved from Consent to Discussion**

**M/S Lyon/MacLellan to approve the motion. Motion passes unanimously.**

## **10. Motion to new Seniors Committee – chair John Ruhlen**

**M/S Cooley-Strickland/Carni to approve creation of a new NCWP Seniors Committee. Motion passes unanimously.**

## **11. Committee Assignments**

## **12. Committee Reports**

## **13. Other Announcements**

## **14. Adjourn – President Hench adjourned the meeting at 9:40 p.m.**

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, November 4, 2014 – 6:30 p.m.