

NCWP Special Board Meeting
APPROVED MINUTES
Submitted by Geoff Maleman

Wednesday, October 6, 2021 – 6:30 p.m.
Via Zoom

Present: Gregg Aniolek, Carey Begbie Westerfield, Michele Cooley-Strickland, Thomas Flintoft, Paula Gerez, George Herrera, Jennifer Kingshott, Jana Koppula, John Logsdon, Geoff Maleman, Chip Mallek, Greg Melton, Dennis Miller, Faneeza Mohamed, Fred Puza, Alexandra Reynolds, Julie Ross, Denny Schneider, Glenda Silva, Garrett Smith, Cord Thomas, Theresa Torrance, Heather Tuttle, Naomi Waka, Sylvia Wilson

Absent: Al Hernandez, Brian Lockwood,

Excused: Alan Quon, Andrew Watkins,

1. **Call to Order – President Gerez called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.**
2. **Salute the Flag – President Gerez led the flag salute**
3. **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.)*
 - a. Approval of Minutes of September 7, 2021 Board meeting
 - b. Receive and file the Treasurer's Report and MER
 - c. Motion to support the project as proposed at 9010 Bellanca. Under LAMC 12.17.6, LAMC 12.24 W.4, LAMC 12.27 applicant is requesting a Zone Variance to allow the use of Paint Booths on the premises at 9010 Bellanca, as there are a few parcels zoned residential within 500 ft. of the project site.
 - d. Motion to support the project as proposed at 9020 Bellanca. In conjunction with 9010 Bellanca Ave. which PLUC approved the motion to support the project as proposed at the September 21st meeting. Under LAMC 12.17.6, LAMC 12.24 W.4, LAMC 12.27 applicant is requesting a Zone Variance to allow the use of Paint Booths on the premises as there are a few parcels zoned residential within 500 ft. of the project site. Project is on an approximately 12,192 sq. ft. lot and proposes 10,111 sq. ft. of shop floor and 2,081 sq. ft. of office space. Existing parking lot has 57 vehicle spaces (city requires 26) and 3 bicycle spaces (city requires 2). Hours of operation Monday--Friday 7:30 AM – 5:30 PM. All repair activities will be conducted indoors and completely screened from public view.
 - e. Motion to continue to support the Master Plan Amendment with the attached changes, updates and additions. LMU seeks to amend their Master Plan that would allow for the relocation of their already approved square footage among three use categories on campus: Academic/Administrative, Residential and Athletic indoors. This would allow LMU to keep Gersten Pavilion in use for training practices, recovery stations, coaches offices and other ancillary athletic uses after construction of the new Arena. The revised amendment reduces the amount of approved square footage LMU could transfer from one category to another. At the February 2, 2021 the Board approved the Amendment with Conditions. LMU recently sent the Neighborhood Council their submission to the city that included many of the conditions set forth by the Neighborhood Council.
 - f. Motion to Request for Revision of Proposed Amendments to DONE Code of Conduct. This is a WRAC Motion for our consideration and passage as our own. All background information can be found here: <https://westsidecouncils.com/motion/request-for-revision-of-proposed-amendments-to-done-code-of-conduct/>
 - g. Motion to call on the Los Angeles City Council and Mayor Eric Garcetti to direct the Los Angeles Police Department and other relevant law enforcement agencies to enforce all existing, enforceable laws prohibiting the sale and distribution of illegal drugs, human trafficking, and other serious crimes taking place in or near homeless encampments on the Westside of Los Angeles. This is a WRAC Motion for our consideration and adoption as our

own. All background information can be found here:

<https://westsidecouncils.com/motion/enforcement-of-crimes-in-or-near-homeless-encampments/>

- ~~h. Motion to call on the Los Angeles City Council and Mayor Eric Garcetti to immediately direct the Los Angeles City Bureau of Sanitation (“LA Sanitation”) to undertake site clean ups, trash collection, and sanitizing of all homeless encampments located in the neighborhoods represented by WRAC on the Westside of Los Angeles, in order to abate, correct, and remove hazardous, unsafe, unhealthy, and unsanitary conditions at all homeless encampments forthwith. This is a WRAC Motion for our consideration and adoption as our own. All background information can be found here:
<https://westsidecouncils.com/motion/abate-and-correct-unsafe-and-unhealthy-conditions-in-homeless-encampments/>~~
- ~~i. Motion to call on the Los Angeles City Council and Mayor Eric Garcetti to direct the Los Angeles Police Department and the Department of Public Works’ Bureau of Engineering Street Services Division, as well as the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department, and the Department of Veterans Affairs to direct the Veterans Affairs Police Department and other relevant law enforcement agencies to enforce all existing, enforceable laws prohibiting the blockage of the public right of way on the Westside of Los Angeles, including all applicable provisions of the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA). This is a WRAC Motion for our consideration and adoption as our own. All background information can be found here:
<https://westsidecouncils.com/motion/enforce-laws-prohibiting-blockage-of-public-right-of-way/>~~
- j. Motion to requests that the City, represented by our Council District, PLUM, the City Council, in coordination with the Departments of Planning and Building and Safety: —define what constitutes a Cloud/ghost kitchen, including possible different categories of such operations based upon numbers of kitchens and/or square footage involved, —identify criteria for the evaluation of their applications for buildout and permitting, including a process to evaluate potential impacts on their surroundings (noise, odor, traffic and requirements pertaining to factors, —assess needed infrastructure (adequacy of electric service to area), parking and/or loading zones, this needed clarification will remove uncertainties as and contribute to the establishment of successful enterprises by creating the structure needed to guide the city’s review and decision-making process. This is a WRAC Motion for our consideration and adoption as our own. All background information can be found here:
<https://westsidecouncils.com/motion/request-for-clarification-regarding-ghost-kitchens/>
- ~~k. Motion to support Council File 21-0929 (Buscaino/Koretz), the proposed resolution for the City Council to prohibit sitting, lying, sleeping, or storing, using, maintaining, or placing personal property, in or upon any street, sidewalk, or other public rights of way within a radius of 500 feet from all schools listed in Attachment A to the Council File; and further, upon adoption of the resolution, for the City Council to direct the Department of Transportation to post signs giving notice of the restrictions in the radius specified. We also requests that the definition of “radius” be clarified to specify a radius of 500 feet from the exterior boundary lines of the schools listed in Attachment A to the Council File. This is a WRAC Motion for our consideration and adoption as our own. All background information can be found here:
<https://westsidecouncils.com/motion/support-for-cf-21-0929-buscaino-koretz/>~~
- ~~l. Motion to approve the creation of an Ad Hoc Homeless Committee. Members to be: Chip Mallek, Theresa Torrance, John Logsdon, Julie Ross and Paula Gerez.~~
- ~~m. Motion to approve the creation of an Ad Hoc Redistricting Committee. Members to be: Dennis Miller, Paula Gerez and Community Member Treva Miller.~~
- n. Motion to approve the removal of Jana Koppula from the Outreach Committee and re-assign her to the Education Committee.
- o. Motion to approve the removal of Fred Puza from the Outreach Committee and re-assign him to the Education Committee.

Items struck out were moved to the Discussion Calendar.

M/S Smith/Kingshott to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion passes unanimously. Puza and Silva abstaining.

5. Announcements from Government Representatives

- a. **Geoff Thompson** LAX Liaison of Councilman Bonin’s Office introduced Abby Austin as the Councilmember’s new Field Deputy for Westchester (abby.austin@lacity.org) He also

provided an update from Hannah Levien: Public Works discussion, Manchester bicycle lanes. He added BONC is scheduled to vote on the APM project at its October 7 meeting. At the behest of union groups, the Councilmember has introduced several motions around improving transportation for airport workers, the climate crisis sustainability action plan for LAX and the establishment of a MOU regarding labor standards, sustainability and other issues. Thompson also discussed efforts to improve Imperial Highway medians and Pershing Drive that will go before the City Council. He said the airport is in the final scoring process for Northside – it's a closed bid so that political influence cannot occur. Councilman asked for a portion of the scoring to include a community benefits score based on their track record for outreach and delivering community benefits. The Council Office selected Lisa Trifiletti to serve as a member of the scoring panel to help represent the community interests. Award likely to occur by the end of the year with work expected to begin shortly thereafter. Council Office is collecting community feedback regarding two sites for locations of homeless services on LAWA property, but no action will move forward until the airport receives approval from FAA to use the property.

- b. **Mario Hernandez** (DONE) spoke regarding board members with conflicts of interest; a NCWP Board Retreat; Code of Conduct Information Sessions; Cornerstone usernames, Institute Training regarding bylaws, meeting management, etc.; and NCWP Bylaw amendments.
- c. **Josef Siroky** of State Sen. Sydney Kamlager's Office introduced himself and gave an update on bills the governor has signed.

6. Presentation

There were no presentations at this month's meeting

7. Discussion Calendar and Related Public Comment

- a. Discussion and possible motion regarding asking LAWA to share the two proposals for LAX Northside and to engage the public in a discussion about which option to select.

Maleman announced he had a conflict of interest regarding this item because he was part of one of the teams that proposed on this project and logged off the Zoom meeting and did not participate in the discussion on this item.

- b. Discussion and possible motion regarding Redistricting.

Stacy Travis spoke in support of retaining the Ladera area in CD11 and that the NCWP express that opinion to the Redistricting Committee

- ~~c. Discussion and possible motion regarding Committee assignments.~~

This item was removed from the Agenda by President Gerez

- d. Discussion of NCWP Calendar
- e. Discussion and possible motion regarding LMU Community Relations with off-site student housing complaints about students with noise, lewd behavior, nuisance and destruction of property are out of control with reports of little to no support or action.

Judy Onorato spoke re: issues with LMU "party homes"

Katie Hunt spoke re: issues with LMU "party homes" and asked LMU to close the pedestrian gate at 11 p.m. and asked for more LMU security at the Loyola gate

La Vette Bowles spoke re: issues with LMU "party homes"

Emily Ingistov spoke re: issues with LMU “party homes” and asked LMU to move the public safety booth onto 80th Street or to provide a uniformed security officer at the edge of campus and close the pedestrian gates at 10pm on weekdays and 11pm on weekends.
Linda Kokelaar spoke re: issues with LMU “party homes”

Paul Workman spoke re: issues with LMU “party homes” and said LMU owned houses are not being properly policed by the university

Becky Cunningham spoke re: issues with LMU “party homes” and suggested that LMU provide a 24/7 security guard at the back gate

This item will be heard at a future PLUC meeting

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Jennifer Buscher spoke against the motion and said the motion is inhumane

La Vette Bowles spoke in favor of the motion

M/S Schneider/Mallek to approve the motion. Motion passes (15-6) AYES: Aniolek, Flintoft, Herrera, Kingshott, Logsdon, Maleman, Mallek, Melton, Miller, Reynolds, Ross, Schneider, Smith, Torrance, Wilson. NAYS: Begbie Westerfield, Koppula, Mohamed, Thomas, Tuttle, Waka. Puza and Silva abstaining.

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M/S Schneider/Mallek to approve the motion. Motion passes (18-3) AYES: Aniolek, Flintoft, Herrera, Kingshott, Logsdon, Maleman, Mallek, Melton, Miller, Mohamed, Reynolds, Ross, Schneider, Smith, Thomas, Torrance, Waka Wilson. NAYS: Begbie Westerfield, Koppula, Tuttle. Puza and Silva abstaining.

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<https://westsidecouncils.com/motion/support-for-cf-21-0929-buscaino-koretz/> (*called Special by Westerfield*)

Jennifer Buscher spoke against the motion and said it criminalizes homelessness

La Vette Bowles spoke in favor of the motion

M/S Schneider/Mallek to approve the motion. Motion passes (14-7) AYES: Aniolek, Flintoft, Herrera, Kingshott, Logsdon, Maleman, Mallek, Melton, Miller, Reynolds, Ross, Schneider, Smith, Torrance. NAYS: Begbie Westerfield, Koppula, Mohamed, Thomas, Tuttle, Waka, Wilson. Puza and Silva abstaining.

- i. Motion to approve the creation of an Ad-Hoc Homeless Committee. Members to be: Chip Mallek, Theresa Torrance, John Logsdon, Julie Ross and Paula Gerez. (**called Special by Westerfield**)

La Vette Bowles spoke regarding the purpose of the committee

Jennifer Buscher spoke regarding the committee composition

M/S Kingshott/Miller to approve the motion. Motion passes (17-4) AYES: Aniolek, Flintoft, Herrera, Kingshott, Logsdon, Maleman, Mallek, Melton, Miller, Mohamed, Reynolds, Ross, Schneider, Smith, Torrance, Thomas, Wilson. NAYS: Begbie Westerfield, Koppula, Tuttle, Waka. Puza and Silva abstaining.

- j. Motion to approve the creation of an Ad-Hoc Redistricting Committee. Members to be: Dennis Miller, Faneeza Mohamed and Paula Gerez. (**called Special by Tuttle**)

La Vette Bowles thanked the NCWP board

Jennifer Buscher spoke regarding the committee composition between the two ad-hoc committees

Linda Kokelaar thanked the NCWP board for creating this committee

M/S Ross/Wilson to approve the motion. Motion passes (20-1) AYES: Aniolek, Begbie Westerfield, Flintoft, Herrera, Kingshott, Koppula, Logsdon, Maleman, Mallek, Melton, Miller, Mohamed, Reynolds, Ross, Schneider, Smith, Torrance, Thomas, Tuttle, Wilson. NAYS: Waka. Puza and Silva abstaining.

8. **Public Comment** (*non-agenda items*)

There was no public comment on non-agenda items

9. **Board Member Announcements and Committee Reports**

Thomas (Budget & Finance) reported that the committee has reached out to all committees to plan finances and calendar community events. He also gave a report about Civic U.

Logsdon (Public Safety) spoke re: clean-up efforts and crime updates in areas experiencing significant unhoused populations, including Westchester Park; and catalytic converter engraving.

Aniolek (Government Affairs) spoke re: committee meeting times/dates, committee members.

Tuttle (Education) spoke re: committee working on calendar from all local schools, welcoming Faneeza Mohamed as the new co-chair and next meeting will be October 27.

Silva (LAWA) gave the following update:

LAWA has finalized the dates for the LAX 101 Sessions: Friday, October 22 12:30 PM and Monday, October 25 4:30 PM. Sent a doodle poll and will use that as the official sign-up once board members send their response. In-person airfield tours will be revisited early next year.

LAWA will be issuing a draft RFP later this month for a study of ground access pricing at LAX. The study will address the feasibility of instituting fees not just on commercial operators but on all traffic, including private vehicles, utilizing the Central Terminal Area for pickups and drop-offs. It will also look at things like what level of fees would make sense and what technologies to use to collect fees. LAWA listed congestion pricing as a potential vehicle miles travel (VMT) reduction strategy in the ATMP EIR and committed to studying it. This is that study. LAWA anticipates the study taking about six months.

Wilson (Community Services) spoke re: first meeting with her as chair will be October 14

Puza (LMU) said the Campus continues to be closed to the public. No word yet about the Christmas Tree lighting event, and campus hopes to reopen in 2022.

10. **Adjourn – President Gerez adjourned the meeting at 9:34 p.m.**

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