

NCWP Board Meeting
APPROVED MINUTES
Submitted by Nora MacLellan
Tuesday, November 3, 2015 – 6:30 p.m. Westchester Council Community Room 7166 Manchester
Avenue, Westchester, CA 90045

Present: Gregg Aniolek, Scott Carni, Michele Cooley Strickland, Tom Flintoft, Erin Hanson, Pat Lyon, Nora MacLellan, Nick Middlesworth, Tim O’Connell, David Oliver, Mark Redick, John Ruhlen, Denny Schneider, Fred Smith, Garrett Smith, Jack Topal, David Voss, John David Webster, Lance Williams,

Absent: Alex Eychis, Matthew Parrish

Excused: Rose Coté, Cyndi Hench, Andrew Kamm, Geoff Maleman, Alan Quon, Grace Yao

1. **Call to Order – Vice President Redick called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.**
2. **Salute the Flag**
3. **Introductions**
4. **Announcements from Governmental Representative (limit to 3 minutes please)**

Fred Sutton of Councilman Mike Bonin’s Office spoke re:

Winter shelter opened Sunday 11/1/15. Holding a donation drive at the office – items for the homeless. Would like to have schools get involved. Hike with Mike at Will Rogers 11/7 if you RSVP you can get free parking 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Boat has been removed from Playa del Rey and repairing the beach. Thursday DOT and Fred will be at some of the intersections in Westport Heights area to look at the traffic issues/patterns. NotifyLA.org LA emergency system is up sign up to get texts, emails etc. to be notified of any emergency issues in your area. Earthquake retrofit has been unanimously approved by the City Council. Drone usage has been approved by the City Council. Gun control ordinance also passed.

Denny Schneider – traffic in Westport – Osage and Manchester.

Jack Topal – Sailboat moored off the beach

David Voss – Construction of the Scattergood Line – at Marina Freeway – no left turn lane during the construction time. Anthony from last meeting has posted a sign on the side of his building – illegal.

David Oliver – when will you be there on Thursday – 7 a.m. – 12 noon.

Omar Pulido – CD11 LAX Community Liaison.

Daniel Tamm – Mayor’s office – Earthquake retrofit. Mayor participated in the State of the Infrastructure symposium. Water Conservation efforts. Savethedropla.com. Film and TV production tax incentives seemed to have helped. Olympic bid for 2024.

Daniel.tamm@lacity.org (213)978-0836

Denny Schneider – adding 100,000 units – where do we stand?

JD Webster - homeless issue – ie South San Pedro.

John Ruhlen – Sidewalk vending bill – still in review

5. **Announcements from board members**

JD Webster – Gateway To LA – 14th annual Christmas Holiday party 11/24. This will be a fundraiser for a number of organizations in the community.

Denny Schneider – LMU event on 11/7

John Ruhlen – Senior Care Resource Expo on Saturday, November 14, 10 a.m. – 12 noon, Westchester Senior Citizen Center

Michelle Strickland – Teacher EDDY awards – LAX Coastal Chamber

6. Public Comment –

Tony Amodeo – last day to submit comments to the Planning Board regarding Starbucks Nicole.velasquez@lacity.org. Against the hours of operations, entrance and egress to the location, outdoor patio takes up handicap spaces

Jane Finstrom – announce 11/7 10-2 Senior Center meet up at the Westchester Senior Center.

Julie Ross – PDR is estranged from the NC. Takes issue about the relationship between the NC and the Coastal Commission.

Katheryn M. Schwentfeger – spoke regarding the Coastal Act.

7. Presentations

Mark Vicelja, Senior Airports Engineer at LAWA: Update on the runway safety area improvement project and an update on their next RSA project before they move forward with it mid-November.

Lance Williams – Flyovers – have they reduced?

Michelle Strickland – what will be the impact of the flyovers when the runway is fully closed again?

Denny Schneider – will the holding lot for the taxicabs be relocated – yes. Construction traffic – how is that routed.

8. 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.)

1. Approval of Minutes of previous Board meeting
2. Approval of Treasurer's Reports
3. Motion to approve the community potluck in lieu of the January 2016 meeting.
4. Motion to draft a letter to Michael LoGrande, City of LA Director of Planning, and Councilmember Mike Bonin requesting that no projects be approved by Planning in Westchester/Playa without previous review by our PLUC committee and Neighborhood Council board of directors.
5. Motion to approve letter requesting that Planning delay hearing/decision related to proposed development at 6401, 6403, 6405 & 6407 Ocean Front Walk in Playa del Rey.

M/S Schneider/Lyon to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion passes unanimously (one abstention by Tim O'Connell)

9. Discussion Calendar

6. Motion to oppose the proposed Bonin/Wesson short-term rentals ("STR") motion. To the extent that the city adopts STR legislation, the NC supports giving the public a private right of action against the homeowners for violating the terms of the ordinance.

Council File 14-1635-S2

Public Comment

William Ballough – in favor of opposing the Councilman’s motion

Trevor Candler – opposing the NCWP motion to oppose the Councilman’s motion

Gary Katayma – Supports the NCWP motion to oppose the Councilman’s motion

Alexander Hagan – Supports the NCWP motion to oppose the Councilman’s motion

Lynise Levine – Supports the NCWP motion to oppose the Councilman’s motion

Lucy Hann – Would like the motion to include all R1, R2, RD, R3 etc. to oppose the motion, what does homeowner mean.

Jeremy Woods – Against short-term rentals for apartments

Mariza Mendoza – Is in favor of AIRBND.

Eliot Prather – opposed to short term rentals in the community

Nick Gervay – in favor of short-term rentals

Fred Sutton – urges the board to support the motion. It is in planning committee and the draft is not out. Want to move forward on the motion to work on a solution to the problem.

Board Comments:

Pat Lyon – asked Fred to clarify the term ‘homeowner’ . The property needs to be owner occupied – i.e. an apartment building – the owner has to live on the property.

Denny Schneider – more definition needs to be applied

Scott Carney – How is the city going to govern/monitor/police the motion. Rise in rentals costs in the community.

Fred Smith – 6 people are against 4 for the Bonin Motion

David Voss – how can the city do this when they are not enforcing the law now how could they police this? Short-term rentals takes 1,000s of units out of the market. This hurts the low-income folks most. This runs contrary to the need of more low-income housing. Losing the sense of community. Santa Monica and Manhattan Beach have shut these down and that means they are coming to Playa del Rey, Westchester.

Jack Topal – Big government – how would this be handled.

David Oliver – the city wants more TOT, no mechanism to regulate or enforce. The motion is not specific enough.

Pat Lyon – summary of PLUC. Overview of the PLUC’s position. Attended the WRAC meeting are supporting the Bonin motion.

Tim O’Connell – to oppose the motion and to have a private right of action. Would like to bifurcate the motion.

David Voss – friendly amendment to Mr. O’Connell– change to private right of action against ‘homeowners and hosts’

M/S MacLellan/Oliver to approve the motion as revised with the friendly amendment to ad ‘and hosts’ after homeowners Motion passes 15 for, 1 abstain, 1 against.

10. Committee Reports

Education Committee – Michelle Strickland – event to improve the Westside public schools. Questions will be sent to the elected officials. School Expo on October 20th at the Senior Center.

PLUC – Pat Lyon – Starbucks hours –

Seniors – John Ruhlen – Senior Care Resource Expo on Saturday, November 14

Government Affairs – Mark Redick – Homelessness (where is the money coming from),
Earthquake retrofit will affect 15,000 buildings in LA

Safety – Greg A – Berm is up on the beach, sewer lines were cleared out in the Jungle.

11. Adjourn – President Hench adjourned the meeting at 8:31 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 1st, 2015 – 6:30 p.m.