

**NCWP Board Special Meeting
APPROVED Mark Redick**

**Tuesday, December 6, 2016 – 6:30 p.m.
Westchester Council Community Room
7166 Manchester Avenue, Westchester, CA 90045**

Present: Gregg Aniolek, Scott Carni, Michele Cooley-Strickland, Tom Flintoft, Michael Frisch, Chris Gemgnani, Ted Grose, Jamie Gutierrez, Erin Hanson, Don Hellwig, Cyndi Hench, Andrew Kamm, Patricia Morrison Lyon, David Mannix, David Oliver, Alan Quon, Mark Redick, Fred Smith, Garrett Smith, Jack Topal, Heather Tuttle, John David Webster, Gordon Welty, Grace Yao

Absent:

Excused: Geoff Maleman, Peter Dray, David Voss,

1. **Call to Order – President Hench called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance led by President Hench**
3. **Introductions**
4. **Announcements from Governmental Representatives**

Anna Kozma of Councilman Mike Bonin's Office spoke re: Westchester Day resolution submitted by Councilman Bonin designating December 6, 2016 as Westchester day commemorating 75th Anniversary. West LA Armory to be used for temporary shelter for homeless; signage on Manchester re Overnight parking restrictions, progress has been made in the compilation of a list of improvements for Playa del Rey.

Omar Pulido LAWA liaison spoke re: on December 1, Metro Board of Directors certified the EIR for the Crenshaw line connection. Airport Board of Commissioners approved construction between LAX terminals 1 & 2. On November 17, the Airport Board of Commissioners authorized \$1.3 billion contract for construction of terminals west of Tom Bradley International Terminal, city council approved same. Construction of the consolidated rental car facility will start in Jan 2019. Comment period for the Automated People Mover EIR has closed. The current goal is to move forward on the ATM by June 2017. Developers are being sought for the LAX Northside project.

Chuy Orozco Del Rey and Playa Vista Council Deputy reported on traffic concerns in Playa Vista. The Council office is working on installing four 4-way stop signs. Additionally there will be a protected left turn lane on Jefferson onto Playa Vista Dr.

Brent Roberts Community relations for Metro announced that there will be directional lane closures on Century at Aviation during January 2017.

5. **Announcements from Board Members**

Cooley-Strickland spoke re: A Candidates forum will be held in 2017 for the District 4 School Board candidates. Date tbd

Gregg Aniolek spoke re possible terrorist threat against Metro.

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

Margie Hanson spoke re: LAPD Pacific Division Holiday Toy Drive being held December 10.

7. **Presentation: Karen Long**, Director, LAUSD Local District West and **Darnise Williams**, Ed D Administrator of Instruction presented a slide presentation re STEM. **Dr. Manny Aceves**, Associate Dean, LMU School of Education spoke about the merits of STEM program. **Darin Earley**, Ed.D, Director, LMU Family of Schools, addressed the board. Stated that LMU is currently affiliated with 14 area schools. LMU is seeking to customize their programs by building relationships with each school individually. Also discussed academic achievement, collage and career readiness and school culture and climate.

Pam Schmidt expressed opposition to the proposed school – concerned about calling Pathways a Community School.

Janet Landon questioned where the data was for the proposed new school. She stated that when she founded a Charter School, she needed to provide over 1,000 pages of documentation and supporting data.

Jenny Hontz supports the idea of Playa Vista having a Pathway to the 8th grade. However, also expressed concern that Playa Vista students would be given priority over Westchester students. Gwen Vuchas referenced the failure of LAUSD of dealing with core problems with the schools and questioned some LAUSD previous solutions. Ms. Vuchas urged new leadership on the LA School Board in order to fix the problems.

Jason Randolph expressed his concern that the public school would be created the would essentially be an exclusive school.

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

1. **Consent Calendar:**

1. Motion to approve Minutes from previous board meetings.
2. Motion to receive and file Treasurer's Report.
- ~~3. Motion to approve letter of support for the new Middle School Pathways.~~
4. Motion to approve letter of support for the LA City Cannabis Enforcement, Taxation and Regulation Act
5. Motion to support LA City Council file 16-0951, naming of the "Ladera" community.

M/S G Smith/Topal to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion passes unanimously.

2. **Discussion Calendar**

1. Motion to approve letter of support for the new Middle School Pathways.
Extended debate by Board Members Topal, F Smith, Mannix, Hench, Quon, Hanson, Cooley-Strickland, Frisch, Webster, Welty, Oliver prior to taking the vote.
After query by Carni, Board Member Yao abstained from voting on Pathways motion.

M/S Cooley-Strickland/Hanson 9 ayes, 8 Nays 4 abstain

Ayes: Cooley-Strickland, Flintoft, Gemgnani, Hanson, Redick, F Smith, Topal, Tuttle, Welty

Nays Frisch, Grose, Hellwig, Mannix, Oliver, Quon, Webster

Abstain Gutierrez, G Smith, Yao

9. **Committee Reports**

Frisch of Senior Committee – expressed gratitude for the NC newsletter in the HTN.

Redick of Government Affairs Committee – no meeting in December for Government Affairs

G. Smith of Outreach Committee – mentioned Community dinner/potluck in January.

Aniolek of Public Safety Committee – March and April CERT meetings are pending; the Dec 13 meeting for Public Safety is tentative; will further discuss safety issues re LA Harbor, Hyperion and LAX.

10. **Committee Assignments - none**
11. **Announcements - none**
12. **Adjourn –President Hench adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.**

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 3, 2017 – 6:30 p.m.