

PROS AND CONS OF BOARD MEETINGS AT WESTMINSTER VERSUS PENMAR REC CENTER

Annual Rental Costs:

Westminster \$2,292 (\$193/meeting). Penmar \$360 (one hour overtime after 9 p.m. @ \$30/meeting) **Net annual Savings at Penmar: \$1,932 (\$161/meeting)**

- Neighborhood Councils are not charged for using city facilities or for using city owned equipment such as tables and chairs. The only extra cost is for overtime after 9 p.m. which is when the facility close. **The annual savings of \$1932 represents 8% of the VNC's city allocated annual budget.**
- LAUSD schools are not "city" facilities and charge non-school entities to use their facilities.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

Parking: very limited on-site and off-site parking at Westminster. Penmar has significantly more on-site and street parking.

Seating capacity: Westminster seats at least 500. Penmar's multi-purpose room has a 100 person capacity.

Audiovisual Equipment: Screen available at Westminster. Penmar doesn't have a screen.

- VNC purchased audiovisual equipment for Oakwood Rec Center over 7 years ago and could do the same for Penmar. Funds currently allocated to NPGs could be used for this community improvement. **This would be a one time expense and investment in to the community.** The other option is to purchase a portable screen and projector. This option might be explored by borrowing the equipment, free of charge, for 6 months from the Los Angeles Public Library.

Board meeting date: 3rd Tuesday evenings are available at Westminster. Penmar has Wednesday evenings available.

- Moving to Penmar requires a change in the Board meeting date.
- Unlike meetings held at Westminster, meetings at Penmar would not be impacted by school closures such as winter and spring breaks. The only holidays impacting Board meetings would be City holidays.
- Tuesday meetings mean that the City's agenda notification arrives on Monday for a Tuesday meeting. Changing the Board meetings to the 3rd Wednesday would ensure the Board agenda is available via the Early Notification System (ENS) almost 72 hours before the meeting, giving both Board and stakeholders another 24 hours to review the Agenda.