NCWP Board Meeting
APPROVED MINUTES
Submitted by Nora MacLellan

Tuesday, December 2, 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, Tom Flintoft, Erin Hanson, Cyndi Hench, Harold Johnson, Andrew Kamm, Pat Lyon, Nora MacLellan, Nick Middlesworth, Tim O’Connell, David Oliver, Alan Quon, Mark Redick, John Ruhlen, Denny Schneider, Fred Smith, Garrett Smith, Jack Topal, John David Webster, Lance Williams

Absent:

Excused: Geoff Maleman, Matthew Parrish, Grace Yao, David Voss

1. Call to Order – President Hench called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance led by President Hench

3. Introductions

4. Announcements from Governmental Representatives

Fred Sutton of Councilman Mike Bonin’s office spoke re: Flooding in Playa del Rey due to backlog in county drains maintenance. Noted that residents can call County Flood Control’s number is 562-861-0316. Winter Homeless Shelter at the West LA Armory is opening, area shuttle pick-up will be in Venice on Market. The Councilman is hosting a Winter Shelter Donation drive (clothes, toiletries, etc.) any items may be dropped off at any CD11 offices. The Councilman has sponsored a Motion to the planning commission to review the short term rental issue. Another Motion to review people sleeping in RVs and cars on public streets – instructing the City Attorneys to review the laws about the issue and the options about people sleeping in their vehicles. Due to the weather, sand bags are available at local fire stations.

5. Public Comment/Announcements - non-agenda items

J.D. Barry, Westchester: Safety issue on Sepulveda Private Road, Fire lane signs removed and parking has become an issue due to fire lanes. Referred to Fred Sutton.

Nora MacLellan spoke re: Westchester Rotary doing a collection of items for S.P.Y. (Safe Place for Youth) on Saturday, December 6th from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Shifted:LA (6259 W. 87th Street, Westchester, 90045)

Denny Schneider spoke re: Benefit Night supporting ARSAC at HomeTown Buffett, December 9th, 2014 5 p.m. – 8 p.m.. 15% of all food proceeds will go to ARSAC. To get a flyer contact Denny Schneider at Denny@WeLiveFree.com.

Gary Aniolek spoke re: Heavy rains could lead to power outages, have flashlights ready, do not use candles if you do not need them

6. Presentations

1. Update re LADWP Scattergood Olympic Transmission Line Project – Jeffrey Childers, Government & Neighborhood Relations Liaison (jeffrey.childers@ladwp.com, 213-367-8693). The work Lincoln and La Tijera will start soon. The work is to be 7 p.m. to 5 a.m. LADWP requesting to work during daylight hours of 9 a.m. – 3:30. The NCWP will restate their position on the work times to be 7 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. as per the original commitment provided by LADWP. To make comments/complaints everyone is
encouraged to contact LADWP via phone 1-877-735-8407 or email: Scattergood-Olympic@ladwp.com. Fred Sutton asks that he is copied on any communications with LADWP on the issue. Website: www.ladwp.com/Scattergood-Olympic. Once the cutting and conduit is done they will pull the cable which should be started May 2015.

Billing issues – there are a number offices that will be open the next few Saturdays from 9 a.m. – 1p.m. to deal with billing issues.

Note: Watch your bills from LADWP and make sure that you are not being charged for 2nd and 3rd tier pricing if the bill is an estimate and they did not read the meter.

2. County of Los Angeles Homeless Count – Stephanie Inyama, Regional Homeless Count Coordinator, Westside (Spa5homelesscount@lahsa.org, (323) 533-4932), Wednesday, January 28th, 2015 evening 8 p.m. – 12 midnight. To register go to www.lahsa@nationbuilder.com/register. Note to put Westchester as your affiliation.

7. Motions/Actions Items and Related Public Comment

1. Consent Calendar:

   1. Approval of Minutes of previous Board meeting
   2. Approval of Treasurer’s Report and Monthly Expenditures Report

   M/S Shneider/Redick to approve the items on the Consent Calendar. Motion passes unanimously.

2. Discussion Calendar

   1. Community Improvement and Neighborhood Purposes Grant requests totaling $34,340.13
      1. Motion to approve grant request - Airport Marina Counseling Service for $1,500 for At Risk Kids Program
      2. Motion to approve grant request - 13 requests from Cowan Elementary for $1,528.12 each (totaling $19,865.56) for “Link-a-board garden set & materials for 2 gardens”
      3. Motion to approve grant request - Cowan Elementary school for $1,500 for a succulent and drought tolerant garden
      4. Motion to approve grant request - Los Angeles Police Foundation for $1,500 for Citywide Community Police Advisory Board projects such as, CPAB Annual Summit, Symposium, community outreach, neighborhood watch, public safety and youth programs and broader the City’s emergency preparedness programs citywide.
      5. Motion to approve grant request - The Bay Foundation for $5,000 for Drought resistant landscaping project for the Westchester Municipal Building facing Manchester Ave
      6. Motion to approve grant request - Westchester Enriched Sciences Magnets Lacrosse Team for $1,174.57 for Lacrosse equipment
      7. Motion to approve grant request - Westchester Playa Village for $1,500 for Audio/visual equipment
      8. Motion to approve grant request - SSS Collaborative (Airport Marina Counseling Center, EmpowerTech, Westchester YMCA and Westchester Playa Village) for $1,500 for Silver Seminar Series materials and
program (this was approved by NCWP in fiscal year 2013-2014 and never paid out by the City)

9. Motion to approve grant request - Emerson Avenue Community Garden for $800 for Rolling cart, pop up tent and folding table

M/S Redick/Eychis to approve the following Community Improvement and Neighborhood Purposes Grant requests and table items numbers 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

- Airport Marina Counseling Service in the amount of $1,500
- Westchester Playa Village in the amount of $1,500
- Emerson Avenue Community Garden in the amount of $800

Motion passes unanimously.

Ruhlen recused from voting on item 8 as a board member of YMCA.

Motion passes unanimously.

8. Committee Reports –

- Government Affairs will be meeting now in the community room from now on. PLUC has a full agenda on December 16th.
- Senior Committee - meeting on Friday, December 5th at the YMCA at 1 p.m.
- Education Committee – meeting is the 3rd week in January in the Community Room.

9. Committee Assignments – Education Committee – add members. Bryan Williams (LMU) and Matthey Tecle (OTIS)

M/S Schneider/Williams

Motion passes unanimously

PLUC Chik-fil-a Update: Design overlay caveat that there is no more drive-thrus in Westchester. Overviewed the background on the project and the need for a zone change requirement.

10. Announcements

11. Adjourn – President Hench adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 6, 2015 – 6:30 p.m.