

NCWP Board Meeting
APPROVED MINUTES
Submitted by Geoff Maleman

Tuesday, April 7, 2015 – 6:30 p.m.
Westchester Council Community Room
7166 Manchester Avenue, Westchester, CA 90045

Present: Gregg Aniolek, Scott Carni, Michele Cooley Strickland, Rose Coté, Alex Eychis, Tom Flintoft, Erin Hanson, Cyndi Hench, Andrew Kamm, Patricia Morrison Lyon, Nick Middlesworth, Geoff Maleman, Tim O’Connell, David Oliver, Matthew Parrish, Alan Quon, Mark Redick, John Ruhlen, Denny Schneider, Garrett Smith, Jack Topal, David Voss, John David Webster, Grace Yao

Absent: Fred Smith,

Excused: Nora MacLellan, Lance Williams,

1. **Call to Order – President Hench called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance led by President Hench**
3. **Introductions**
4. **Approval of Minutes of previous Board meeting**

Motion passes by acclamation.

5. **Announcements from Governmental Representatives**

Odysseus Bostick of Assemblymember Autumn Burke spoke to introduce himself and two bills the Assemblymember has authored re: IT procurement and Medi-Cal for seniors

Fred Sutton of Councilman Mike Bonin’s Office spoke re: Bike with Mike scheduled for May 2 in Mar Vista and the proposed Baseline Mansionization Ordinance (submit comments at www.11thdistrict.com)

6. **General Announcements**

1. Other announcements

1. **Aniolek** announced that 11-2 April 18 Playa Vista community fair
2. **Yao** announced that from 6-10 pm on April 10 Japanese Culture Night where students will host a Japanese Night Market with vendors and food trucks; LMU Children’s Center will hold free event regarding early literacy that includes exhibits and expert speakers from 4-6 pm on April 14; and 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, May 2 10-4 pm LMU will host a TEDx program (tickets are limited and can be purchased online)
3. **Ruhlen** announced that on May 16 NC will sponsor an event for the “Sandwich Generation” at the Senior Center to discuss resources available for those caring for seniors
4. **Carni** announced that 600+ people attended the egg hunt at Westchester Park and that LADPR owns the Greek Theatre and wants to bring operation in-house

and make it an open venue (April 15 meeting at 9:30 am will be held at 3980 Bill Robertson (near Coliseum) to discuss the issue)

5. **Hench** announced that a discussion about the Future of the Single-Family House will be held from 7:30-9:30 pm on April 8 at the MAK Center at the Schindler House in West Hollywood

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

Karina Alvarez from California Student Sustainability Coalition spoke re: CSSC Spring Convergence event April 24-26

Mark Lipman spoke re: finding solutions for affordable housing and stopping mansionization (for more information, please call 310-392-9700)

8. **Presentations**

Kevin James, President of Board of Public Works Commission / Director and Chief Liaison Mayor's Office of Film & Television Production, discussed the DPW and how NCWP and our community can partner with them to improve our community. DPW is responsible for design, construction, renovation and operation of public projects ranging from bridges to wastewater treatment plants and libraries; curbside collection and graffiti removal; and maintenance of streets, sidewalks, sewers, streetlights and street trees.

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

1. **Consent Calendar:**

1. Motion to distribute and analyze a survey of the local parents, principals, and relevant organizations to obtain basic information on our local schools and their service of the families of Westchester/Playa. (Education)
2. Motion to approve and make widely accessible -- through electronic and other forms of communication -- a potentially valuable resource to our community: Westchester/Playa del Rey/Playa Vista Schools Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) for Neighborhood Stakeholders. (Education)
3. Motion to receive and file Treasurer's Report

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

2. **Discussion Calendar**

1. Motion to support City Council's Motion 14-0656 to create Baseline Mansionization Ordinance (BMO) Interim Control Ordinances (ICO) and to further request that the Council consider citywide modifications to BMO (Ordinance No. 179883) to address the counterproductive provisions of the BMO to stabilize the conflict of out-of-scale homes that continue to proliferate in entire neighborhoods and preserve the City's single family neighborhoods and to request that the ICO include all of Westchester and Playa del Rey (PLUC)
 - a. Council file: <http://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrec>.
 - b. Motion: http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2014/14-0656_mot_05-16-14.pdf
 - c. CEQA Clearance for ICO: http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2014/14-0656_rpt_plan_2-20-15.pdf

*Called Special by **Hench** due to a public comment card submission*

Trevor Candler spoke re: support for large homes that improve the community and are safer and more up-to-date, they should be OK if appropriate setback and height profiles are followed to encourage replacement of older homes and improve property values

M/S Voss/Webster to include opposition to the multi-family exemption that allows group homes and other buildings specifically designed for group dwellings, paying particular attention to clarification of Section 4 Paragraph C of the ICO. Motion passes unanimously.

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

2. Motion to create Ad Hoc committee for By-laws review for 2016 election

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

3. Selection of board members to serve on Ad Hoc committee for By-laws review for 2016 election (Eychis, Maleman, Voss, Hench, Schneider)

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

10. **New Board Member Appointment – Rose Coté, LAWA**

M/S Maleman/Redick to approve the appointment of Rose Coté to the vacant LAWA seat on the Neighborhood Council of Westchester Playa. Motion passes unanimously. Coté joined the board at the board-member table.

11. **Committee Reports**

Education Committee: (Cooley-Strickland) looking forward to the survey approved tonight, working with Education Committees from surrounding Neighborhood Councils to build more gravitas and communication within the region, continue to fight to keep Westchester Secondary Charter School in the community and will meet with LAUSD Board Member Mike Zimmer on that issue and more

Public Safety Committee: (Aniolek) a group is looking to reduce speed limits on city streets and is researching police records to determine areas in our community where enforcement of speeding can be focused

Planning and Land Use Committee: April 21 is next meeting and will discuss the proposed CIM project on La Tijera, the Emerson Pharmacy relocation to be replaced by Starbucks, 85th Street, where two homes were sold and four are proposed and a number of other proposed development projects

Schneider – end of June (June 27?) will be the Mayor's Budget Day

12. **Announcements**

13. **Adjourn – President Hench adjourned the meeting at 7:59 p.m.**

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 5, 2015 – 6:30 p.m.