

NCWP Board Meeting
APPROVED MINUTES
Submitted by Geoff Maleman

Tuesday, April 5, 2016 – 6:30 p.m.
Westchester Council Community Room
7166 Manchester Avenue, Westchester, CA 90045

Present: Gregg Aniolek, Scott Carni, Rose Coté, Alex Eychis, Tom Flintoft, Erin Hanson, Cyndi Hench, Andrew Kamm, Patricia Morrison Lyon, Nora MacLellan, Geoff Maleman, Nick Middlesworth, David Oliver, Alan Quon, Mark Redick, John Ruhlen, Denny Schneider, Garrett Smith, Jack Topal, John David Webster, Lance Williams, Grace Yao

Absent: Fred Smith,

Excused: David Voss, Michele Cooley-Strickland,

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. **Announcements from Governmental Representatives**

LAPD Senior Lead Officers Rubeen Garcia ((310) 622-3978 (cell) or via email at 35080@LAPD.LACITY.ORG) and **Sophia Casteneda** ((310) 622-3976 (cell) or via email at 33236@LAPD.LACITY.ORG) gave a crime update on the Westchester/Playa del Rey areas. Part 1 crime is down in the area. Burglaries are down, but continue to be an issue. Two years, Pacific Division had the third-highest rate of crime among the 21 divisions, and now, Pacific leads the city in crime reduction.

Anna Kozma of Councilman Mike Bonin's Office spoke re:

- Michele Cooley-Strickland honored as Pioneer Woman of the Year
- Record LA Forum
- Ballona Creek Clean-Up cancelled due to rain forecast
- Former Councilman Bill Rosendahl's Memorial Mass and Celebration of Life

Brett Roberts Senior Construction Relations Officer for Metro spoke re: Crenshaw LAX Transit Project. For more information regarding road closures and project progress, he can be reached at: (310) 431-3373 or via email at robertsbr@metro.net

Omar Pulido LAX Liaison for Councilman Mike Bonin's Office spoke re:

- LAX Northside moving forward, should be before City Council in June
- LAMP projects continuing to progress
- Westchester sign – exploring cleaning to the sign

Odysseus Bostick of Assemblymember Autumn Burke's Office spoke re:

- Assemblymember Autumn Burke selected Assistant Speaker Pro Tem
- Legislative package of bills being proposed by Assemblymember Autumn Burke
 - AB2288 – apprenticeship programs
- Facebook safety event for high school students
- Odysseus will be moving to Tennessee, and Assemblymember Autumn Burke's office is now accepting resumes to fill his position

5. **Announcements from Board Members**

Grace Yao – spoke re: I Look Like an Engineer event on 3:30-6pm on Sunday focusing on science and engineering in University Hall

Scott Carni – spoke re: Sepulveda landscape improvement project and thanked John Ruhlen for his involvement, 36 cameras in Westchester Park are now active and in use, and resurfacing of Lincoln Boulevard

John Ruhlen – spoke re: Senior Committee going dark this month

Pat Lyon – spoke re: short-term rental update, which will be the focus of the April 19 PLUC meeting

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

Michelle Crenshaw, motor home owner, spoke re: motor homes on Manchester

Charlotte Lee Gunter spoke re: the passing of former Councilman Bill Rosendahl

Treva Miller spoke re: illegal parking of cars and motor homes in residential neighborhoods

Lucy Han spoke re: short-term rentals, urged board to encourage L.A. City Attorney's Office to enforce the existing regulations against short-term rentals

Pei Wang spoke re: lack of park space and open space in Westchester

7. **Presentations**

1. LA City Controller **Ron Galperin** presented findings from a recent audit of Los Angeles World Airports. www.lacontroller.org/lawa

Danna Cope spoke re: lack of bidders on city contracts and change orders among city contractors

2. **Sander de Wildt**, of Decron and **Andrés Restrepo**, VP of Concept Development of Bowlmor-AMF spoke re: the soon to be open Bowlmor at the Shops at Del Oro located at 8731 Lincoln Boulevard, Westchester

3. **Richard Iizuka**, chief deputy of LA County Department of Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures spoke re: Mayalsian Fruit Fly Quarantine area in Westchester – for more information, please visit www.dontpackapest.com or call (800) 491-1899

4. **Jessie Holzer**, Council District 11 Mobility Director, spoke re: Safe Streets for Playa del Rey – the public is invited to attend a meeting from 6:30 to 8 pm on April 21 in the Community Room re: proposals for traffic calming measures in Playa del Rey

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

1. **Consent Calendar:**

1. Motion to approval Minutes of previous Board meeting
2. Motion to approve Treasurer's Report
3. Motion to approve letter to LAUSD Board Member Steve Zimmer requesting a meeting and discussion about forming a Westside LAUSD Facilities Working Group tasked with understanding and meeting the school facilities needs for the Westchester/Playa del Rey/Playa Vista area given the resurgence of families with school-aged children in the area.(Education)
4. Motion to authorize the NCWP Education committee to survey local parents and stakeholders to obtain basic information that would inform how to best

meet the needs and interests of local stakeholders in our publicly funded middle schools.(Education)

5. Motion to approve expenditure of \$1,000 for monthly power wash of sidewalks in and around the Westchester Municipal Building.(Budget&Finance)
6. Motion to approve grant request of \$500 by the Emerson Community Garden for garden tools and lighting improvements.(Budget&Finance)
7. Motion to approve grant request of exceed \$1,500 by the Airport Marina Counseling Services.(Budget&Finance)
8. Motion to approve grant request of exceed \$1,500 by Meals on Wheels.(Budget&Finance)
9. Motion to approve expenditure not to exceed \$600 for a NCWP events canopy. (Outreach)

M/S Maleman/Lyon to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion passes unanimously.

2. Discussion Calendar

1. Motion to approve grant request of \$1,500 by Marina del Rey Anglers.(Budget&Finance) ***Called special by Hench • Jack Topal announced a conflict of interest, recused himself and left the room during the discussion***

M/S Maleman/Redick to approve the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

2. Motion to approve letter of support for proposed project at 6919 Knowlton involving the subdivision of one lot into five lots for five single family homes.(PLUC) ***Called special by Carni***

M/S Webster/Redick to approve the motion. Motion passes 16-1 (Schneider in opposition).

3. Motion to approve letter of support for proposed project at 6733 and 6801 Sepulveda Boulevard, a mixed-use project consisting of 176 proposed residential units, commercial space, and retail space. (PLUC) ***Called special by Hench • Tom Flintoft and John Ruhlen announced a conflict of interest, recused themselves and left the room during the discussion***

M/S Quon/Oliver to approve the motion. Motion passes 15-1 (Carni in opposition).

4. Motion to approve letter of support for proposed project at 5669 78th St. seeking to subdivide a single lot into two lots for the purposes of building two single family homes.(PLUC) ***Called special by Carni***

M/S Redick/Eychis to approve the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

5. Motion to approve letter requesting City Attorney Mike Feuer to enforce housing legislation and disallow violations and enforce code against Short Term Rental properties/operators.(PLUC) ***Called special due to public comments • Tom Flintoft announced a conflict of interest, recused himself and left the room during the discussion***

Lisa Klein spoke in opposition to the motion, relies on her short-term rental to put food on her table for her family

Maria Reyes spoke against allowing the public the authority to enforce violations of short-term rentals

Alex Haagen spoke in favor of the motion, opposing short-term rentals

Elliott Prather spoke in favor of the motion, opposing short-term rentals

Peggy Bergin spoke in opposition to the motion

Peter Vroom spoke in opposition to the motion, would be on the street without the income from his short-term rental

Sherry Kennedy spoke in support of properly regulated short-term rentals

Michael Masterman-Smith, representing the organization Community Above Profit, spoke in opposition to short-term rentals and in support of the motion

Lucy Han spoke in favor of the motion, opposing short-term rentals

Branden Brawner spoke in opposition to the motion

M/S G. Smith/Topal to approve the motion. Motion passes 12-3 (Eychis, Kamm and Maleman in opposition) Carni and Middlesworth abstaining.

9. **Committee Reports**

10. **Announcements**

11. **Adjourn – President Hench adjourned the meeting at 9:29 p.m.**

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 3, 2016 – 6:30 p.m.