

NCWP Board Meeting
MINUTES
Submitted by Grace Yao and Michele Cooley-Strickland

Tuesday, December 5, 2017 - 6:30 p.m.
Westchester Council Community Room
7166 Manchester Avenue, Westchester, CA 90045

Present:, Paula Gerez, Michele Cooley-Strickland, Michael Frisch, Grace Yao, Michele Cooley Strickland, Fred Smith, Heather Tuttle, Dave Mannix, Alan Quon, Dave Oliver, Don Hellwig, Gordon Welty, Tillman Gruber, Mark Redick, Garrett Smith, Ted Grose, Patricia Lyon, Jack Topal

Absent: David Voss, JD Webster

Excused: Cyndi Hensch, Geoff Maleman, Tom Flintoft, Gregg Aniolek, Chris Gemgnani, Andy Kamm, Janine Ying, Scott Carni

1. Call to Order - Vice President Redick called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance led by Vice President Redick
3. Introductions
4. Announcements from Governmental Representatives
 - A. **Anna Kozma** of Councilmember Mike Bonin's Office spoke regarding: 1) The utility art box mural project; 2) annual homeless count on January 24th (volunteers still needed); 3) winter shelter program (now open); 4) Councilmember Bonin's motion on RecycLA program; 5) Vista Del Mar emergency repairs; 6) 74th Street/La Tijera construction related traffic issues; and 7) update on Safer Streets for Playa Del Rey.
 - B. **Jeff Thompson** of Councilmember Mike Bonin's Office spoke regarding: 1) Manchester Square homeless issue progress and outreach efforts in conjunction with PATH; 2) LAHSA; 3) Westchester BID; 4) LAX's LAMP automated people mover; 5) Prop O Stormwater facility off of Falmouth.
 - C. **Chuy Orozco** of Councilmember Mike Bonin's Office spoke regarding: 1) Traffic concerns along Playa Vista Drive, Bluff Creek Drive, and near Playa Vista Elementary School (where the stoplight will be reprogrammed to reduce vehicle speeds); 2) a new location for the Saturday Farmer's Market in Playa Vista; 3) a motion by Councilmember Bonin to extend the comment period for DEIR for the Ballona Wetlands

Restoration Project to February 5th; and 4) and Toy Drive and collection in the Westchester Municipal Field Office.

5. Board Member Announcements

A. **Michele Cooley-Strickland** reported a successful Facilities Forum for the Westside Community in partnership with LAUSD Board Member and Vice President Nick Melvoin's office, the NCWP, and Speak UP on November 13th.

B. **Garrett Smith** asked for volunteers from the NCWP for the annual Homeless Count on January 24th.

6. Public Comment - Non-Agenda Items

A. **Rob Vaghini** asked for an update regarding the cancelation of Southern California Gas Company's (SCG) community open house for the Playa del Rey Storage Facility.

B. **Vlad Popescu** inquired about cancelation of SCG open house and requested the NCWP to ask Southern California Gas Company to invite neighbors within 5-mile radius of the Playa Del Rey Storage Facility.

C. **Stephanie Popescu** expressed concerns regarding safety at Southern California Gas Company's storage facilities and requested the NCWP to assist in educating the public around emergency preparations should an issue arise at the local facility.

D. **Trevor Candler** spoke about NCWP bylaws and meeting format.

E. **Crystal Scott** spoke regarding Reading Avenue/Ramsgate alley repair project that has been a long-standing issue brought to the Board and inquired about timeline for street repaving.

7. Presentation on **RECYCLA** by **Daniel Meyers**, Division Manager with LA Department of Sanitation, on the newly implemented **City of LA Waste Collection Services** program for commercial and large multifamily customers. www.recycla.com

Public Comment on Item #7:

A. **Trevor Candler** spoke about experiencing significant increases associated with city trash collection fees, but significant decrease in service quality, and lack of options or accountability customers. www.recycla.com

8. Motions/Actions Items and Related Public Comment

1. **Consent Calendar:**

1. Approval of **Minutes** of previous Board meeting
2. Receive and file the **Treasurer's Report**
3. Motion to support of the **Red Mountain Group shopping center redevelopment project** informally known as the La Cienega Triangle, located just south of Centinela and between La Tijera and La Cienega. (PLUC)
4. Motion to **not support property owner's proposal to demolish** a portion (approximately 4150 sq ft) of existing retail in order to build an approximately 73,674 sq ft, 7-story self storage building. (PLUC)
5. Motion to **approve up to \$2,950 for food and supplies** for the Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa Community Dinner. (Outreach)
6. Motion to **approve expenditure not to exceed \$4,400 for NC imprinted promotional items, NC printed materials for outreach, NCWP imprinted tablecloth.** (Outreach)

**M/S Yao/Strickland to approve the Consent Calendar.
Motion passes unanimously.**

Aniolek's Motion 7 was removed from the Calendar because of his absence in assisting in fighting Thomas Fires. Motion to approve letter to Councilmember Bonin regarding road improvements needed for Vista del Mar in Playa del Rey. (Aniolek)

2. **Discussion Calendar**

There were no items on the Discussion Calendar

9. Committee Reports

10. Announcements

11. Adjourn - Vice President Redick adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, Feb 9, 2018 - 6:30 p.m.