

Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa
NCWP Planning and Land Use Committee Agenda
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Meeting Minutes for Approval

Committee: Planning and Land Use Committee

Chairperson: Julie Ross

Meeting Date: Tuesday, October 20, 2020 - 6:30pm

Meeting: via Zoom

Attendance:

- Present: Ross, Herrera, Mannix, Miller, Smith, Quon, Watkins, WPNC Board President Gerez, Pat Lyon (as a non voting community member assisting the board).

Item 1: Meeting Opening

1.1: Welcome and Introduction

1.2: Minutes Review and Approval – 9/22/20 PLUC meeting minutes

M/S – Watkins/Quon

Vote: 6/0/0, minutes approved.

1.3: Government Reps:

Matthew Teclé from Councilmember Bonin’s office encouraged stakeholders to stay engaged in the Community Plan Update process.

1.4: Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:

Stacy Travis: Concerned that the developers of Hannover Group Project on Sepulveda Blvd. will not keep their commitment to install pylons at their ingress/egress to prevent left hand turns onto Sepulveda.

Ms. Dillmore: Too many car racings and gatherings of late in area, additionally a 1,000 bike group coming thru. Car racings have been going on for months. Has safety concerns and has contacted LAPD.

Paul Workman: Resides next to LMU. Too much noise prior to 7:00 AM including amplified music, bullhorns, load noises coming from weighlifters weights clanging. Campus Police were called.

Item 2: Committee Administration / Operations Items

2.1: 8618 S. Sepulveda Blvd. Medical building remodel.

Representative was not present.

Public Comment: None

Committee Discussion: Agreement among the committee that parking posed a challenge due to dwindling membership in the ongoing viability of the Parking Association. Known future projects for the parking areas raised concerns with the Parking Associations ability to provide the applicants with the required spaces.

Motion to approve the application pending confirmation of parking spaces required from the parking association (via letter or other verification) not from the Manager of the parking areas, in perpetuity.

M/S – Smith / Miller

Vote: 6-0

2.2: Informational Presentation by LMU re: Master Plan Amendment.

Presenters: Mason Stockwell, John Kiralla, Craig Pintens.

Ongoing discussion on LMU’S request to amend their Master Plan to allow for the reallocation of square footage over their three uses of Academic, Athletic & Residential. While at the same time keeping Gersten Pavillon. LMU representatives refused to consider closing Loyola Blvd. entrance to mitigate traffic and other impacts on the community. Were surprised to hear there were unaddressed complaints/concerns from the community.

Public Comments:

Becky Cunningham: Facilities should be multi purpose. Athletic facilities need upgrading. Is LMU just building this to be rented for outside events? Concern of a mini Forum.

Paul Workman: Concern is not basketball games but the other events that could take place in Gersten. Neighborhood parking restrictions are only Monday – Friday, events could occur over the weekend. UBER could be devastating for 80th st.

Jamo: Fred & Mason have done great outreach but the noise & traffic will be unbearable for the community. Understand need to upgrade. Community needs answers.

Committee Discussion: Garrett Smith, Pat Lyons, Dave Mannix, Julie Ross.

Dave: If they are not tearing down Gersten what are we endorsing? Will there be ticketed events in Gersten? BB schedule as is stands would be 20 ticketed home games. Volleyball, concerts and other events could add up to 6K plus seats. Questioned the EIR. How much activity does the new arena need to generate to break even. What are their enrolment caps? Does the 7,900 include Playa Vista? Master Plan sunsets 10 years from now.

Pat Lyon: Gave overview of how we got to where we are today. Spoke about compliance, permanently closing the gate on McConnell. Arena is now called a competition venue. Outside competition, concerts? Where is this contemplated in the EIR? 80th st. entrance, buses will be able to use that entrance and UBER & LYFT.

Garrett: Concerned that not enough compliance oversight has taken place with the existing Master Plan.

Julie: Concerned with same issues as other committee members. May need to consider re-opening the entire Master Plan, seems to be a lack of compliance. Many complaints from the community that remain un addressed.

Item 3 : Meeting Wrap-Up

3.1- Announcements

Next PLUC meeting: November 17, 2020.

3.2 - Meeting Adjourned

M/S – Quon / Miller

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