

NCWP Board Special Meeting
APPROVED MINUTES
Submitted by Michele Cooley-Strickland

Tuesday, October 2, 2018 – 6:30 p.m.
Westchester Council Community Room
7166 Manchester Avenue, Westchester, CA 90045

Present: Gregg Aniolek, Scott Carni, Michele Cooley-Strickland, Tom Flintoft, Paula Gerez, Ted Grose, Tilmann Gruber, Don Hellwig, Cyndi Hench, Andrew Kamm, David Mannix, David Oliver, Alan Quon, Julie Ross, Glenda Silva, Garrett Smith, Jack Topal, Heather Tuttle, David Voss, Gordon Welty, Grace Yao

Absent: John David Webster, Michael Frisch, Matt Rheault,

Excused: Chris Gemgnani, Geoff Maleman, Naomi Shadis, Fred Smith, Patricia Morrison Lyon

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 Representative (limit to 3 minutes please)**
 - a. **Matt Tecele – Westchester/Playa Field Deputy for Councilmember Bonin spoke re:**
 - i. Clean-up of median @ La Tijera Elementary School; not completed; will finish October 7th. Has been a long-term concern for Ladera residents.
 - ii. PDR Community Plan update is progressing nicely. Good turn out from all over the District to the two prior community meetings.
 - iii. Oct 7th Recode LA Event at the Westchester Municipal Community Room: 11a-1pm
 - iv. LADWP cost increases concerns expressed by community; in process of investigating
 - v. Sepulveda Streetscape improvements in Westchester are in first phase focused on half of Manchester Blvd to 78th/79th. Will now go all the way to Howard Hughes. Target to get concrete poured before year's end.
 - vi. Traffic: Manchester @ Lincoln – Field Deputy Matt Tecele scheduled meeting on Oct 18th with LADOT engineers and the Councilmember's staff.
 1. Board member asked that Pershing in PDR is added to the traffic review; Centinela @ Jefferson is a problem as well; Leaving Loyola Village @ Lincoln is problematic too
 2. LAWA - Westchester Parkway to Lincoln is gridlocked, especially during peak times (Glenda Silva will explore)
 - vii. Oct 6th Hike with Mike – 7am at 303 Culver Blvd (Lower PDR; Ballona Wetlands); Fish and Wildlife and Rangers will give ecology lesson and updates in the area
 - viii. Congratulations to 41st Annual Jungle Clean-Up
 - ix. Utility Box beautifications program for Westchester/Playa is upcoming
 - x. Sept 4th LA City Council adopted legislation on dockless bikes and scooters; is now an enforceable set of rules that will assist the community and law enforcement
 - b. **Geoff Thompson - LAWA liaison for Councilmember Bonin spoke re:**
 - i. The Councilmember submitted a Motion to create the Transportation Management Organization (TMO). It is an association to identify transportation options to encourage employees to use alternatives to individual vehicles. There are 50,000 jobs centered around the area of LAWA. Report back is due in 90 days for LAWA to develop a TMO plan; was part of the agreement with the LAMP project.
 - ii. Imperial Hwy westbound was newly repaved over passed month; median cleanup has begun; will be more over time.
 - c. **Acting Field Officer Hoebink for A73 area**
 1. West of Sepulveda – up in 2 categories (robberies and thefts)

Robberies and Thefts – Kohl's has high theft rate. Have hands-off policy but use physical force or threats against the store's security. Thefts up 8.6%, largely because of other stores as well.

2. **East of Sepulveda** – Increase of robberies (legitimate street robberies; Manchester Square area largely – structures close to parking lots). Crimes of opportunity. Grand theft autos (GTA's) high – mostly rental car lots; use fake ID's to rent cars and "rent" them for months but don't return the cars

d. **Brett Roberts** of METRO spoke re:

1. Thanks to Officer Pinell for assisting with the homeless issue
2. Lane restriction 1-5am October Friday-Sat @ Arbor Vitae @ Aviation
3. Mid-October: Century @ Aviation – lane closure to restore right turn lane
4. Airport Metro naming contest is wrapping up; report forthcoming

e. **Demographics study to identify disabled residents and how they could become more involved in Neighborhood Councils**

f. **Identified the Election support team**

g. **Council of Neighborhoods was held recently – help NC's build templates**

5. **Announcements from Board Members**

6. **Public Comment** - non-agenda items (*limited to 2 minutes per speaker unless otherwise declared by the President or presiding director. Public comment on agendized items will be called as each agenda item is brought forward.*)

Jennifer Dakoske Koslu spoke re: PDR resident for 20 years; why can Venice, Hermosa, Redondo, and Santa Monica enact parking restrictions? Traffic Task Force worked to find collaborative solutions. 8am-10am 45-55mph on Vista del Mar; hard to get out of Tanner's at Culver Blvd – takes 15 mins to drive 500 yards. Triangle Park – needs reparations; Medians in residential neighborhoods – need trees saving; Been working with Krista in the Councilmember's office

Josh Rosenzweig spoke re: West PDR problems worsening over past years. 10pm-6am Drinking, drugs, partying, fights. Police do what they can but is not enough. Parking on the Southside of Napoleon parking restriction -- when enforced -- works, but takes 5-6 hours to get parking assistance. Want parking permits and street cleaning and speed bumps. People park their cars to go to airport, then Uber. Since Napoleon Parking at Dockweiler changed to prohibit neighborhood parking and Playa Provisions has parking overflow, too many visitors park on the southwest hill of Pershing.

Chad Butler spoke re: PDR (agreed with prior speakers). Huge problem with people parking mostly at night doing bad stuff. Problem with police reaction because theirs isn't as high a priority as other areas. Two nights ago, took 3 hours and police never showed up. Neighborhood is neglected. Whitlock Ave to Waterview and is a speedway. Live it everyday.

Victor Ortega (and Ann wife) bought PDR home 16 years ago. Proud. But has gone downhill. Waterview at Napoleon. Condoms in front of house (showed photos) EVERY DAY. Drinking 11pm-12am-1am in the morning. Not just one beer, but cases of beer. EVERY DAY. All the blocks looks so disgraceful. We need help.

Hershel Addison Will – PDR Resident and home owner and real estate agent. Great location, but because of the view, too many visitors think your house is a party house. Belligerent people walking the streets. Because they can't drink on the boardwalk, they drink in front of your house. People park every day on our streets. Need permit parking in the residential area. Enjoy the beach properly.

Carol Davis – PDR Resident on Vista Del Mar Lane – Word has spread that there is parking. Have found used Tampax in her yard a couple of times. Finds alcohol and used condoms daily. Two vacant lots are between our home. Kids came up with a fire log and lit it to start a fire. At 3am the kids broke the tail light of the car in their driveway. Called 9-1-1 three times this summer because women screaming "Don't hurt me!" Eleven police squad cars came. Then all the visitors scattered.

Art Bell – new resident in PDR with his wife – Just one example: In PDR last week, all windows open. Visitors were smoking marijuana in parked car at 11pm, then began throwing bottles out of car that shattered in our yard. Wife said not -- as a 72 year old -- to go confront the 4 people in the car. Asked Lead Officer how to interface with people abusing the neighborhood.

Linda Will – PDR Resident – I can't park in front of my house on Napoleon because visitors won't pay to park at Dockweiler. The driveways aren't long enough, so we would get ticketed because of the spillover across the sidewalk. Is. unsafe for me to park.

NCWP Response to West PDR community concerns following their Public Comment:

1. LAPD Senior Lead Officer Hoebink gave his contact information (38289@LAPD.ONLINE) and met with the community in a separate meeting during the NCWP Board meeting
2. Matt Teclé, Michele Cooley-Strickland, and Gregg Aniolek (Chair of NCWP Public Safety Committee) will help organize a community meeting in conjunction work with Sr. Lead Officer Hoebink through Joshua and NCWP Public Safety Committee – Potential solutions include: Decoy squad car; 75-80% neighbor agreement required to start the process to have permit parking; Coastal Commission is resistant to approving restricted permit parking – Ask under what conditions would they approve; Public free streets

7. Presentations

- a. **Westchester/Playa Homeless Count Update - Booker Pearson**, Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) Commissioner; Since 2011, Mr. Pearson served Homeless Count. Next homeless count
 - i. Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count – 2018 Results (www.LAHSA.org/dashboard)
 1. First decrease in homeless in 4 years
 - a. Same number of unsheltered people
 - b. Decrease in sheltered homeless
 2. Median rent up 32% while median renter household income decrease 3%
 3. Homeless lose homes because of economic reasons
 4. 22% increase in homeless people 62 years and older; decrease in all other age groups
 5. Westchester/PDR Homeless – 317 unsheltered; 16 sheltered = 333 total; half live in vehicles
 6. To improve quality of life
 - a. Support more interim and supportive housing in your local community
 - b. Advocate for safe parking (like was approved by NCWP last month) because only thing to save their lives (raped, beaten up, robbed)
 - c. Advocate for expanded services and funding
 7. Lost 1500 shelter beds, but statistically same amount of unsheltered people
 8. Westchester/Playa needs to generate just 30 crisis housing beds to make a difference
 9. 30% of homeless are mentally ill and/or substance abusing; but 70% are just impoverished
 10. If we keep doing the same thing (which is nothing), we'll never get rid of homelessness
 11. First time in 6 years we housed more people than came into the system (Measure H and HHH starting to make a dent to correct 20 years of negligence)
 12. Even though the lot is closed, still have 119 people dwelling homeless
 13. Political will is there at the top, finances increasing, but just need the local communities to contribute to solving the problem
 14. LA County leads the nation in homeless families
 15. 93% of the homeless families in the US (and in Los Angeles) are headed by single mother with a toddler and infant. If have a car, at risk for rape, brutality, and robbery and don't sleep because of fear of violence. These mothers are homeless because of economic reasons. Got sick (self or child), loss job, then lose home. Children often grow up and go into prostitution (girls) and gangs (boys). Statistically:
 - a. 63% of children of homeless mothers go to foster care (at a cost of

\$60,000 per child per year)

b. Those children have an 80% chance of going to prison

- b. Crenshaw/Green Line Operating Plan update – Metro - Mark Dierking, Manager, Community Relations, Local Government and External Affairs (dierkingm@metro.net), LA County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
- i. A lot of the people are coming from Norwalk/Long Beach to their employment centers in the area
 - ii. Airport Metro connector will take riders off the Greenline to a station on Crenshaw
 - iii. People from Norwalk are taking transfers to go North into S LA and downtown
 - iv. Cellphone data show where riders coming from and going to
 - v. Going from Redondo Beach are fewer riders (e.g., Boeing workers)
 - vi. Cellphone data from Redondo Beach stations: Riders are staying around the coast
 - vii. Operational Constraints
 1. Are junction limitations
 2. Design capacity does not allow better than a 5 minute headway along Crenshaw/LAX Line
 - viii. Considered 11 various scenarios with simulation results for solutions; 6 variations were heavily considered (e.g., LAX as nexus for system simplicity for tourists).
Conclusion: Crenshaw/Norwalk Interline with Redondo Shuttle is best choice; Councilmember asked Metro to present this proposal to the neighborhood councils. It:
 1. Provides direct connections to LAX from all three directions
 2. Best matches current ridership patterns with most customers from I-105/Norwalk segment wanting to travel north into Central LA
 3. Provides direct service for the greatest number of current riders
 4. Provides even [6 minute] spacing between trains on all segments and matches Blue and Expo Line frequencies
 5. Simple routing and consistent schedules make this alternative easy to navigate
 6. Second least expensive alternative

8. Motions/Actions Items and Related Public Comment

- a. **Consent Calendar:** *(The following items will be treated as one item and enacted with one vote unless a Board member or a stakeholder requests that an item be placed on the Discussion Calendar.)*
- i. Approval of Minutes of previous Board meeting
 - ii. Receive and file the Treasurer's Report
 - iii. Motion to approve up to \$1,000 for LAPD Pacific Area Boosters for Annual Winter Wonderland event.
 - iv. Motion to create ad hoc committee: Daycare/Preschool Facilities Task Force (0-5 years of age)
 - v. Motion to remove JD Webster from NCWP board as per Article V Section 9.A of NCWP bylaws: A Board Member may be removed for any of the following reasons: The Member is unable to carry out his/her duties and responsibilities to the Board and/or its committees due to time limitations, illness and/or other personal obligations.
 - vi. Motion to appoint Anna Kozma (non-board member) to Government Affairs Committee

M/S Cooley-Strickland/Grose to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion passes unanimously (20-0-0).

b. Discussion Calendar

- i. Special (Voss) - Motion to create ad hoc committee to identify options for live broadcast of NCWP meetings.

M/S Cooley-Strickland/Grose

Because there was no volunteer to chair the Live Broadcast Ad Hoc Committee, it was tabled for the time being.

9. Committee Reports

Cooley-Strickland (Education) reported Oct 10th Chamber Education Foundation Reception; SoCalGas funded \$49,000 worth of grants to local schools through the Chamber Education Foundation; October 24th LAX Chamber School Expo (4:30-7pm)

Paula Gerez Recode LA informational session - Sunday, Oct 7th - 11:30am-1pm Westchester Municipal Building Community Room

Dave Mannix (Airport Relations) reported RE: Window replacement issue has been raised; Glenda Silva said LAWA doing a White Paper to study issue and may need to do a policy change on window replacement; please contact the LAWA noise committee

Gregg Aniolek (Public Safety) reported that he'd like to create two additional emergency plan pages to circulate to the community. Next newsletter in November on emergency preparedness. Only 3-4 firefighters to train CERT.

Garrett Smith (Outreach) reported Monday, October 15th Outreach meeting – will event plan for the year, including January 8th for Community Dinner

Jack Topal (Senior) – Senior Committee has become a strong committee; will have another Wellness Fair next year; Michael Frisch has decided to step down, so Jack will Chair the committee. Michael will remain involved.

Ted Grose (Government Affairs) Very strong, including non-Board members; submit emerging issues to the Committee so know topics of concern; e.g., Dockless mobility (esp. scooters)

10. President's Report

- Michael Frisch has had to resign from the NCWP
- Grace Yao agreed to Chair the Election Committee
- Heather Tuttle agreed to Chair 0-5 Daycare/Preschool Task Force
- Election is first weekend in June 2019

11. Adjourn – President Hench adjourned the meeting at 8:39 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 6, 2018 – 6:30 p.m.