

**NCWP Board Meeting
MINUTES**

Submitted by Theresa Torrance

**Tuesday, May 2, 2023– 6:30 p.m.
LAWA Police Headquarters
9160 South Loyola Blvd. L.A. CA 90045**

Present: Gregg Aniolek, Michele Cooley-Strickland, Thomas Flintoft, Paula Gerez, Al Hernandez, George Herrera, Jennifer Kingshott, John Logsdon, Chip Mallek, Greg Melton, Dennis Miller, Fred Puza, Alan Quon, Alexandra Reynolds, Julie Ross, Glenda Silva, Garrett Smith, Theresa Torrance, Sylvia Wilson, Debra Huston

Absent:

Excused: Denny Schneider, Brian Lockwood Matt Lipschutz, Jack Hughes

1. **Call to Order** – President Gerez called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. **Salute the Flag** – President Gerez led the flag salute
3. **Introduction of Board Members**
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 March 7, 2023 Board meeting.
 2. Approval of Minutes of March 29, 2023 Special Board meeting.
 3. Receive and file the Treasurer’s Report and MER for February 2023.
 4. ~~Receive and file the Treasurer’s Report and MER for March 2023.~~
 5. Motion to deny the project at 237, 239 Montreal St. Playa del Rey.
 6. Motion to approve the creation of an Ad Hoc RV’s on Pershing Committee and approve the appointment of Paula Gerez, Chair.
 7. Motion to approve the creation of an Ad Hoc Westchester Park Committee and approve the appointment of Debra Huston, Chair.
 8. Motion to appoint Dan Mohler, to the Youth Organization Director Seat and appoint him as a member of the Ad Hoc Westchester Park Committee. Dan Mohler has been a resident of Playa del Rey for 35 years and a homeowner there for 25 years. His wife, Liz Mohler, has been very active in civic organizations including The Westchester Mental Health Guild and Park Advisory Board. Liz and Dan have two sons in their twenties who went to preschool at Westchester Park, K-8 at Westside Neighborhood School and Loyola High School. Dan is a current Park Advisory Board member (PAB) and Director of The Westchester Lacrosse Club which he helped co-found in 2007. Dan is currently an Assistant Lacrosse Coach at Redondo Union HS and recently head coached the 2nd/3rd grade team in the Westchester Park, Winter Lacrosse program. In 2013 Dan was elected President of the LA Chapter of US Lacrosse leading a board of directors for a four year term. Dan has a background building successful sales organizations for start-ups including Fandango and The Weather Channel.
 9. Motion to appoint Nicole Carcel to the LAX Director Seat and appoint her to the Airport Relations Committee.
 10. Motion to appoint Kevin O’Brien to the Residential 9 Director Seat and appoint him as a member of the Ad Hoc Westchester Park Committee. He is a proud Westchester resident that was brought to our district over a decade ago as he built his career in Playa Vista’s Silicon Beach.
 11. Motion to recommend the board approve the Neighborhood Purpose Grant (NPG) application from the Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust to support the opening of the Open Magnet Charter school grounds on weekends to provide local residents with access to open space in the park-poor neighborhoods of Osage/Westport Heights not to exceed \$5,000.00.
 12. Motion to approve the planning to host the National Night Out August 1, 2023 in Westchester Park and approve the creation of an AD Hoc National Night Out Committee with Paula Gerez, Al Hernandez, Theresa Torrance, John Logsdon.

The Committee will report back with another Motion on cost and feasibility next month.

13. Motion to approve letter to Councilmember Park regarding the concerns with the proposed retirement of the Scattergood Generating Plant with 100% carbon free energy by 2035.

14. Motion to approve the monthly expenditure from Operational Expenses not to exceed \$40 per month for up to two Adobe Acrobat Pro monthly subscriptions

15. Motion to insist, on behalf of the stakeholders it represents, that prior to the completion of Community Plan updates, the City inform communities of the methodology by which it determines the allocation of RHNA numbers and the calculations that derive density housing goals in order to meet the aims of the Housing Element. These include, for each Community Plan and Community or Neighborhood Council area:

A) Current zoning capacity (including existing density bonuses & commercial zones that allow residential uses) and reasonably expected population change.

B) The methodology which will be used to allocate RHNA growth numbers.

C) RHNA allocation of units in each community. We also urge the Planning Department to thoughtfully consider the input (submitted by previous written comment or imparted in real time) of Neighborhood and Community Councils as well as stakeholders that come together for the purpose of contributing to the Community Plan update process with informed and productive input, insight and/or suggestions. This essential input must be implemented by Planning staff, and the contributions reflected by being substantively included in the outcome/drafting of revised Community Plans. We urge that a report back mechanism be implemented by Planning staff, in order to inform communities of where and how their input has been received and incorporated into the final drafting process. We would like to understand the role of the Westside Community Plan Advisory Group (WCPAG) and be assured that the WCPAG's voice will not outweigh that of local stakeholders.

16. Motion to support and submit a CIS as a member of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils, is concerned about the current status and management of the STAP program under the new contractor Tranzito-Vector and requests an audit of the program by the City Controller and Chief Administration Officer's (CAO) office of the revenues and expenditures for this new STAP program. (relevant Council File: [Council File No. 20-1536-S4](#))

Items struck out were removed from the agenda by President Gerez due to CC receipt upload issue (system will not create the MER due to this)

Highlighted items were called Special and discussed as part of the Discussion Calendar.

Theresa / Michele motioned to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion passes unanimously. Puza and Silva abstained.

5. Announcements from Government Representatives

a. **Glenda Silva welcomed her replacement, Nicole, and gave Update:**

1. Mayor Karen Bass' appointment of Commissioner Vanessa Aramayo to the Board of Airport Commissioners was unanimously approved by City Council, and she took her Oath of Office this week. Commissioners Vega and Eshaghian's last BOAC meeting was April 11th, and we are now awaiting the confirmation of the Mayoral appointee for Mr. Eshaghian. Ms. Vega has been replaced by Ms. Vanessa Aramayo who currently serves as the Executive Director for the Alliance for a Better Community.
2. Last week we welcomed our newest airline partner, Starlux Airlines, to LAX.. Starlux will offer five-times weekly service to Taiwan's capital city with easy connections to other popular destinations in Asia.
3. The HireLAX Apprenticeship Readiness Program is now recruiting for their next orientation. After the free 8-week program, graduates are introduced to trades and contractors. HireLAX graduates are averaging \$41 per hour, and starting pay is typically between \$18 and \$26 per hour and increases quickly. Interested individuals can register at <https://hirelax2023-05-20.eventbrite.com/>.
4. Last week, the U.S. Green Building Council's evaluation affiliate, Green Business Certification Inc., awarded LAX's Terminal 4.5 Core LEED Gold accreditation. LEED is a holistic sustainability grading system that does not simply focus on one building element, but looks at the big picture, factoring in all critical components that work together to create the best building possible. Terminal 4.5 Core opened in November of 2022 and represents the first major component of the \$1.62 billion Terminal 4 and 5 Modernization project. The project, designed by Gensler Design, built by Hensel Phelps, and managed by

American Airlines, provides a centralized location between Terminals 4 and 5 where passengers can access all four levels of the terminal building pre-security, while enabling direct connectivity to Terminal 5's baggage claim and check-in lobby. In the future, the Terminal 4.5 Core will facilitate efficient travel even further when it serves as an access point to our People Mover train's West Central Terminal Area (CTA) station via an elevated pedestrian pathway over World Way.

5. In late March, we reached a post-pandemic high of 108,164 passengers who went through TSA security checkpoints at LAX, or approximately 216,000 total estimated travelers going through our airport.
6. Construction Activity: To facilitate infrastructure work in the area, continuous single-lane closures will be implemented on eastbound and westbound Century Blvd., as well as northbound Avion Dr., from Saturday, April 29 through Tuesday, June 20. The closure area will be clearly marked with traffic delineator posts, and flaggers will be present on-site to assist with traffic control and pedestrian activity. Dates/Times: Saturday, April 29 through Tuesday, June 20, 2023.
7. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) published a [notice and request for comments](#) on the agency's ongoing "Noise Policy Review" (NPR). Through the NPR, FAA is evaluating its aviation noise policy, including the current use of DNL as the primary noise metric for assessing cumulative aircraft noise exposure and whether to continue to use the DNL 65 dB level as (a) the metric and threshold for determining significant noise impacts as part of National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) reviews and (b) the definition of the limit of residential land use compatibility.

Chip asked about LAWA taking care of cleanup around the tunnel. Glenda advised that LAWA partners with sanitation to clean the area but it is difficult to keep it clean at all times due to wind and people continuing to litter.

Michele asked when people mover will be ready and if there is an age requirement for the recruit program. Glenda said people mover will be ready sometime in 2024 and Nicole said recruits should be 17 1/2.

Paula asked if Glenda could send info to NC re: aviation noise pollution study so we could post on NC website.

b. Sean Silva from Councilwoman Traci Park's gave the following update:

1. LAX FAA Noise Policy—"public comment period from May 1 to July 31 on its aircraft noise policy review. In addition to seeking public comments on its aviation noise policy review, the agency also plans to hold a series of virtual seminars on the NPR. The webinars will be held May 16, 18, 23 and 25 on Zoom. You can participate by Zoom or watch the meetings via live stream on the FAA's YouTube account. Attendees watching the meeting on YouTube can submit questions using the platform's chat feature.

2. The LA Co Dept. of Mental Health Event: "Resiliency Throughout the Lifespan" Presentation will be on Tuesday the 9th

3. The AI Fresco Update: CD11 is leading the City on the topic of the permanent AI Fresco ordinance, following on the heels of the temporary ordinance that allowed businesses to remain open through COVID-19's shutdowns.

4. LA Fleet Week Announcement for Memorial Day Weekend

5. Announcement about our CD11 Appointment for the Bicycle Advisory Committee

- c. Jessalyn Waldron** of Holly Mitchell's office: ScholarShare — Investment Board, which oversees the state's college savings plan – ScholarShare 529. The state recently launched a statewide children's savings account program called CalKIDS that offers newborns up to \$100 and eligible low-income public school students enrolled in first through 12th grade with up to \$1,500 in a college savings account. <https://calkids.org/partners/marketing-toolkit/>

County grants.

<https://go.smallbizla.org/recovery>

<https://www.lacountyarts.org/funding/creative-recovery-la>

and

<https://mitchell.lacounty.gov/racialjustice/>

May 4th Job fair

County to start enforcement of single use plastics ordinance starting now (may 1), only applicable to unincorporated.

d. **Aurelia Friedman** of Ted Lui's office provided updates on the following:

<https://lieu.house.gov/media-center/press-releases/rep-lieu-speaks-grand-opening-two-new-housing-units-veterans-west-la-va>
<https://lieu.house.gov/media-center/press-releases/rep-lieu-announces-community-project-funding-requests-fy2024>
<https://lieu.house.gov/media-center/press-releases/rep-lieu-beyer-buck-and-sen-markey-introduce-bipartisan-bicameral-bill>

e. **Mario Hernandez** of DONE spoke re: Mario gave an update to the board re: conflicts of interest and how they should be handled; status of SB411 (moving along); Congress of Neighborhood event on 9/23/23 at City Hall; CIS dashboard status; following financial deadlines: the following deadlines impacting use of NC funds as we approach the end of the Fiscal Year:

May 20, 2023- final date to submit an event approval request

June 1, 2023- Final date to submit a check payment request.

June 20, 2023 Final date for bank card transactions

Update on City Clerk elections-visit this website for more information

Clerk.ElectionsNC@LAcity.org

Other Legislative updates

6. Discussion Calendar and Related Public Comment

1. **Update from Debra Huston on Westchester Park**, Municipal Lot, Senior Center, Camping, RV's, 41.18, Vehicle Dwellers, RAP, BOS and discussion with the Board.

Debra expressed frustration that the gates to the lot are still not being locked and there is still no enforcement with RVs in the municipal lot and that she received an email from Officer Castenada that LAPD just learned of the 41:18 signs in the lot re: 41:18

Julie mentioned she ran into Councilwoman Traci Park and that Traci had mentioned she was concerned that LAHSA employees who use the community room, were not out engaging the RV/vehicle and other dwellers in the lot and around the Senior Center

Paula expressed frustration of non action after all this time and Theresa expressed frustration at what seems to be a disconnect and lack of communication between city agencies (i.e. LAPD not being aware of signage in municipal lot and agencies advising stakeholders that they don't handle certain issues, refer them to another agency, who says same).

Alex said she offered to volunteer to lock the gates.

Gregg said that as a city employee, there are shortages with city workers.

Chip mentioned that 41:18 only deals with campers and not RV/vehicle dwellers

Al suggested there be a town hall on this matter as we are going in circles talking about the same things at each meeting and Paula said she would work on organizing one.

Michele brought up Debra as Chair for Ad Hoc Committee on this matter and said as that lot serves multiple entities (i.e. library, senior center, municipal bldg) the lot should be cleared out so it can be used for its intended purpose.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS AGENDA ITEM:

Unknown stakeholder of Westchester who worked for American Airlines spoke of her frustration with how ugly the Sepulveda tunnel

Beth Rubenstine spoke about the fact that the park and Senior Center is open and she would like the support of the NC out-especially with the Senior Center

Lisa Gaines said she spoke with Juan in the Councilwoman's office and he advised that they have no where to redirect the RV dwellers in the municipal lot

Sean from Councilwoman Traci Parks office was asked to respond to some of the above and provide more information, which was as follows:

Ordinances 63:44 and 41:18 are in effect-enforcibility is the challenge, but LAPD has the right to enforce.

Paula asked if the councilwoman's office could explore asking 311 to be amended to add for 41:18 reports. Sean liked this idea and said he would discuss with the Councilwoman.

Paula asked Sean to give an update on the Ballona wetlands RV encampment. He said that 85:02 is a roadblock to cleaning up Ballona.

Jennifer asked if the council office could increase sanitation clean ups and Sean said that the current 2 cleanups each month was more than most.

Sean said with respect to locking the parking lot gates, their office is working with the City Attorney's Office to make sure there is no liability issue with respect to "locking in" the RV/vehicle dwellers in the lot. Paula asked when they would have the answer to that and Sean said they are still in discussions.

2. Update from Lisa Gaines on the Extended Stay Hotel and discussion with the Board.

Lisa spoke with Sean and learned that the Extended Stay hotel was gifted to American Family Housing (AFH) and they have not operated a project of this size in the past. She Also learned the following: 1) the building was originally going to have 131 units but they have now reconfigured for 101 units; 2) the city purchased for \$56M and gifted it to AFH (when councilman Mike Bonin was in office); 3) there will be community open houses events in May and June; 4) Lisa organized a community/group meeting to work on provisional requests. She said AFH seems eager to work with the community; 6) 41:18 signs were posted (for this location the distance is 1000 feet).

Dennis asked about oversight for this facility. Lisa advised there will be 1) 24 hour security; 2) a 3 strikes your out policy 3) open house for community to provide more thoughts/input

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS AGENDA ITEM: No public comment

3. Our July Board meeting meeting falls on a holiday and we will not have quorum. Could we hold a special meeting on Thursday, July 6?

Per Paula, more board members available **Wednesday July 5th** so we will have our meeting on that date at same location as this meeting.

4. Motion to recommend the board approve the Neighborhood Purpose Grant application in the amount of \$2,500 from Airport Marina Counseling Service to support a family therapy program clinical supervisor.

Michele and Sylvia motioned to approve and vote passes unanimously with Fred and Glenda abstaining

5. Pulled from Consent Calendar for Discussion-Item # 5 by Chip.

Alex and Jennifer motioned to approve to discuss Item #5

Chip questioned the reasoning behind denying the project and Julie advised that The proposed project is not in compliance with the Coastal Bluffs Specific Plan.

Public Comment on this Item: No Public Comment

Motion to approve sending the letter passed unanimously with Chip, Fred and Glenda abstaining.

6. Pulled from Consent Calendar for Discussion-Item #13 by Gregg.

Jen and Michele Motioned to approve discussion on this item.

Gregg went over his concerns, which are all contained in the attachments that were on meeting agenda. Theresa inquired about including a friendly amendment to the letter asking LADWP presenting at

a future meeting to respond to Gregg's concerns, and Gregg responded he would prefer not as the reports he reviewed are current.

No Public Comment on this item.

Motion to approve sending the letter passed unanimously with Fred and Glenda abstaining.

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

Diane Krieger was curious to know if it would be possible to have volunteers to patrol Westchester Park and to lock gates

8. **Announcements and Committee Reports from Committee Chairs**

Logsdon (Public Safety) provided LAPD crime stats, spoke with LAPD Officer Castenada about tents on Toes beach. LAPD is trying to get a meeting with Beaches and Harbors to figure out what to do. He suggested stakeholders explore this site for up to date crime info for our area

<https://www.crimemapping.com/>

Next Public Safety Meeting is Tuesday, May 23rd at 6:30pm in the Community Room at LAWA Police Headquarters. Fema, LAPD SLOs and a representative from CD 11 will be there

Ross (PLUC) reported the following:

Airport Relations Committee

LAWA will be replacing the Eagles Nest Gates in the Midfield Satellite Concourse. The new concourse will be modular construction. It will be constructed offsite on LAWA Northside land then moved to the project site. Substantial completion is targeted for August 2025.

Community Plan Update Ad Hoc

We were unable to meet due to lack of quorum.

Planning and Land Use

We were unable to meet due to lack of quorum.

At our May meeting we will be reviewing the following projects: 1) Chik Fil A on Century Blvd. 2) Enterprise Car Rental 3) Legacy on Knowlton: Proposal for 140+ residential units. 4) Pep Boys at Manchester and La Tijera and 5) Hertz car rental facility that was sold.

Puza (LMU) reported that LMU graduations are this month

Commencement weekend is May 6 and 7. Commencement for Loyola Law School is May 20. For more info, go to <https://academics.lmu.edu/commencement/>

LMU Community Relations and students hosted a paint and pour for the senior citizens at the Westchester Senior Center in April.

The next NAC meeting is May 31 at 6:30 p.m. Register at <https://community.lmu.edu/masterplan/nac/meeting/>

LMU events that are free and open to the public. See the LMU website later this month for a list of events @ <https://www.lmu.edu/>

Summer Mass Schedule Sundays at 10 a.m. (all summer) Sacred Heart Chapel & Weekdays at 12:05 p.m. (May 15 – June 23 and June 26 – Aug. 14) Sacred Heart Chapel

Wilson (Community Services) reported that ...our last meeting had Donna Arrachea from 311 present and she provided a lot of service information and would be a good contact to keep in touch with for future meetings/info. Also had presentation from David Russell, muralist who creates many murals in our community is in charge of the Westchester YMCAs community mural project.

9. **Adjourn** –President Gerez adjourned the meeting at 8:57 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 6th, 2022 – 6:30 p.m.