

**NCWP Board Meeting**  
**APPROVED MINUTES**  
*Submitted by Geoff Maleman*

**Tuesday, January 5, 2021 – 6:30 p.m.**  
**Via Zoom**

**Present:** Gregg Aniolek, Scott Carni, Michele Cooley-Strickland, Tom Flintoft, Paula Gerez, Ted Grose, Andrew Kamm, Jennifer Kingshott, Brian Lockwood, Geoff Maleman, David Mannix, Dennis Miller, Fred Puza, Julie Ross, Glenda Silva, Zach Siglow, Garrett Smith, Cord Thomas, Heather Tuttle, Naomi Waka, , Sylvia Wilson

**Absent:** John Logsdon, Andrew Watkins,

**Excused:** George Herrera, David Voss,

1. **Call to Order – Vice President Cooley-Strickland called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.**
2. **Salute the Flag – Vice President Cooley-Strickland led the flag salute**
3. **Board Member Introductions**
4. **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.)*
  1. Approval of Minutes of previous Board meeting
  2. Receive and file the Treasurer's Report and November 2020 MER
  3. Motion to support project located at 8618 S. Sepulveda Blvd, with the following conditions:
    - a. A letter be submitted by the President of the Parking Association confirming the availability of the required parking spaces.
    - b. Use of the roof top deck be limited to employees only, not the public.
  4. Motion to support a Community Impact Statement requesting the City Planning Department along with CD11 Planning Staff investigate the future parking requirements for the area and come up with parking guidelines to accommodate future development.
  5. ~~Motion to support the renewal of homeless encampment cleanings by Bureau of Street Services, Department of Transportation and LAPD.~~
  6. ~~Motion to support CF 20-1536 (STAP Program/Digital Signs in Bus Shelters), and further requests that:~~
    - a. ~~prior to contract finalization, the City conduct an extensive and open public process, in which detailed information about STAP, the RFP and the contract negotiation process is made widely available and members of the public, community leaders and neighborhood/community councils are invited to provide ongoing input on community impacts, problems and ridership needs with respect to STAP;~~
    - b. ~~in connection with any contract that is eventually negotiated, the City 1) respect and abide by Community Plan, Specific Plan, Scenic Highway and Coastal Zone protections and requirements, including in the public right of way, and 2) address constituents' concerns about preservation of community character, protection of residential neighborhoods, public safety, environmental impacts and privacy infringement;~~
    - c. ~~all protections for scenic corridors, for local street furniture preferences and for neighborhoods with Specific Plans and codified prohibitions against off-site advertising that were negotiated and included in the JCDecaux contract be carried forward in any new contract that is negotiated; and~~
    - d. ~~the City restrict any new digital signs in or near bus shelters to sign districts in the 22 areas already zoned as Regional Commercial for high-intensity commercial use.~~
    - e. ~~Please find additional information [here](#).~~
  7. ~~Motion to support the prioritizing of school openings.~~
    - a. ~~Whereas schools provide "essential academic and social-emotional learning" environments, and a broader array of resources including "physical, mental health, and therapeutic services;"<sup>1</sup>~~

- ~~b. Whereas “school closures impede learning and compound inequities, disproportionately affecting disadvantaged children”<sup>2</sup>; and particularly disadvantaged are students who are at a young age, have special needs, or are from underprivileged households;~~
- ~~c. Whereas many states and countries have successfully prioritized the opening of schools over businesses, instead of the other way around;~~
- ~~d. Whereas Federal, State and local governments can offer stipends, grants, and loans to businesses and employees who may be forced to close, however the same government bodies cannot offer redress to students for lost opportunities and benefits derived from education;~~
- ~~e. Whereas “safe and consistently open schools are essential for many parents and guardians ... to reenter the workforce”<sup>4</sup>; and forcing working parents into full time childcare is neither fair nor sustainable; Whereas the health of all students, staff and teachers must be protected, the federal government and State of California must provide school districts with the resources needed for the safe reopening of schools and to contain outbreaks (should they occur) including the prioritization of school staff and teachers in vaccine distribution;~~
- ~~f. Therefore, the Board supports prioritizing the reopening of elementary schools and special needs classes ahead of other services that are currently allowed to be open.~~
- ~~g. Please find the background information [here](#).~~
- ~~8. Whereas the Sacramento Legislative process known as “gut and amend” eliminates transparency and public participation by misleading the intent and content of the bill being considered, the Neighborhood Council of Westchester Playa recommends the following reform: Eliminate the “gut and amend” bill process and request the City of Los Angeles include in its Sacramento legislative priorities the elimination of the “gut and amend” bill process.~~
  - ~~a. Please find the background information [here](#).~~
- ~~9. Motion to support the project located at 8333 Airport Blvd. with the conditions that Cap and Trade/ AHSC (Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program) funds be utilized for improvements to ingress and egress along Airport Blvd. to address multi-modal traffic issues.~~

*Items struck out initially appeared on the Consent Calendar, but were called special and moved to the Discussion Calendar*

**M/S Mannix/Kingshott to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion passes unanimously. Silva abstaining.**

**5. LAPD Updates from Senior Lead Officers with Board Q & A (as needed)**

**6. Discussion Calendar and related Public comment**

- a. Discussion revolving around The DEIR of the ATMP
  - i. The Size of the DEIR.
  - ii. LAX Daily Trips.
  - iii. Environmental Impact.
  - iv. Motion to support an additional 60-day extension for comments to the LAWA ATMP DEIR. The current deadline is February 12, 2021 and this requested extension would move the deadline to April 12, 2021.

***(Flintoft announced he has a conflict of interest with this item and did not participate in discussion or the vote)***

**M/S Mannix/Carni to approve the motion. Motion passes unanimously. Puza and Silva abstaining.**

- b. Motion to support the renewal of homeless encampment cleanings by Bureau of Street Services, Department of Transportation and LAPD.

***(called Special due to public comment)***

**Peter Clune** spoke against the proposed motion

**Damon T** spoke against the proposed motion

**Bucket** spoke against the proposed motion

**Matt Zarro** of Street Watch L.A. spoke against the proposed motion

**Ken Clive** spoke against the proposed motion

**Margaret Clarke** spoke against the proposed motion

**Lisa Redmond** spoke against the proposed motion

**Detra Jones** spoke regarding people living in their vehicles near the Ballona Wetlands

**Gidgette** spoke against the proposed motion

**Danelle Kolker** spoke against the proposed motion

**Gina Viola** spoke against the proposed motion

**M/S Grose/Gerez to approve the motion.**

**After board discussion, Grose/Gerez withdrew their motion and President Gerez referred the letter back to committee.**

- c. Motion to support CF 20-1536 (STAP Program/Digital Signs in Bus Shelters), and further requests that:
- i. prior to contract finalization, the City conduct an extensive and open public process, in which detailed information about STAP, the RFP and the contract negotiation process is made widely available and members of the public, community leaders and neighborhood/community councils are invited to provide ongoing input on community impacts, problems and ridership needs with respect to STAP;
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  - iii. all protections for scenic corridors, for local street furniture preferences and for neighborhoods with Specific Plans and codified prohibitions against off-site advertising that were negotiated and included in the JCDecaux contract be carried forward in any new contract that is negotiated; and
  - iv. the City restrict any new digital signs in or near bus shelters to sign districts in the 22 areas already zoned as Regional Commercial for high-intensity commercial use.
  - v. Please find additional information [here](#).

***(called Special by Waka)***

**M/S Gerez/Miller to approve the motion. Motion passes unanimously. Puza and Silva abstaining.**

- d. Motion to support the prioritizing of school openings.
- i. Whereas schools provide “essential academic and social-emotional learning” environments, and a broader array of resources including “physical, mental health, and therapeutic services”<sup>1</sup>

- ii. Whereas “school closures impede learning and compound inequities, disproportionately affecting disadvantaged children”<sup>2</sup>; and particularly disadvantaged are students who are at a young age, have special needs, or are from underprivileged households;
- iii. Whereas many states and countries have successfully prioritized the opening of schools over businesses, instead of the other way around;
- iv. Whereas Federal, State and local governments can offer stipends, grants, and loans to businesses and employees who may be forced to close, however the same government bodies cannot offer redress to students for lost opportunities and benefits derived from education;
- v. Whereas “safe and consistently open schools are essential for many parents and guardians ... to reenter the workforce”<sup>1</sup>, and forcing working parents into full time childcare is neither fair nor sustainable;
- vi. Whereas the health of all students, staff and teachers must be protected, the federal government and State of California must provide school districts with the resources needed for the safe reopening of schools and to contain outbreaks (should they occur) including the prioritization of school staff and teachers in vaccine distribution;
- vii. Therefore, the Board supports prioritizing the many efforts needed to safely reopen elementary schools and special-needs classes for the most vulnerable students in Los Angeles including, but not limited to, daily testing, vaccinations for all qualified students and staff, access to personal protective equipment and the necessary training and signed COVID protocol agreements.
- viii. Please find the background information [here](#).

***(called Special by Tuttle)***

**Damon T** spoke against the motion

**Treva Miller** spoke against the motion

**M/S Gerez/Mannix to approve the revised motion above. Motion passes unanimously. Aniolek, Puza, Silva, Waka abstaining.**

- e. Whereas the Sacramento Legislative process known as “gut and amend” eliminates transparency and public participation by misleading the intent and content of the bill being considered, the Neighborhood Council of Westchester Playa recommends the following reform: Eliminate the “gut and amend” bill process and request the City of Los Angeles include in its Sacramento legislative priorities the elimination of the “gut and amend” bill process.
  - i. Please find the background information [here](#).

***(called Special by Waka)***

**M/S Gerez/Waka to approve the motion. Motion passes unanimously. Puza, Silva abstaining.**

- f. Motion to support the project located at 8333 Airport Blvd. with the conditions that Cap and Trade/ AHSC (Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program) funds be utilized for improvements to ingress and egress along Airport Blvd. to address multi modal traffic issues.

***(called Special by Waka)***

***(Gerez and Waka announced they have a conflict of interest with this item and did not participate in discussion or the vote)***

**Pat Lyon** spoke in favor of the motion

**Christine Welniak** spoke in favor of the motion

**Robbie Fusco** spoke in opposition to the motion

**Zydra van der Sluys** spoke in favor of the motion

**Christopher Chapple** spoke in favor of the motion

**Lisa Redmond** spoke in favor of the motion

**Damon T** spoke in favor of the motion

**Peter Clune** spoke in favor of the motion

**Kimberly Fox** spoke in favor of the motion

**Beth Rubenstein** spoke in favor of the motion

**Gidgette** spoke in favor of the motion

**Matt Zarro** spoke in favor of the motion

**Tara Barauskas** and **Dana Sayles**, representing the applicant, answered questions from the board

**M/S Ross/Kingshott to approve the motion. Motion passes 20-1 (Miller opposed). Puza and Silva abstaining.**

## 7. Presentations

*There were no presentations this evening*

## 8. Announcements from Board Members

**Puza** spoke re: LMU will be 99% remote learning; Master Plan Amendment will be at PLUC this month

**Thomas** announced that the Outreach Committee is updating the NCWP website and is seeking high-resolution images of the community (especially school and government relations settings) to be used on the NCWP website (post images on Instagram or Facebook with hashtag #westchesterplayatome or email Thomas at [cord.thomas.ncwp@gmail.com](mailto:cord.thomas.ncwp@gmail.com))

**Silva** spoke re: three on-site COVID testing facilities now open at the airport for passengers and employees with an on-site lab (results available in 3-5 hours).

**Waka** thanked **Silva** for her efforts to assist an unsheltered woman at Westchester Park

## 9. Committee Reports

**Waka (Election)** announced the following important dates for the upcoming Neighborhood Council election: **Candidate Filing Period:** February 6, 2021 to March 23, 2021; **Vote-By-Mail Application Period:** April 9, 2021 to June 1, 2021 Mailed ballots must be postmarked by Election Day and received by the City Clerk's Election Division within three (3) business days thereafter; **Election Day:** June 8, 2021 (Ballot Drop Off Day) and added that all ballots will be cast by mail only and stakeholders will have to request ballots in order to vote.

**Wake (B&F)** shared letter from Westside Pacific Villages officially withdrawing their grant request.

## 10. Public Comment (*non-agenda items*)

**Matt Zarro** spoke re: his efforts reaching out to the unhoused residents near Westchester Recreation Center and urged the center to open the adjacent pool showers for their use

**Lisa Redmond** spoke in favor of opening the pool showers at Westchester Recreation Center

**Shelly Barber** spoke re: the homeless issue and to thank LAPD for stopping a street takeover at Westchester and Lincoln

**Damon T** spoke re: general behavior of the NC and having public comment earlier on the agenda

**Gidgette** spoke re: general behavior of the NC and having public comment earlier on the agenda

**Peter Clune** spoke re: affordable housing and parking minimums

#### 11. **Announcements from Governmental Representatives**

- a. Councilman Mike Bonin's Office: **Hannah Levien** [hannah.levien@lacity.org](mailto:hannah.levien@lacity.org), introduced herself as the Councilman's new District Director, replacing Matt Teclé.
- b. LAX Liaison for Councilman Mike Bonin: **Geoff Thompson** spoke re: BOAC's discussion Northside project on Thursday
- c. Mayor Eric Garcetti's Office: **Brad Fingard introduced himself as the** West Area representative and urged people to stay vigilant regarding COVID-19 and the Congressional aid package that will include emergency rental assistance.

#### 12. **Adjourn – Vice President Cooley-Strickland adjourned the meeting at 9:41 p.m.**

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, February 2, 2021 – 6:30 p.m.