

NCWP Board Meeting

APPROVED MINUTES

Submitted by Geoff Maleman

Tuesday, December 7, 2021 – 6:30 p.m. Via Zoom

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

Absent: Al Hernandez, Brian Lockwood, Greg Melton, Denny Schneider,

Excused: Jana Koppula,

1. **Call to Order – President Gerez called the meeting to order at 6:31 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 previous November 13, 2021 Special Board meeting
 - b. Motion to receive, file and approve the NCWP Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for the month of October 2021.
 - c. Motion to receive, file and approve the NCWP Monthly Treasurer's report for the month of November 2021.
 - d. Motion to approve the Neighborhood Purpose Grant from the Los Angeles Police Department's Pacific Area Booster Association in the amount of \$1,000 to support the annual Christmas toy giveaway.
 - e. Motion in support of a road reconfiguration and safety improvements on La Tijera, including the potential removal of a center turn lane that is under utilized and the removal of one vehicle traffic lane on the Northbound side of the street to make room for protected bike lanes. We also ask that you implement bus platforms in a way that is safe for cyclists and bus riders. Miller
 - f. Motion to accept the resignation of Andrew Watkins, Residential 5 Director Seat and from the Planning and Land Use Committee.
 - g. Motion to appoint Matt Lipschutz to the Residential 5 Director Seat and to the Government Affairs Committee. Gerez
 - h. Motion to approve the creation of an Ad-Hoc Community Plan Update Committee.
 - i. Motion to approve appointment of Julie Ross, Chair, to the Ad-Hoc Community Plan Update Committee with the appointment of Tracy Thrower Conyers, Community Member and Cory Birkett, Community Member.
 - j. Motion to support issuing a Community Impact Statement regarding Council File 10-1058S4 to include all of the areas of the City of Los Angeles' Coastal Zones into the Baseline Mansionization Ordinance. The city recognized that certain areas of the Pacific Palisades, Venice, Playa del Rey and San Pedro have gaps in coverage for protecting Coastal Zone properties located outside of designated Hillside areas from out-of-scale development. As the Baseline Hillside Ordinance applies in the Coastal Zone, so should the Baseline Mansionization Ordinance. Expanding the BMO into the Coastal Zone would bring those properties in line with the rest of the city and prevent mansionization in all single-family residential neighborhoods.
 - k. Motion to approve letter asking Councilmember Bonin to consult, as soon as possible with the Neighborhood Council of Westchester / Playa for adoption of our proposed Motion as to the designation of sites within their districts for enforcement pursuant to LAMC Sec. 41.18(c)(1)-(4) and 41.18(d), including: 1) schools, day care centers, public parks and public

libraries, as defined in LAMC Sec. 105.01 (“sensitive uses”) (41.18(c)(1)); 2) overpasses, underpasses, freeway ramps, tunnels, bridges, pedestrian bridges, subways, washes, spreading grounds and active railways, when public health, safety or welfare is served by the prohibition (41.18(c)(2)); 3) designated facilities opened after January 1, 2018 that provide shelter, safe sleeping or safe parking to homeless persons or that serve as homeless services navigation centers (41.18(c)(3)); 4) any locations in public rights-of-way for which there is documentation of a “particular and ongoing threat to public health or safety” (41.18(c)(4)). No enforcement action shall be taken unless the individuals have been offered shelter and have refused the offer. Tuttle

- i. Motion to approve letter asking Councilmember Bonin to consult, as soon as possible with the us on our proposed Motion asking for enforcement of the No Overnight Parking Ordinance along Jefferson Boulevard and help to protect the Ballona Wetland Ecological Preserve from unregulated camping. Tuttle
- m. Motion to support issuing a Community Impact Statement regarding Council File 21-1071 to instruct PLUM to develop a Coastal Equity & environmental Justice policy in the Coastal Zone that will inform future land use policy, promote greater public participation and engagement with underrepresented and/or underserved communities and be reflected in project determination in the Coastal Zone. With the caveat that public spaces such as beaches and parks are for public use and recreation, not for housing and should be made available to all beach visiting communities.
- n. Motion to support 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. The Neighborhood Council of Westchester / Playa also requests that the definition of “radius” be clarified to specify a radius of 500 feet from the exterior boundary lines of all schools listed in Attachment A to the Council File. Refers to City Council file 21-0929 – Regarding Council File 21-0929 (Buscaino/Koretz) Tuttle
- o. Motion to support calls for the drafting of an ordinance to ban bicycle “chop shops” from public property and the public-right-of-way in Los Angeles. Refers to City Council file 21-1115 – The Westside Regional Alliance of Councils supports Council File 21-1115 (Buscaino)
- p. ~~Motion to oppose the City’s use of Specific Plans that would result in upzoning open space and/or low density residential neighborhoods. The use of specific plans in this manner creates significant negative impacts for all residential communities, the environment and natural resources. We urge our City Councilmembers to reject land use applications for individual development projects that represent a misuse of the Specific plan process. We ask that the City Council inform Planning not to process these types of requests.~~
- q. ~~Motion to support Assembly Constitutional Amendment 7 (Muratsuchi/Glazer), which would place on the ballot for voter decision a Constitutional amendment to restore local governmental control over land use, zoning and planning decisions. WRAC has expressed support for local land use control in five of its adopted positions (Oppose SB 827, SB 50, SB 9 and SB 10; Support SB 15).~~

Items struck out were removed from the agenda by President Gerez. Highlighted items were called Special and discussed as part of the Discussion Calendar.

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

5. Announcements from Government Representatives

- a. **Abby Austin** of Councilman Bonin’s Office spoke re: overdose victim near Westside Neighborhood School, Encampments to Homes has finished (90+ people housed outside of Westchester Park), City Attorney drafting motions re: RVs in Ballona Wetlands area
- b. **Mario Hernandez** of DONE spoke re: language updates regarding AB361 for NCWP agendas, Board Member training, potential by-law revisions,

President Gerez turned the management of the meeting over to Vice President Cooley-Strickland and left the meeting

6. Presentation

- a. John Heath, Esq, Our Neighborhood Voices, (ourneighborhoodvoices.com info@ourneighborhoodvoices.com jheath@uhawhvp.org) a citizen's initiative establishing the rights of local municipalities to control their own zoning regulations. If approved, this initiative will amend the state constitution and put an end to Sacramento lawmakers establishing one size fits all zoning laws.

Tracy Thrower-Conyers spoke re: housing issues in California and in support of the initiative

Andy Sywak spoke re: housing issues in California and in opposition to the initiative

Stacey Travis spoke re: housing issues in California and in support of the initiative

7. Discussion Calendar and Related Public Comment

- a. Motion in support of a road reconfiguration and safety improvements on La Tijera, including the potential removal of a center turn lane that is underutilized and the removal of one vehicle traffic lane on the Northbound side of the street to make room for protected bike lanes. We also ask that you implement bus platforms in a way that is safe for cyclists and bus riders. **(Called Special by Miller)**

Treva Miller spoke in opposition to the motion

Andy Sywak spoke about safety concerns on La Tijera and in support of the motion

Jennifer Buscher spoke in support of the motion

Karen Hellwig spoke in opposition to the motion

Isabelle Duvivier asked to cede her time to Michael Schneider

Jeannette Bronson spoke in favor of improving safety but expressed concern about increased traffic

Michael Schneider of Streets for All spoke in support of the motion

M/S Miller/Flintoft to table the motion. The motion failed 6-12 (AYES: Aniolek, Flintoft, Maleman, Miller, Quon, Ross. NAYS: Begbie Westerfield, Herrera, Kingshott, Logsdon, Mallek, Mohamed, Reynolds, Smith, Thomas, Torrance, Tuttle, Waka, Wilson. Puza and Silva abstaining.

M/S Logsdon/Mallek to support the motion. The motion passes 15-4 (AYES: Aniolek, Begbie Westerfield, Herrera, Kingshott, Logsdon, Mallek, Mohamed, Quon, Reynolds, Smith, Thomas, Torrance, Tuttle, Waka, Wilson. NAYS: Flintoft, Maleman, Miller, Ross. NAYS: Puza and Silva abstaining.

Board member Watkins left the meeting

- b. Motion to appoint Matt Lipschutz to the Residential 5 Director Seat and to the Government Affairs Committee. **(Called Special by Gerez)**

M/S Flintoft/Logsdon to approve the motion. Motion passes unanimously. Hernandez, Puza and Silva abstaining.

New board member Lipschutz joined the meeting and began voting with the full board.

- c. Motion to approve letter asking Councilmember Bonin to consult, as soon as possible with the Neighborhood Council of Westchester / Playa for adoption of our proposed Motion as to the designation of sites within their districts for enforcement pursuant to LAMC Sec. 41.18(c)(1)-(4) and 41.18(d), including: 1) schools, day care centers, public parks and public libraries, as defined in LAMC Sec. 105.01 (“sensitive uses”) (41.18(c)(1)); 2) overpasses, underpasses, freeway ramps, tunnels, bridges, pedestrian bridges, subways, washes, spreading grounds and active railways, when public health, safety or welfare is served by the prohibition (41.18(c)(2)); 3) designated facilities opened after January 1, 2018 that provide shelter, safe sleeping or safe parking to homeless persons or that serve as homeless services navigation centers (41.18(c)(3)); 4) any locations in public rights-of-way for which there is documentation of a “particular and ongoing threat to public health or safety” (41.18(c)(4)). No enforcement action shall be taken unless the individuals have been offered shelter and have refused the offer. (**Called Special by Tuttle**)

M/S Torrance/Tuttle to approve the motion. Motion passes 15-4. (AYES: Aniolek, Flintoft, Herrera, Kingshott, Lipschutz, Logsdon, Maleman, Mallek, Miller, Quon, Reynolds, Ross, Smith, Torrance, Waka. NAYS: Begbie Westerfield, Mohamed, Thomas, Tuttle. Puza, Silva and Wilson abstaining.)

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M/S Torrance/Mallek to approve the motion. Motion passes 15-4. (AYES: Aniolek, Flintoft, Herrera, Lipschutz, Logsdon, Maleman, Mallek, Miller, Quon, Reynolds, Ross, Smith, Torrance, Waka, Wilson. NAYS: Begbie Westerfield, Mohamed, Thomas, Tuttle. Puza and Silva abstaining.)

- e. 14Motion to support 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. The Neighborhood Council of Westchester / Playa also requests that the definition of “radius” be clarified to specify a radius of 500 feet from the exterior boundary lines of all schools listed in Attachment A to the Council File. Refers to City Council file 21-0929 – Regarding Council File 21-0929 (Buscaino/Koretz) (**Called Special by Tuttle**)

M/S Logsdon/Reynolds to approve the motion. Motion passes 15-5. (AYES: Aniolek, Flintoft, Herrera, Kingshott, Lipschutz, Logsdon, Maleman, Mallek, Miller, Quon, Reynolds, Ross, Smith, Torrance, Waka. NAYS: Begbie Westerfield, Mohamed, Thomas, Tuttle, Wilson. Puza and Silva abstaining.)

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

Elizabeth Kane spoke re: Ad Hoc Homeless Committee agenda

Kay Hartman, of the Palms NC and Budget Advocate, spoke re: city’s budget update (k.hartman@budgetadvocates.org)

Dana spoke re: safe parking program

9. Board Member Announcements and Committee Reports

Thomas (Budget & Finance) spoke re: LANC Coalition meeting and the influence of DONE over NC meetings, NCWP financial update

Puza (LMU) said the campus continues to be closed to the public, with the exception of art exhibitions and sporting events, etc.; and outlined the ways LMU is addressing issues around

student misbehavior in the community.

Logsdon (Public Safety) provided a crime update from LAPD Senior Lead Officers.

Aniolek (Government Affairs) spoke re: Dec. 20 committee meeting with new goals and mission statement and NC Sustainability Alliance.

Silva (LAWA) gave the following update:

As we enter the first full week of December, our passenger numbers so far this month have shown continued improvement. On Friday, 86,398 passengers were screened at the TSA checkpoints, which was 85.3% compared to the same day in 2019. That is the largest percentage compared to pre-pandemic levels we have seen since early 2020. While we ended November with about 70% of our TSA screening numbers compared to 2019, the strong start to December means that we are averaging nearly 80% so far this month. Initial indications are that the winter holiday season may show the same kind of strength as the Thanksgiving travel period.

Yesterday, new federal rules went into effect requiring all inbound international travelers, regardless of their vaccination status or nationality, to receive a negative COVID-19 test result within one day of departure. For more information on details for the new process please visit The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website. As part of this effort, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health stood up a new rapid COVID-19 testing location for arriving international travelers to identify and mitigate the spread of the virus. During the first weekend of offering these free, voluntary tests, several hundred passengers volunteered for the tests, exceeding the County's expectations. In addition to this free service, we continue to offer paid rapid COVID-19 tests at three locations throughout LAX, with results available as quickly as one hour or less. This continues to be an extremely popular service, with more than 228,000 tests completed to date. Outbound passengers and others looking for a test at the airport can be referred to www.FlyLAX.com/TravelSafely to make an appointment at one of our paid testing locations.

This Thursday we will celebrate yet another milestone in our ongoing modernization with a ribbon cutting at the new Airport Police Facility. Mayor Garcetti will lead this event, which celebrates the longtime effort to consolidate our eight different Airport Police Division facilities under one roof. This building is truly a game changer for the 1,100 dedicated professionals at APD, who now have access to next-generation technology for training and collaboration with our local, state and federal partners. We are looking forward to seeing those of you have rsvp'd to attend the event.

Lastly, as some of you are aware LAWA was working on the installation of a traffic camera that will monitor the Sepulveda/Lincoln intersection. The temporary camera went up last Friday and we will continue to work with LADOT on the permanent camera installation.

Ross (PLUC) spoke re: WRAC issues with DONE impacting viability of NCs; LMU Master Plan Amendment, Dinah's project will be on the next agenda.

Wilson (Community Services) spoke re: Encampment to Home project update at next meeting, LHASA history in the community; the upcoming Greater LA Homeless Count. The upcoming meeting will include presentation from Supervisor Holly Mitchell's office re: homelessness and a presentation by Nourish LA.

Mallek spoke re: LMU party houses impacting the community; 400 letters have been sent to FAA and LAWA re: offering of the land adjacent to the fire department as a location for the homeless; and expressed condolences to Garrett Smith on the passing of his wife.

10. **Adjourn – Vice President Cooley-Strickland adjourned the meeting in the name of Trish Smith, the wife of Board Member Garrett Smith, who passed away recently, at 9:56 p.m.**

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 1, 2022 – 6:30 p.m.