

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

Committee: Community Plan Update Ad Hoc

Chairperson: Julie Ross

Meeting Date: 1/23/2023

Meeting: via Zoom and telephone

**Attendance:**

- Present: Julie Ross, Cory Birkett, Kimberly Fox, Stacey Travis, Tracy Thrower Conyers
- Guests (Nominees for Committee: Chip Mallik, John Ruhlen).
- Absent: None

Introductions

1: Approval of minutes from Nov 28, 2022 meeting.

Approved by unanimous vote.

2: Reports, Announcements from City, County, Government officials.

Noted new CD11 staffers:

Sean Silva – Westchester Field Deputy

Jeff Khau – Planning Deputy (previously in Planning Department, 6 years)

7: [Moved by the agenda by Chair] Update on dedicated space on the Neighborhood Council website for a “Community Plan Update” portal where data and information can be uploaded and accessible to the stakeholders and public.

Public Comment - None

Committee Discussion

- Board President has confirmed dedicated page for work of this committee.
- Committee chair to interface with webmaster for document and video uploads.
- Concern Chair’s overloaded; volunteers willing to help with managing uploading process.

Committee Action

- Fox committed to final review of FAQs, forward to Chair for uploading to Committee page

3: Presentation by Committee member Cory Birkett who has been reviewing the Los Angeles World Airports Environmental Impact Reports Traffic study, its potential impacts on the community, how that interfaces with the Community Plan Update. How can we use this data to inform and guide us as we move forward with the CPU process and other relevant related data.

Public Comment – None.

#### Committee Discussion

- Main take-aways from presentation and discussion:
  - EIR quantifies impacts, but fundamentally understates long-term impacts (based on sense of Committee members), which supports LAWA in having limited responsibility for mitigation of impacts.
  - Infrastructure roadway in Westchester/Playa is not increasing. But traffic on every front is guaranteed to increase, due to LAX expansion, new development in the area, etc.
  - No entity taking responsibility for integrating all this data and projecting *total* impacts on Westchester/Playa arterials.
  - Key message: Westchester/Playa has unique status as the community most impacted by LAX expansion. That needs to be factored in (quantitatively) to housing density planning (and resulting traffic impacts) as part of CPU Draft 2.
- Not addressed in LAWA EIR: the connection between increased terminal capacity and trip generation and traffic flows.
  - EIR traffic analysis limited to “peak hours at key intersections” methodology. MNot analysis of new LAX capacities and correlation/impact of those facilities changes on traffic *flows* through our community.
- Flaws noted in the traffic study element of LAX EIR:
  - No growth projections beyond 2035 (that’s the end of LAX improvements window). Not helpful for CPU timeframe, which—given the length of time to develop new CPU—likely continues on past 2035.
  - LAWA study position: no real difference in traffic with the LAX updates, changes.
  - Study concludes only 11 of 183 intersections would be impacted per LAX expansion, but this data does not incorporate other CPU-related growth factors (large multi-unit residential development, etc).
  - LAWA EIR APPENDIX K > noted study shows level of service increases but no solutions offered re traffic management.
- Implications of LAWA EIR via meeting presentation on CPU development process:
  - CPU Draft 1 indicated Planning’s desire to place majority of density build up along the arterials LAWA EIR indicates will gain significant peak hours traffic.
  - In Draft 2, need to somehow quantify concerns about building density mixed with expanded LAX traffic through-put.
  - LAWA EIR does not consider Lincoln Blvd and “impact zone” so not analyzed in

the EIR—despite the fact that it’s a main artery to LAX for communities north of Westchester/Playa.

- Leverage data, insight from CD11 staff and LADOT in characterizing LAX impact re traffic in CPU Draft 2 notes to Planning.
- County Airport Land Use Commission
  - Make contact, explore as possible resource for further insights re LAWA plans, LAX expansion and traffic impacts.
- Other items discussed:
  - Improved “to LAX” signage in future.
  - Working with mapping/gps providers to program routes to LAX that factor in community traffic flows and impacts
  - LAWA/City of LA agreements?
    - Ground transportation services for LAX prohibited from using Sepulveda in their routing.
    - Limos, ride-share etc: establish an official waiting area complete with rest rooms, etc...taking those “waiting” vehicles out of circulation in community.
  - Possibility of negotiating for Permit Only Parking in areas where LAX travelers are dumping cars to avoid expensive on-site parking.
  - Re Traffic Flow Planning on arterials, it’s believed LAWA has the data.
  - Intersections studied in LAWA EIR already have “F” grade for traffic flows. Yet, community sense that things can actually be worse than “F”—that there are traffic flow degradations that merit measurement and grading below “F.”
  - There’s a need to also incorporate impacts on our community based on densification plans in adjacent communities (the “edges” of other CPU plans that border Westchester/Playa’s plan area).
  - There’s a need to quantify total # of units recently built or in permitting process as part of CPU Draft 2 input.

Committee Possible Action – None.

4: Presentation by Committee member Kimberly Fox on the tutorial videos she’s prepared to begin to guide the Community through the Community Plan Update process.

Public Comment – None.

#### Committee Discussion

- Good information, but length of video is a concern (effectiveness with public)
- Format change suggestions:
  - Shorter, faster
  - Keep younger stakeholders in mind
  - Quick “why get involved” explanation (a few seconds) on each explainer
- Agreement to break up draft video plus create a list of all possible topics.

Possible Committee action – None.

5: There has been Committee and Community discussion around the possible need for outside Counsel to guide the Committee and Board in crafting a vision for the Community Plan Update moving forward. The Committee will discuss this.

Item pulled from agenda by Chair, pending further outside info gathering.

6: Nomination of Board member Chip Malek and Community member John Ruhlen to the Community Plan Update Committee.

Public Comment – None.

Committee Discussion

- Candidate self-introductions.

Possible Committee Action: Vote to nominate.

- Stacey Travis: motion to vote on adding these to candidates to ad hoc committee.
- Tracy Thrower Conyers: Second.
- Passed by Unanimous Vote.

8: Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items, 1 minute.

None.

9: Meeting Adjourned.

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