NCWP Board Meeting
APPROVED MINUTES
Submitted by Geoff Maleman

Tuesday, May 3, 2016 – 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, Patricia Morrison Lyon, Geoff Maleman, David Oliver, Alan Quon, Jack Topal, John David Webster, Grace Yao

Absent: Lance Williams,

Excused: Nora MacLellan, Nick Middlesworth, John Ruhlen, Fred Smith, Garrett Smith, David Voss, Andrew Kamm, Denny Schneider, Mark Redick,

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

Chuy Orozco of Councilman Mike Bonin’s Office spoke re:
  • May 18 meeting re: ICO in Kentwood to address mansionization
  • Animal Services Department will hold meeting 6-8 pm May 16 at Mar Vista Rec Center to get public feedback re coyotes, feral cats
  • Bureau of Sanitation’s Healthy Streets Program to address homeless encampments, alley clean-ups, etc.
  • Earth Day Clean-Up on Earth Day

Omar Pulido LAX Liaison for Councilman Mike Bonin’s Office spoke re:
  • Manchester Square and the homeless situation in that area and a new task force set up to address the issue with Homeless Services Authority and PATH

Jesse Farber Senior Lead Officer of LAWA Police Department for Manchester Square introduced himself

5. Announcements from Board Members

Grace Yao – spoke re: LMU’s Commencement schedule on Saturday from 9:30am-1pm; May 11 will be the next quarterly LMU Neighborhood Advisory Committee meeting, LMU will host a Babe Ruth Little League doubleheader on June 4; and the Neighborhood Council Education Committee’s education survey:

The NCWP is conducting a survey of current and future community MIDDLE SCHOOL needs and interests. Please take a moment to complete this BRIEF SURVEY. It should take about 5 minutes. Among others, the results will be shared with LAUSD and the LAUSD Westchester/Playa del Rey/Playa Vista Instructional Pathways Collaborative Work Group that is working together to explore a possible new instructional program at Wright Middle School.

To access the survey, go to https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/EdSurveyWP

Scott Carni – spoke re: public meeting at 7 p.m. May 18 in the Westchester Rec Center gym to discuss Del Rey Lagoon
Cyndi Hench – spoke re: the Department of City Planning’s series of community meetings for the Interim Control Ordinances (ICO) areas across the City to address the issues confronting single-family neighborhoods. This draft ordinance will be the follow-up to the March 25, 2015 Interim Control Ordinance to establish new regulations for neighborhood conservation. The following Open House will be the public’s opportunity to hear more about the proposed ordinance:

KENTWOOD ICO AREA COMMUNITY MEETING
Wednesday, May 18, 2016
6:00 - 9:00 pm
at Westchester Field Office
7166 W. Manchester Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90045

At this meeting, the public will have an opportunity to learn more during an open house-style session with Planning staff, followed by a brief presentation about the area and zoning options and timeline for this ordinance. The meeting will conclude with small group discussions where staff will hear more about concerns, ideas, and feedback about draft zoning options.

6. Public Comment - non-agenda items

Beth Rubenstein spoke re: Calm Movement Seminar at the Westchester Senior Center from 10am to 2pm on May 7

William Ballough spoke re: proposed short-term rental ordinance

Jane Finstrom spoke re: Manchester Square working group, the need for more police in the area and Senior Center programs

Cristina Lovett spoke re: classes and events at the Westchester Senior Center

7. Presentations

1. Lisa Trifiletti, Deputy Executive Director of Environmental Programs for the Los Angeles World Airports, gave a brief update on the Landside Access Modernization Program and other LAX projects. For more information, please visit www.connectinglax.com

2. Active Shooter presentation by Officer Stephen Showler, LAPD Pacific Division … video presentations associated with the active shooter training can be found at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TWi4x8k2DFq&list=PLBaDZ8Hf2c1IQusB3ygstivc5TyQ7z50 or by searching YouTube for GTW2LA and LAPD Citizen Preparedness Training.

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 expenditure of $1,500 for the Star of the Neighborhood entry in Westchester July 4 parade

   There being no quorum of board members at the meeting, the Consent Calendar items were postponed to the Neighborhood Council’s June 7, 2016 meeting if they are still germane.

2. Discussion Calendar
1. Motion to approve letter to Councilman Bonin re City Council's proposed Short Term Rental (STR) legislation. 
   Kevin Murphy spoke against the proposed letter
2. Motion to approve letter of support for the removal of 13 ficus trees on La Tijera and Loyola Blvd near OTIS College. The trees will be replaced.
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9. Committee Reports
   Lyon reported that at the next PLUC meeting will hear school proposal and a pet hotel applicant on Arizona Circle and June/July PLUC will be dark
   Hench reported the need for election volunteers for June 5 10am to 4pm
   Lyon reported that on May 19 there will be a candidate forum for the NCWP election from 6:30-8pm in the Community Room and a booth at the May 6 and June 3 First Friday events in the Westchester Triangle

10. Announcements

11. Adjourn – President Hench adjourned the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 7, 2016 – 6:30 p.m.