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## Playa Vista: Neighborhood Council of Westchester-PdR supports Playa Vista Phase II project plans

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Despite opposition from a majority of the public who spoke against Playa Vista Phase II Village plans at a meeting of the Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa del Rey Tuesday, November 4th, the board of directors voted to approve the Playa Vista Phase II plans.

Playa Vista officials are calling their Phase II development The Village and it is to include 2,600 new homes, lofts, condominiums, and apartments and a Main Street-type plaza area containing restaurants, markets, cafés and other retail businesses.

"The idea is to offer everything one might need in the village so they [residents] don't have to drive somewhere else," said Douglas Moreland, Playa Vista senior vice president of development.

Westchester Playa del Rey Neighborhood Council board member Sheila Mickelson wanted to delay support for the Playa Vista project by the Neighborhood Council until the public could make an alternative land-use presentation to the Neighborhood Council. But board member David Voss emphasized that the public has had ample time to comment on Playa Vista Phase II and Mickelson's motion to delay a vote failed. "It is time for us to move forward," said Voss. Gwen Vuchsas, Neighborhood Council chairwoman, agreed with Voss. "Many of the people who spoke against Phase II are not stakeholders," said Vuchsas. She said she had reviewed the addresses of those requesting to speak during the public comment session at the meeting. "It is not fair for the people who have bought homes at Playa Vista to not have the Village," said Vuchsas.

Voss's motion to support the Phase II development passed 13 to ten.

Vuchsas recommended that those who want to comment extensively on the Playa Vista development organize another public meeting to do so.

"This is not a town hall meeting," Vuchsas said of the Neighborhood Council board meeting.