

**NCWP Special Board Meeting
DRAFT MINUTES**

Submitted by Geoff Maleman

Tuesday, November 7, 2023 – 6:30 p.m.
@ CD11 Community Room
7166 Manchester Ave., Los Angeles 90045

Present: Gregg Aniolek, Nicole Carcel, Steve Donell, Thomas Flintoft, Lisa Gaines, Paula Gerez, Debra Huston, Jennifer Kingshott, Matt Lipschutz, John Logsdon, Geoff Maleman, Chip Mallek, Greg Melton, Dennis Miller, Dan Mohler, Kevin O'Brien, Fred Puza, Alexandra Reynolds, Julie Ross, Denny Schneider, Theresa Torrance, David Voss

Absent: Al Hernandez, Jack Hughes, Brian Lockwood, Alan Quon,

Excused: Garrett Smith,

1. **Call to Order– President Gerez called the meeting to order at 6:36 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.)*
 1. Approval of Minutes of October 2023 Board meeting
 2. Motion to receive and file the Treasurer's Report and MER for September
 3. Motion to oppose the Housing Element's proposed rezoning and densification of R1 and multi-family neighborhoods beyond what SB9 and ADU laws allow. We demand that Mayor Bass and all Councilmembers representing WRAC neighborhoods (Park, Yaroslavsky, Hutt and Raman) stand up for our communities and direct the City Planning Department to reject the upzoning of our single-family and sensitive multifamily neighborhoods, and instead, locate all upzoning on our underutilized commercial corridors. [Read More Here](#)
 4. Motion to approve NPG request from Ballona Discovery Park Partners for their new fabrication of replacement of damaged interpretive panels in Ballona Discovery Park, in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00.
 5. Motion to approve Moore Business Results 2nd (October) invoice #2023 1002 (overage of NCWP approved monthly) for additional work in month of September as outlined on the invoice, in the amount of \$397.32.
 6. Motion to approve Moore Business Results invoice #2023 1101 in the amount of \$658.64.
 7. Motion to oppose the proliferation of distracting digital billboards on city streets and in view of busy freeways. We specifically request our Councilmember to seek the removal of the four Metro TCN billboards in our community.
 1. https://planning.lacity.org/odocument/08651d9e-0a79-40ce-9da9-110096ff2da5/TCN_Location_Map_-_West_LA.pdf
 2. https://planning.lacity.org/odocument/dbe6a692-1d1b-41f2-8379-ddfe12eeeb98/TCN_Location_Map_-_South_LA.pdf
 3. https://planning.lacity.org/odocument/03dc50e4-bd41-44ce-a3fb-5b1c7090359d/TCN_Citywide.pdf
 8. The NCWP, a member of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils, is concerned about the passage of CF 23-0360, which nullifies Sections 22.482(a) and 22.602 of the Administrative Code and changes the parking space replacement policy when LADOT parking facilities with spaces greater than 25 are transferred to the Housing Department for redevelopment as affordable or supportive housing. The NCWP is sensitive to how difficult it can be to develop affordable and supportive housing in Los Angeles. We recognize there is a shortage of affordable and supportive housing and believe that Los Angeles would benefit from making it easier to build such housing. Until now, when LADOT-managed parking facilities have been redeveloped, all the

parking spaces had to be replaced, increasing the cost of the development. With the passage of CF 23-0360, the spaces will no longer be required to be replaced. However, we believe that the needs of small businesses, including the need for parking for their customers, have not been adequately considered with the nullification of Administrative Code Sections 22.482(a) and 22.602 and establishment of the new parking space replacement policy.

Therefore, we respectfully request that Councilmembers representing WRAC member councils who are also members of the City Council Transportation Committee – Councilmembers Park, Yaroslavsky, Raman and/or Hutt – bring a motion in Los Angeles City Council forthwith to further amend the Administrative Code to include concessions for small businesses by replacing the new parking space development footprint. The City should determine how much parking to replace by using a sliding scale for parking replacement based on prior utilization, as well as the availability of nearby public parking, rather than never requiring any replacement. [Read More Here](#)

9. The NCWP, a member of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils, requests that the Metro TCN program be referred to the LA City Council Transportation Committee and LADOT for their consideration before a final decision to implement the program is voted on by the City Council. The Transportation Committee and LADOT need to weigh in on the safety of this program through the study and review of current and historical research that has been done on roadway user distraction with digital billboards and changing message signs. (Refers to City Council file 22-0392) [Read More Here](#)
10. The NCWP requests that the City revises the LAMC/Zoning to be implemented in Community Plan updates, Westside Transit Neighborhood Plans and TOC/Density Bonus ordinances to standardize setbacks, landscaping, open and recreational space, setbacks, massing and zoning, in accordance with the specific preferences communicated to the City by the relevant NC/CC for each area. [Read More Here](#)

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 Kingshott/Maleman to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion passes unanimously. (AYES: Aniolek, Donell, Flintoft, Gaines, Huston, Kingshott, Lipschutz, Logsdon, Maleman, Mallek, Melton, Miller, Mohler, O'Brien, Reynolds, Ross, Schneider, Torrance, Voss. NAYES: None.) Puza and Carcel abstaining.

5. Announcements from Governmental Representative (limit to 3 minutes please)

Gabby Medina of Councilmember Traci Park's Office spoke re: Kevin Ivey's retirement announcement; vehicle ordinance meeting related to the unhoused (meeting is being recorded and will be available for viewing at cd11.lacity.gov); Inside Safe initiative; proposed the rent increase motion; Dec 9 11am-2pm Councilmember Park will hold her Holiday Event (food, entertainment, etc.) in the CD11 lot adjacent to the Community Room.

Tracy McGee of County Supervisor Holly Mitchell's Office spoke re: county library offerings of free computer services; proposal for holding "vanlords" responsible; and the supervisor's racial justice efforts.

6. Announcements from Board Members

Puza (LMU) announced that the university's Neighborhood Advisory Committee would be held virtually at 6:30 p.m. on Nov. 29; the university president will present his Convocation Address on Nov. 14; and added that LMU's annual Christmas Tree Lighting will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. on Dec. 1 on campus on Alumni Mall

Carcel (LAWA) provided the following report:

On Wednesday, October 25th, the LAWA Community Relations team hosted record-breaking participation at our 8th Annual LAX Aviation Career Day event, where more than 1,100 local high

school students engaged with aviation companies and agencies to learn about career paths in the industry. The event — which was held on the airfield ramp at the Flight Path Museum — featured commercial aircraft, equipment demonstrations and a career fair with representatives from more than 30 agencies, including airlines, law enforcement, construction and more. Students attended from 13 Los Angeles Unified School District schools and several neighboring schools.

The Westchester Family YMCA hosted its annual Halloween Spooktacular celebration, with over 900 community members in attendance. Guests enjoyed a haunted maze, carnival games, choreographed dance routines, a costume parade, food trucks and more. The LAWA Community Relations team sponsored the free event and were onsite to hand out giveaways and answer questions regarding LAX's transformation projects.

The Airport Police Division (APD) hosted a Trunk-or-Treat Halloween event for members of the APD and LAWA, as well as the local community, at the Los Angeles Airport Police Station. This was the first year that APD was the event's sole organizer, after hosting it in partnership with LAPD in the past. The event was well attended and included a costume parade, carnival games, a raffle and a contest for the best decorated trunk. Thank you to Paula for helping to get the word out, it was a very successful event.

In partnership with the LAX Coastal Chamber of Commerce, LAWA is co-sponsoring the upcoming State of LAX. The event will take place this Thursday, November 9th. The event brings together top executives from the aviation, construction, hospitality and transportation industries.

Finally, as we move into the holiday season, we want to encourage the use of our cell phone waiting lots to help alleviate traffic congestion. The lots are free and open for you to use until your passengers are ready to be picked-up from the terminal curb. Cell Phone Waiting lots are available at 96th Street & Alverstone Avenue and 96th Street & Vicksburg Avenue.

Also, available for folks is our economy parking lot and our new budget parking lot. Guests are highly encouraged to use the online booking system at parking.flyLAX.com which allows customers to reserve their space ahead of time and take advantage of discounts. Complimentary shuttle service is available to and from the parking lots and Central Terminal Area.

The economy parking lot is located at 6100 W. 94th Street, Los Angeles, CA, 90045) and more than 4,000 parking stalls available, including 305 active EV chargers. \$35 Maximum for each 24-hour period.

The budget parking lot is located at 5455 W. 111th Street between Aviation Blvd. and La Cienega Blvd., the former location of Parking Lot E, LAX Budget Parking offers 2,600 spaces. \$20 Maximum for each 24-hour period.

7. Presentations

1. Malina Brown and Steve Sugerman from Sugerman Group provided an update on Lulu's Place. Discussion and possible motion on the project. President Gerez indicated that there would not be the possibility of a motion on this item during this meeting.

Allen Offinitz, resident of Manitoba West, spoke re: concerns about hours of operation and lighting at the site.

Amanda Coles spoke re: water reclamation site, and concerns about the impact on wildlife in the area and light pollution.

Adelle Cantor spoke re: concerns about traffic on Falmouth and has a traffic study been done to address the

Shiela Walsh spoke re: concerns about traffic and noise

Scott Walter spoke in support of the project and said it would be a great benefit to the

community

John Shine of Seagate Village spoke re: traffic and lighting concerns and asked how much the proposed Advisory Committee will be able to adjust hours of operation down the road

8. Discussion Calendar and Related Public Comment

1. Update on the Community Plan Update Committee driving tour with City Planning and discussion.

Jolie Delja spoke re: city planners who will attend the tour, and hoped that the tour enters each proposed density district

Treva Miller spoke re: negative impact of up-zoning in the Ladera area and the marginalization of the Triangle area

Sarah Howard hoped that the tour enters each proposed density district to show the city planners each area

2. Motion to approve NPG request from Ballona Discovery Park Partners for their new fabrication of replacement of damaged interpretive panels in Ballona Discovery Park, in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00. (**Called Special by Torrance**)

Donell announced that he is on the Board of Directors for Ballona Discovery Park Partners and had a conflict of interest on this item. He left the room during discussion and did not participate in the vote.

M/S Maleman/kingshott to approve the Motion in an amount not to exceed \$2,500.00. Motion passes 17-1. (AYES: Aniolek, Flintoft, Gaines, Huston, Kingshott, Lipschutz, Logsdon, Maleman, Melton, Miller, Mohler, O'Brien, Reynolds, Ross, Schneider, Torrance, Voss. NAYES: Mallek.) Puza and Carcel abstaining.

9. **Public Comment** – non-agenda items (*limited to 1 minute per speaker unless otherwise declared by the President or presiding director. Public comment on agenda items will be called as each agenda item is brought forward.*)

Jason Lubin spoke trying to get in touch with the community's new recycling company – Athens

10. Committee Reports

1. **Aniolek** (Government Affairs) Monday, Nov. 13 will be the final meeting for the year and the 90 Freeway will be on the agenda, concern about bureaucracy of being part of the City of LA
2. **Ross** (Airport Relations) spoke re: level of service at the airport (88M PAX expected by 2024-25); director of sustainability presentation on LAWA Soundproofing program, which starts next June – more info at www.lawa.org/lax/RSIprogram
3. **Logsdon** (Public Safety) spoke re: next meeting where the LAPD SLOs will be on hand to provide a crime update
4. **President Gerez** addressed the email and letter sent on Nov 6, 2023, 12:24 PM to the NCWP Board by Robert Acherman regarding Lulu's Place. The letter gave the appearance that it was written by President Gerez and ask the Board to approve. This was 100% composed and submitted by Robert Acherman, Vice President, Alliance for a Regional Solution to Airport Congestion without notification, consultation or any communication with President Gerez.

11. **Adjourn** – **President Gerez adjourned the meeting at 9:04 p.m.**

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 5, 2023 – 6:30 p.m.