

NCWP Board Meeting
MINUTES
Submitted by Geoff Maleman

Tuesday, July 2, 2024 – 6:30 p.m.
@ CD11 Community Room
7166 Manchester Ave., Los Angeles 90045

Present: Gregg Aniolek, Nicole Carcel, Paula Gerez, Al Hernandez, Jack Hughes,** Debra Huston, Jennifer Kingshott, John Logsdon, Geoff Maleman, Chip Mallek, Greg Melton, Dennis Miller, Dan Mohler, Fred Puza, Alexandra Reynolds, Denny Schneider, Garrett Smith, Theresa Torrance, Casey Yeazel,

Absent: Brian Lockwood,

Excused: Steve Donell, Thomas Flintoft, Matt Lipschutz, Kevin O'Brien, Alan Quon, Julie Ross,* David Voss, Julie Zaller

Directors marked with an asterisk () cannot vote due to incomplete training*

*Directors marked with a double asterisk (**) cannot vote or count for quorum due to incomplete training*

1. **Call to Order– President Gerez called the meeting to order at 6:32 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 May 7, 2024 Board meeting
 2. Receive, Approve and file the Treasurer's Report and MER for April 2024 and May 2024.
 3. **Motion to approve initial budget for the NCWP Fiscal Year 2024-2025 including the Admin Packet.**
 4. Motion to approve appointment of Theresa Torrance, Treasurer, Neighborhood Council of Westchester / Playa.
 5. Motion to approve appointment of Paula Gerez, Second Signer, Neighborhood Council of Westchester / Playa.
 6. Motion to approve appointment of Paula Gerez, 1st Bank Card Holder, Neighborhood Council of Westchester / Playa.
 7. Motion to approve appointment of Theresa Torrance, 2nd Bank Card Holder, Neighborhood Council of Westchester / Playa Bank.
 8. Motion to approve monthly support for the Board Agenda and Committee Agendas for NCWP website and NCWP communications provided by Moore Business Results for FY 2024-2025 with expenditure not to exceed \$650 monthly.
 9. Motion to approve emailing service for NCWP agenda distribution provided by MailChimp for FY 2024-2025 with expenditure not to exceed \$60 monthly.
 10. Motion to approve monthly NCWP newsletter provided by Hometown News for FY 2024-2025 with expenditure not to exceed \$875 monthly.
 11. Motion to approve monthly NCWP administrative support to the President, provided by Bridgegap, an approved contractor for the City of Los Angeles, Office of the City Clerk, Neighborhood Council Funding Program for FY 2024-2025 with expenditure not to exceed \$200 monthly.
 12. Motion to approve Adobe Acrobat Pro Subscriptions for NCWP Operational Expenses for FY 2024-2025 with expenditure not to exceed \$50 monthly.
 13. Motion to approve Outreach expenditure of \$1,500 to be paid to the LAX Coastal Area Chamber of Commerce for Star of the Neighborhood entry in the Fourth of July Parade.
 14. Motion to approve the Star of the Neighborhood Award to Tracy Thrower Conyers and Cory Birkett. The purpose of the award is to identify and honor those unsung heroes of our community

who quietly, persistently and without fanfare voluntarily perform good deeds that serve the needs of their neighbors and/or the community.

15. Motion to oppose the motion in [CF 21-0329-S5](#), which makes implementation of LAMC Sec. 41.18 unnecessarily and unreasonably complicated and needlessly involves county agencies in city policy. We agree with the protection of sensitive use sites and deem this Municipal Code section to be a necessary tool for combatting the proliferation of homelessness and protecting public health and safety citywide. The Neighborhood Council of Westchester / Playa therefore strongly supports LAMC Sec. 41.18, which has been effectively implemented in Council District 11 and other areas of Los Angeles to protect public health and safety and preserve the use of our public spaces for all constituents. **According to the Chief Legislative Analyst, "LAPD believes that LAMC Sec. 41.18 and its subsections have an overwhelmingly positive impact on public safety" (5/31/24 CLA Report in related [CF 21-0329-S4](#)).*
16. Motion to support the motion in City Council filed on 6/28/24 by Councilmembers Park, Krekorian and others, calling for a report back on the impact of the Grant's Pass ruling and ask the City to enforce anti-camping laws since they do not criminalize the status of being homeless, since they are applied equally to all who violate them, regardless of housing status, per the Supreme Court [ruling](#) in the [case](#) of City of Grant's Pass, Oregon v. Johnson, siding with Grant's Pass, overturning the Ninth circuit's 2009 decision, Martin v. Boise, which prohibited anti-camping ordinances on the grounds that such restrictions violated the Eighth Amendment's prohibition of cruel and unusual punishment.
17. Motion to support the Conditional Use Permit renewal application by Dave & Busters for the continued on-site sale of alcoholic beverages with operating hours of 9 am – 12 am (midnight) Sunday – Wednesday and 9 am – 1 am Thursday – Saturday.

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 Smith/Kingshott to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion passes unanimously. (AYES: Aniolek, Hernandez, Huston, Kingshott, Logsdon, Maleman, Mallek, Melton, Mohler, Reynolds, Schneider, Smith, Torrance, Yeazel. NAYES: None.) Carcel and Puza abstaining. Hughes did not vote.

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

Marian Ensley, Mayor Karen Bass' Office, submitted the following written report:

The results of the **2024 Homelessness Point In Time Count** were released last Friday and results show progress as the City of Los Angeles confronts the homelessness crisis with urgency.

Change is here!

Key results from the **2024 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count**:

- Homelessness in the City of Los Angeles is **down for the first time in six years.**
- Unprecedented drop in street homelessness (10% decrease in the City of Los Angeles – the first double-digit decrease in the last at least 9 years).
- A decrease in makeshift shelters (38% decrease in the City of Los Angeles).
- The amount of people in shelters has **increased by 17%**. That means that more people are moving indoors.
- The number of people who moved into permanent housing is at an all-time high.

Read the Mayor's press release [HERE](#)

The Mayor's Office of Community Safety and Gang Reduction and Youth Development will kick off their Summer Night Lights (SNL) programming on July 5th, 2024 and will go all the way through August 10th! Join in for weekly sports, food, and family activities. SNL runs from Thursday to Saturday 6pm to 11pm.

Vincent Autiero, of DONE, spoke re: training for board members, DONE survey of board members and the upcoming Neighborhood Congress.

LaQuisha Bryant, of Assemblymember Tina McKinnor's Office, introduced herself and said she looks forward to working with the community in the future. (310) 412-6400 | LaQuisha.Bryant@asm.ca.gov

Miller arrived, was seated at the dais and participated in board business.

6. Announcements from Board Members

1. **Mohler** (Park Advisory Board) spoke re: recreation activities underway, upcoming parade representation, violence in Westchester Park, Traci Park's community meeting on that issue, security cameras in the park outside the Senior Camera
2. **Puza** (LMU) spoke re: letters and plastic sheeting on the bluff (there is a long-term and a short-term plan, but the city has given permits to repair the letters ... it is a multi-year, multi-million dollar project); Shakespeare on the Bluff (Troilus & Cressida) will be held July 18-20 8pm at Drollinger Stage; Summer Movie Night will feature "Black Panther: Wakanda Forever" 8pm on July 19; Salsa Fest will be held October 13; the university has a partnership with Rams, who will hold training camp from July 25-August 3 (numerous traffic/safety precautions during that time); Rams cheerleaders will be part of the LMU float in the Fourth of July Parade; and the university hired a new director of safety.
3. **Smith** spoke re: Stars of the Neighborhood, who will be featured in the Fourth of July Parade
4. **Carcel** (LAWA) provided the following update:

We wrapped up June with our first annual LAWA Pride Month celebration. In addition, we participated over the weekend at the second annual Valley Pride Block Party.

LAX anticipates a busy Fourth of July holiday, with increased passenger and vehicle traffic expected through July 8th. LAX estimates approximately 1.1M passengers will pass through the terminals from tomorrow Wednesday, July 3rd to Sunday, July 7th.

Allow at least two hours before departure time

Pre-book parking - parking at the airport is in high demand, with parking facilities expected to reach capacity on the busiest travel days. Visit parking.flylax.com for the best rates and to plan parking ahead of time. Parking options may include discounts from the drive-up rates, depending on availability and demand. Guests parking in **budget parking** can receive **20% off** their reservation, and guests parking in **P1 or P7** can receive **10% off** their reservation by using the promo code **4JULY2024** at checkout, when pre-booking a parking spot in advance. Offer valid through July 31.

Plan ahead before arriving - Check the status and arrival terminal of the flight before heading to the airport. LAX provides real-time traffic and parking information at Parking and traffic updates are available 24/7 via the automated [@FlyLAXstats X \(formerly Twitter\) feed](https://twitter.com/FlyLAXstats). Curbside pickup and drop off is permitted on the Upper/Departures and Lower/Arrivals levels. All parking structures are free for the first 15 minutes.

Take advantage of the cell phone waiting lots - the lots are located at 96th Street & Alverstone Avenue, and 96th Street & Vicksburg Avenue.

If you are traveling try out the LAX Order Now system. Skip the line at participating concessions by placing an order through www.laxshopdine.com/. **Enjoy 25% off** all mobile orders through July 8. **Promo Code: LAXJULY2024.**

The Community Relations team will also take part again this year in the Westchester 4th of July Parade. Catch us along the parade route at our booth, we will be stationed on the SE corner of Loyola and 83rd Street.

We are continuing to work with Trey from CD11 on filling the open seats on the LAX Area Advisory Committee. The committee meets the second Thursday of the month at the Clifton A. Moore Boardroom. The committee is comprised of community members representing CD11, the cities of El Segundo, Inglewood, Culver City, Hawthorne and the unincorporated communities of Marina Del Rey and Lennox.

We are also working to schedule the Welcome to Westchester sign discussion at the next scheduled Airport Relations Committee meeting.

7. Committee Reports

1. **Logsdon** (Public Safety) said Sheriff Luna will speak at the next committee meeting on Sept 24.
2. **Gerez** (President) announced that there are several board appointments available on the NCWP board, including Outreach Chair.

8. Discussion Calendar and Related Public Comment

1. Motion to approve initial budget for the NCWP Fiscal Year 2024-2025 including the Admin Packet. **Called Special by Mallek**

M/S Mallek/Miller to approve the Motion. Motion passes unanimously. (AYES: Aniolek, Hernandez, Huston, Kingshott, Logsdon, Maleman, Mallek, Melton, Miller, Mohler, Reynolds, Schneider, Smith, Torrance, Yeazel. NAYES: None.) Carcel and Puza abstaining. Hughes did not vote.

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

There was no public comment on non-agenda items.

Carcel left the meeting. A quorum continued to be met.

10. Presentation

1. Brad Zacuto, Head of School for Westside Neighborhood School (“WNS”), to discuss plans to relocate the WNS DK-8 grade private school campus from 5400-5401 S. Beethoven Avenue to an existing building located at 5340 S. Alla Road, approximately 750 feet west of the WNS Early Childhood Center (“ECC”). WNS has operated in the area for almost 20 years and the relocation will allow the school to consolidate DK – 8 grade educational and administrative space into one building on at the new site.
 - Motion to support the plans to relocate the WNS DK-8 grade private school campus to 5340 S. Alla Road, allowing for the school to consolidate DK – 8 grade educational and administrative space into one building on at the new site.
 - Board discussion to follow public comment and vote on Motion.
 - [WNS-Alla-Rd-Entitlement-Set-1.pdf](#)
 - [WNS-5340-S-Alla-Rd-Neighborhood-Council-Plan-Set-06.14.24.1.pdf](#)
 - <https://ncwpdr.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/5340-Alla-Road-Existing-Building.pdf>
 - <http://Alla-Road-Existing-Building-1.pdf>

M/S Maleman/Kingshott to approve the Motion. Motion passes unanimously. (AYES: Aniolek, Hernandez, Huston, Kingshott, Maleman, Mallek, Melton, Miller, Mohler, Reynolds, Schneider, Smith, Torrance, Yeazel. NAYES: None.) Logsdon and Puza abstaining. Hughes did not vote.

11. **Adjourn – President Gerez adjourned the meeting at 7:33 p.m.**

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 3, 2024 – 6:30 p.m.