

NCWP Board Meeting
APPROVED MINUTES
Submitted by Geoff Maleman

Tuesday, June 2, 2015 – 6:30 p.m.
Westchester Council Community Room
7166 Manchester Avenue, Westchester, CA 90045

Present: Gregg Aniolek, Michele Cooley Strickland, Rose Coté, Alex Eychis, Cyndi Hench, Patricia Morrison Lyon, Nora MacLellan, Geoff Maleman, Tim O’Connell, David Oliver, Alan Quon, John Ruhlen, Denny Schneider, Fred Smith, Garrett Smith, Jack Topal, John David Webster, Lance Williams,

Absent: Scott Carni, Andrew Kamm, Nick Middlesworth, Matthew Parrish,

Excused: Tom Flintoft, Mark Redick, David Voss, Grace Yao, Erin Hanson,

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**

SLO Pete Abskharon of LAPD spoke re: recent vehicle thefts, encouraged everyone to “Hide It, Lock It or Lose It,” recent burglaries are of the commercial variety, violent crime is up slightly but typically people who know each other and not random acts of violence, SLO Abskharon can be reached at 33648@lapd.lacity.org, flash mobs at Howard Hughes Center driven by social media

Fred Sutton of Councilman Mike Bonin’s Office spoke re: request to Planning to draft an ordinance re: short-term rentals, Playa del Rey Traffic Safety meeting created a survey regarding traffic, Westchester Rotary’s Westchester Senior Center Makeover project, taxis at LAX, the city budget, new speed hump program returning to the city, the city’s sidewalk repair efforts

Odysseus Bostick of Assemblymember Amber Burke Office spoke re: four bills Burke passed, including bills creating a report card system for IT contractors and removing age cap on CalGrants for veterans, new bill coming to the floor re: nurse midwives, organizing a new mobile healthcare event on August 29 at Oakwood Recreation Park in Venice, May budget revise, Twitter bomb at 9 am @asmautumnburke re: AB1306 expanding the scope of practice for nurse midwives, Air Force Base resolution

Daniel Tam of Mayor Eric Garcetti’s Office spoke re: city budget – summary available on-line at www.lamayor.org/budget, city council agreed to minimum wage increase to \$15/hr that the mayor will sign, earthquake preparedness and resilience plan, Save the Drop 101 on Saturday, June 6 9 am to 12 pm at DWP Building on strategies for saving water

5. **General Announcements by Board Members**

1. Other announcements
 1. **Hench** announced that Star of the Neighborhood nominations are being accepted now
 2. **Lyon** announced that the LAX Coastal Chamber will hold ChamberFest on June 25

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

Jonathan Regnery spoke re: increase in traffic on Ramsgate as the result of new construction on Knowlton, concerned about parking issues, safety of children on the street

Johnny Davis spoke against AirBnB and other short-term rentals that are killing the rental market, concerned about security issues, noise, loss of community atmosphere

Trevor Candler spoke re: 25% water reduction mandate for those who have already made major cutbacks in water usage

Elliott Prather submitted written comments against AirBnB and other short-term rentals

7. Presentation – **Eric Strauss**, Ph.D., LMU Professor - Urban Ecology to discuss community projects and the environment. For more information, please visit www.cures.lmu.edu

8. Motions/Actions Items and Related Public Comment

1. Consent Calendar:

1. Motion to approve Minutes of previous Board meeting
2. Motion to receive and file the Treasurer's Report
3. Motion to approve reimbursement of up to \$300 to board member John Ruhlen for photocopies made for Senior Committee event
4. Motion to approve up to \$700 for NCWP bus bench advertisement (Outreach)
5. Motion to approve Denny Schneider and Mark Redick to serve as LA NC Budget Representatives.

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

2. Discussion Calendar

There were no items moved from the Consent Calendar to the Discussion Calendar

9. Committee Reports

PLUC (Lyon) – will meet on June 16 to discuss the Sandstone project at Howard Hughes and the Annenberg Foundation project in Playa Vista ... in addition, on June 17, Chick-Fil-A will present to the Planning Department at City Hall

Senior Committee (Ruhlen) – held an event at the revitalized Senior Center recently to share resources regarding services for seniors

Outreach (G. Smith) – volunteer opportunities are available now for those interested in helping with the annual Fourth of July Parade

Education (Cooley-Strickland) – continues to work with Westchester Secondary Charter School to keep the school in Westchester ... committee members met with LAUSD Board Member Steve Zimmer to advocate for local public education and to keep the school in Westchester ... education survey results continue to come in

10. Committee Assignments

Hench appointed Coté to the Government Affairs Committee. Her appointment was confirmed unanimously.

11. **Adjourn** – President Hench adjourned the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 7, 2015 – 6:30 p.m.