

**NCWP Special Board Meeting  
MINUTES**

*Submitted by Theresa Torrance*

**Tuesday, March 11, 2024 – 6:35 p.m.**

*@ CD11 Community Room*

*7166 Manchester Ave., Los Angeles 90045*

**Present:** Gregg Aniolek, Nicole Carcel, Steve Donnell, Paula Gerez, Jack Hughes, Al Hernandez, Debra Huston, Lisa Gaines, Jennifer Kingshott, John Logsdon, Chip Mallek, Greg Melton, Dan Mohler, Kevin O'Brien, Alan Quon, Alexandra Reynolds, Julie Ross, Denny Schneider, Garrett Smith, Theresa Torrance, Casey Yeazel

**Absent:** Brian Lockwood

**Excused:** Matt Lipschutz, Thomas Flintoft, Fred Puza, David Voss, Geoff Maleman

1. **Call to Order**– President Gerez called the meeting to order at 6:35 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 the Special January 9, 2024 Board meeting
  2. Receive and file the December 2023 Treasurer's Report and MER
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  4. Motion to 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 for an amount not to exceed \$2,250.00.
  5. Motion to approve upgrade to Hostgator account in an amount not to exceed \$70.00 for the duration of the plan (until January 2025), to improve stability of the ncwpdr.org website.
  6. Motion to approve Moore Business results February invoice (2024 0201) in the amount of \$694.32.
  7. Motion to strongly oppose the proposal by the Dept. of City Planning (DCP) to change the City's construction noise thresholds. The proposal would remove noise increase limits and only place a cap of 80 dBA Leq (daytime) on noise. These changes would substantially weaken protections for residential areas from excessive construction noise levels. (Draft letter attached)
  8. Motion to approve a CIS to request that Westchester be made part of the "pilot program" for which Councilwoman Parks has a motion pending to remove RVs. Venice and Del Rey NCs have filed CIS requesting that their areas be included in the pilot. [Council File: https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=23-0730](https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=23-0730) (<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=23-0730>)
  9. Motion to requests that the restriction in LAMC Sec. 41.18 on camping near sensitive uses be defined to include dwelling in vehicles of all sizes as well as all forms of camping within 500 feet of sensitive uses, including libraries, parks, schools and day-care centers, and that Councilmembers representing WRAC Member Councils (CMs Park, Yaroslavsky, Raman and/or Hutt) bring a motion in City Council to amend LAMC 41.18 for this purpose. [Background can be found here.](#)

10. Motion to create the Bylaws AD-HOC Committee, approve appointment of Steve Donell as Chair, and approve assignment of the following Board Members, Geoff Maleman and David Voss.
11. Motion to approve Moore Business Results NCWP Online Outreach Proposal and Scope of Work.
12. Motion to accept the resignation of Lisa Gaines, Residential District 7 and appoint Julie Zaller.

**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, Donnell, Gaines, Hughes, Hernandez, Huston, Kingshott, Logsdon, Quon, Mallek, Melton, Mohler, O'Brien, Schneider, Smith, Ross, Torrance, Yeazel. NAYES: None.) Carcel abstaining.**

**Theresa Torrance called Item 4.4 to Discussion Calendar**

**Alex Reynolds came late and joined the board.**

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

**Dylan Stickland** of Councilmember Traci Park's office gave updates on cleanups at RV encampments and Dockweiler Beach, beautification, and public safety. Westside Neighborhood School is receiving signage updates for no-stopping drop off zones during drop-off and pickup times on Coral Tree which will allow for easier enforcement and clearing of that zone.

- Next major encampment sites to be addressed are Centinela / La Tijera / Alverna, Coral Tree / WNS, Westchester Pool Lot, Bristol Farms Encampment, and Dockweiler Beach
- Dockweiler getting an entire coordinated CARE+ day.
- new contracted beautification teams coming online in two weeks that can assist with sanitation requests, graffiti removal, some tree trimming, median / brush clearing, small asphalt repair on sidewalks, etc.
- On my list for them is Sepulveda Tunnel, Ballona, Culver Blvd near Ballona, La Tijera Median, locations Chip brought to my attention.

Gregg A brought up power outage; Denny, Paula asked about trailer at Airport Blvd. and the bike lanes; Debra asked about parking lot by swimming pool and per Dylan, there is a cleanup scheduled for March 20th, closing/locking of gates is still under discussion; Chip brought up issue with LMU student house problems in neighborhood; Lisa G expressed frustration with lack of LAPD response to break-ins;

**Trey Grogan**, Airport Liaison of Councilmember Traci Park's Office discussed clean up and traffic mitigation. Lisa G expressed importance of communication, notifications and transparency with respect to LAWA roadway updates to community. Julie invited Trey to come to the next LAX committee meeting

**Nicole Cancel** from LAWA gave update; New LAWA CEO, Mr. Ackerman; Various LAWA sponsored events such as Westchester/Del Rey Little League's 50th anniversary and LAX Coastal Chamber of Commerce Rock Roll & Run For Education event at LMU. Also, LAWA Attended the UC Davis Aviation Noise and Emissions Symposium and advised that TSA Accepting California's Mobile Licenses at two LAX Checkpoints. Jennifer K asked about possible tours for board members; Chip asked about structures being built that can be seen from Westchester Parkway; Paula asked about the LAX exit program and the destroyed LAWA transit buses that are in LAWA salvage yard. Per Nicole, these buses are not funded by taxpayer dollars but by LAWA.

#### **6. Announcements from Board Members**

Dan Mohler spoke about Westchester Park Friends, a non profit org to raise funds the park and senior center. They are improving the tennis and pickleball courts (new windscreens); Michael Lynch is

the Park Director; John L asked about the cameras in the park and Dan said he believes the cameras are working.

Jennifer K requested that there is no NCWP board meeting on election day this year

7. **Presentations** Isaac Lemus, Project Coordinator for 206 Montreal would like to present their project again with a request to amend the original conditions of support. The only item they would like to amend is the landscaping height limit in the front yard as their design is proposing trees in the same location of the existing trees in the front yard.

[per President Gerez, above agenda item to be moved to next months agenda]

#### 8. **Discussion Calendar and related Public comment**

Theresa Torrance called item 4.4 to discussion. At last months Budget & Finance committee meeting the committee discussed the fact that the board has given LA Land Trust \$10k over the past 2 years and as they are requesting the balance of what is left in the NPG budget for the current fiscal year, the committee approved a reduced amount not to exceed \$1,250.00.

**M/S Smith/Kingshott motioned to approve. Motion passes. (AYES: Aniolek, Donnell, Gaines, Hughes, Hernandez, Huston, Kingshott, Logsdon, Mallek, Melton, Mohler, O'Brien, Quon, Reynolds, Schneider, Smith, Ross, Torrance, Yeazel. NAYES: Miller.) Carcel abstaining.**

Discussed 5817 Interceptor St Illegal Dumping, how can the NCWP best help our stakeholders. Paula asked Dylan about this. Dylan advised that there is a scheduled clean up there in 2 weeks. Paula asked Steve if he could speak with Hertz to see if they could do anything.

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.)*

Treva Miller commented that it would be helpful if we could offer option for video conferencing for board meetings;

Howard Haglund asked about status of community plan update and feels there are too many pot shops in our community

Dennis Miller suggested we offer public comment on non agenda items at beginning of meetings and commented on the light/turning issues at La Tierja and Airport

#### 10. **Committee Reports**

John L-had big turnout at last meeting-big LAPD presence that discussed recent crime. next meeting on March 19th at LAWA police facility

Steve - Pep Boys is moving ahead with building of Assisted living facility where Staples is located.

Julie -Next community plan update meeting is on March 25th. Next LAX meeting is on March 28th. Lisa G advised that the City planners that were assigned to our area have changed.

Paula welcomed new board member Julie Zaller.

#### 11. **Adjourn**