

NCWP Board Meeting
APPROVED MINUTES
Submitted by Geoff Maleman

Tuesday, March 3, 2015 – 6:30 p.m.
Westchester Council Community Room
7166 Manchester Avenue, Westchester, CA 90045

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

Absent: Tim O'Connell,

Excused: Scott Carni, Alex Eychis, Alan Quon,

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. **Approval of Minutes of previous Board meeting (January)**

Motion passes by acclamation.

5. **Announcements from Governmental Representatives**

Fred Sutton of Councilman Mike Bonin's Office spoke re: Councilman's new monthly newsletter (go to www.11thdistrict.com to sign up), Clean and Green marijuana shop lawsuit went to trial, but it has been continued (Fred will report back), K-rails have gone up around Pacific Bridge for Playa del Rey for safety reason, Peoples Street is looking for areas to create parklets (go to peoplestreet.lacity.org for more info), Councilman is pushing for micro-libraries to be permitted throughout Los Angeles and is exploring a hydro-electric

6. **General Announcements**

1. Other announcements

1. **Aniolek** announced that the Community Room has a new fire extinguisher
2. **Yao** announced that Race for Success, LMU's community fundraiser for local schools, will be held on campus on April 25 ... it is a 5K and the community is invited to attend the race and the expo that follows
3. **Schneider** announced that March 9 is the date comments are due for LAX's landside projects (visit www.ourlax.org to review the documents)
4. **Redick** announced that on February 25 BONC met re: electronic voting in Neighborhood Council elections
5. **Hench** announced that on March 24 at 6 pm at Ahmanson Recruiting Academy will hold a SLO Summit re: Identity Theft, Social Media Awareness, Domestic Violence Prevention

6. **Webster** announced that Good Friday is coming up and there are two services in the community: 12pm at St Jerome, 7 pm Congregational Church of the Messiah

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

Matthew James spoke re: Aspen Challenge Team looking to raise awareness about the drought

Gary Cziko spoke re: cycling opportunities in the area and is seeking the removal of fencing near the Gas Co. facility to link the bluffs to the beach

Ann Porter spoke re: Move to Amend and "A Question of Personhood," which can be found on youtube.com

8. **Presentations**

Sujata Bhatt, Founder, Incubator School - a free, open-enrollment Los Angeles Unified School District pilot school, opened in 2013 with Grades 6 and 7. It added 8th in 2014-15, and will add one grade per year until it reaches 12th.

Ann Wexler, Founder of Westchester Secondary Charter School - a start-up, independent, WASC-accredited charter school that was approved by the Los Angeles County Office of Education in June 2012, and opened on September 3, 2013, in the Westchester area of Los Angeles serving grades 6-12.

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

1. **Consent Calendar:**

1. Motion to support application of Z Pizza restaurant for conditional use permit for the sale of beer and wine and categorical exemption in a proposed 50-seat restaurant located at 5933 West Century Boulevard. (PLUC)
2. Motion to support the proposal of the Education Committee to co-host the proposed Community/Business Leaders Breakfast on Education. (Education)
3. Motion to recommend Playa Vista Park Homes and Lofts Subassociation to be considered by the Los Angeles Department of Emergency Management as a Neighborhood Emergency Plan pilot (PS)
4. Motion to approve Westchester/Playa Emergency Reference Information Sheet created by NCWP Public Safety Committee (PS)
5. Motion to approve Treasurer's Report

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

2. **Discussion Calendar**

1. Motion to approve and send letters to Councilman Bonin and School Board Member Steve Zimmer to request their support to keep Westchester Secondary Charter School in Westchester. (Education) **Called Special by Hench**

Gwen Vuchsas spoke in support of the motion

Fred Sutton said Councilman Bonin was supportive of the motion and has been working with Board Member Zimmer to encourage the school to remain in Westchester

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

2. Motion to approve grant expenditure for \$1,000 for LAPD Pacific Area Winter Wonderland (approved but not funded 5/14 - this will be funded from prior year's funds) (B&F)

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

3. Motion to approve grant expenditure of \$1,174.57 for Westchester Enriched Sciences Magnets High School La Crosse Team for La Crosse Equipment (B&F)

This item was postponed to a future agenda

4. Motion to approve grant expenditure for \$5,000 for Bay Foundation for Drought resistant landscaping project for the Westchester Municipal Building facing Manchester Ave. (B&F)

This item was postponed to a future agenda

10. Committee Reports

Public Safety Committee: (Aniolek) created laminated emergency reference card

Education Committee: (Cooley-Strickland) working to support education in our community, last month's School Expo was presented by LAX Coastal Chamber of Commerce and the committee participated in the Expo

Budget & Finance Committee: (Hanson) NCWP has funds for community improvement and neighborhood grants, encouraged board members to have local organizations submit grant requests

Government Affairs Committee: March 16, 6:30pm will be the next meeting, Bureau of Street Services is preparing for it's annual street repair blitz, please send locations that need to be repaired to info@ncwpdr.org by March 15

Planning and Land Use Committee: March 17 is next meeting and will discuss the proposed CIM project, the small-lot subdivision ordinance and a number of other proposed development projects

Senior Committee: in May, committee will hold a community presentation about the "Sandwich Generation"

11. Open Board seats - RD 6, RD 13, RD 15, LAX, Bus 90094

12. Adjourn – President Hench adjourned the meeting at 7:44 p.m. in honor of Charlotte Gunter, of Kentwood Players, who is currently in Playa del Rey Convalescent Hospital

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