

NCWP Board Meeting
APPROVED MINUTES
Submitted by Geoff Maleman

Tuesday, December 1, 2015 – 6:30 p.m.
Westchester Council Community Room
7166 Manchester Avenue, Westchester, CA 90045

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

Absent: Rose Coté, Nick Middlesworth, Matthew Parrish, David Voss,

Excused: Scott Carni, Tim O'Connell,

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**

Odysseus Bostick of Assembly member Autumn Burke re:

- Efforts to bring community leaders together with the Assembly member to take the pulse of what's happening in the district – please reach out to Burke's Office if you have any concerns, comments and suggestions for bill ideas
- Recent diaper drive for families who need them
- Hosting Venice toy drive at the Oakwood Recreation Center in December

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

- 6:30 pm on Dec. 9 at the Westchester Senior Center – El Niño Preparation event (sign up for notifyla.org to get emails/texts regarding emergency events)
- Reviewed Westport Heights traffic increases as the result of Wayz and other apps encouraging people to cut through residential neighborhoods (engineers looking at potential mitigations)
- December 14 Playa Vista shuttle will begin operating year-round in Westchester, Playa del Rey, Venice, Playa Vista, etc.
- On November 17 City Council declared a shelter crisis, which enables housing of the homeless on public property, including voluntary storage programs, establishment of a homeless czar and safe parking locations
- Winter Shelter donation drive continues for books, toiletry kits, clothes etc. Donors can drop off items at the Council Office

5. **Announcements from Board Members**

Grace Yao – LMU Christmas Tree Lighting will be held at Regent's Terrace at 6pm on Friday, December 4 ... visit community table for giveaways, singing, tree-lighting at 6:30 pm

Cyndi Hench – LAPD holding its annual Toy Drive for local needy families, donations can be dropped off at Pacific Station

Michele Cooley-Strickland – December 7 at 5:30 pm, LMU is hosting an event about Girls/Women in STEM / Volunteers being sought to help guide \$100 million renovations at Venice High School

Garrett Smith – January NCWP meeting will include a potluck for neighbors to mix and mingle (January 5)

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

Karen Follette spoke re: Orville Wright Middle School and the plan for capital renovations at the campus

Michelle Welchhance spoke re: noise, parking and other disturbances at the G&S Game Sports Bar on Manchester Avenue

Jane Finstrom spoke re: new Senior Center programs, including a speaker's panel on healing arts

7. **Presentations**

1. **Kishan Kassondra**, Lead Engineer from LADWP provided an update on the 12-mile [Scattergood/Olympic Line 1](https://www.ladwp.com). <https://www.ladwp.com>

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

1. **Consent Calendar:**

1. Motion to approve Minutes of previous Board meeting
2. Motion to approve Treasurer's Report
3. Motion to approve letter of conditional support the project located at 6401, 6403, 6405, & 6407 Ocean Front Walk, so long as the height is limited to 37 feet, receives Coastal Commission approval, complies with the Playa del Rey plan, the owner agrees there will be no commercial use of the property, to comply with city regulations governing short term rentals, complies with CEQA, provides notification of construction status within 500 feet of the property, agrees to mitigate any negative effects of the construction, and agrees that construction be avoided during dual force sewer project
4. Motion to approve letters to Cheryl Hildreth (Instructional Area Superintendent for LAUSD Educational Service Center - West) and LAUSD Board Member Steve Zimmer about the potential plan they presented on November 16th: Proposed Educational Facilities Plan for Playa Vista/Westchester/Playa del Rey Areas
5. Motion to appoint Fred Smith to serve as NCWP representative on the Planning and Land Use Management committee of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC).

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

2. **Discussion Calendar**

There were no items on the Discussion Calendar

9. **Committee Reports**

Redick – Government Affairs – will meet Dec. 21

Ruhlen and Lyon – Senior and PLUC committees will not meet in December

10. **New Business**

Ivan Spiegel – DONE independent election administrator spoke re: upcoming NCWP election on June 5, 2016 – candidate filing period runs from February 21 to April 6, 2016

11. **Announcements**

12. **Adjourn** – President Hench adjourned the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 5, 2016 – 6:30 p.m.